

News Release

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Doctors Hospital Awarded "A" Hospital Safety Grade

from Leapfrog Group

(Augusta, Georgia) Doctors Hospital of Augusta received an "A" <u>Hospital Safety Grade</u> from The Leapfrog Group. This national distinction celebrates Doctors Hospital's achievements in protecting hospital patients from preventable harm and errors.

"This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our colleagues and physicians at Doctors Hospital," said Joanna Conley, CEO of Doctors Hospital. "Our team is committed to providing safe, quality care to our community as exemplified by this recognition from Leapfrog."

The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization with a 10-year history of assigning letter grades to general hospitals throughout the United States, based on a hospital's ability to prevent medical errors and harm to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent, and free to the public. Hospital Safety Grade results are based on more than 30 national performance measures and are updated each fall and spring.

"I applaud the hospital leadership and workforce for their strong commitment to safety and transparency," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "An 'A' Safety Grade is a sign that hospitals are continuously evaluating their performance, so that they can best protect patients. Your hospital team should be extremely proud of their dedication and achievement."

To see Doctors Hospital's full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit <u>HospitalSafetyGrade.org</u> and <u>follow The Leapfrog Group</u> on Twitter, Facebook, and via its newsletter.

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ABOUT DOCTORS HOSPITAL OF AUGUSTA

Doctors Hospital of Augusta is a full service, 354-bed acute care hospital where we provide personalized care and are committed to the care and improvement of human life. Leading the way in robotic surgery, advanced orthopedic procedures, emergency care, and women's services, we have expert physicians our patients can rely on, who are committed to excellent outcomes in a safe environment. As the home of the largest burn center in the United States, the Joseph M. Still Burn Center, we provide complex and comprehensive burn and wound care for more than 3,000 patients from across the country each year. For more information about services, facilities, and physicians, please visit **Doctors-Hospital.net**.