

Coffee Regional Medical Center Awarded Spring 2023 ‘A’ Hospital Safety Grade from Leapfrog Group

Grade reflects top national performance on patient safety through COVID-19 pandemic

Douglas, Ga, May 3, 2023 – Coffee Regional Medical Center (CRMC) received an “A” [Hospital Safety Grade](http://www.HospitalSafetyGrade.org) from The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit upholding the standard of patient safety in hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers. This national distinction celebrates CRMC’s achievements in prioritizing patient safety by protecting patients from preventable harm and errors. The new grades reflect performance primarily during the height of the pandemic.

“We are proud to be recognized by Leapfrog as a nationally top performing hospital. Our caregivers and staff work tirelessly to ensure our patients receive top-quality care with every encounter,” said Vicki Lewis, President & CEO of Coffee Regional Medical Center.

The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization, assigns an “A,” “B,” “C,” “D” or “F” grade to general hospitals across the country based on over 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

“This new update of Hospital Safety Grades shows that, at the national level, we saw deterioration in patient safety with the pandemic,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “But this hospital received an ‘A’ despite those challenges. I congratulate all the leaders, staff, volunteers and clinicians who together made that possible.”

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harm to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

To see Coffee Regional Medical Center’s full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org and [follow The Leapfrog Group](#) on Twitter, Facebook and via its newsletter.

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About Coffee Regional Medical Center

Coffee Regional Medical Center, Inc., is a non-profit, acute care 98-bed hospital in Douglas, Georgia. The current facility opened in July 1998, replacing the original building constructed in 1953. The 200,000-square-foot hospital is designed with inpatient adult and pediatric beds and expanded outpatient service areas, including interventional cardiology and hematology and oncology infusion services, to

assure exceptional care and wellness close to home. The Medical Staff membership includes anesthesiology, bariatrics, cardiology, emergency medicine, ENT, family practice, general surgery, GI, hematology, internal medicine, interventional cardiology, nephrology, neurology, OB/GYN, oncology/hematology, ophthalmology, orthopedics, pain management, pathology, pediatrics, podiatry, pulmonology, radiology, urology, and wound care. Serving Coffee and surrounding counties since 1953, we have become an integral part of the fabric of our community and a major contributor to the economic health of Douglas, Georgia. To learn more, visit www.coffeeregional.org/

About The Leapfrog Group

Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, [The Leapfrog Group](#) is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps for patient safety. The flagship [Leapfrog Hospital Survey](#) and new [Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center \(ASC\) Survey](#) collect and [transparently report](#) hospital and ASC performance, empowering purchasers to find the highest-value care and giving consumers the lifesaving information they need to make informed decisions. The [Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade](#), Leapfrog's other main initiative, assigns letter grades to hospitals based on their record of patient safety, helping consumers protect themselves and their families from errors, injuries, accidents and infections. For more, [follow us on Twitter and Facebook, and sign up for our newsletter](#).