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Jupiter Medical Center was awarded an 'A' from The Leapfrog Group in its release of the Fall 2018 Hospital Safety Grades. The designation recognizes Jupiter Medical Center's outstanding success in protecting patients from harm and meeting the highest safety standards in the United States. The

Leapfrog Group is a national organization committed to improving health care quality and safety. The organization assigns an A, B, C, D or F grade to hospitals across the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, infections and other harms among patients in their care.

“This designation gives our community confidence in the care that we provide – it validates the time, energy and effort that our team puts forth on a daily basis to ensure the quality of care that we provide, as well as the safety and well-being of our patients,” said Don McKenna, president and chief executive officer of Jupiter Medical Center. “Our board of trustees, medical staff, quality teams, nurses and administrators implement and monitor safety initiatives, design quality measurement systems, and review daily practices and procedures to meet and exceed rigorous safety benchmarks.”

“It takes an unwavering commitment to medical excellence in all areas of care to achieve this recognition,” said Robert J. Stilley, chairman of the Jupiter Medical Center Board of Trustees. “I congratulate everyone at Jupiter Medical Center for their steadfast dedication to creating a safe environment for our patients.”

Developed under the guidance of a national expert panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade’s methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

“Leapfrog’s Hospital Safety Grades recognize hospitals like Jupiter Medical Center that focus on advancing patient safety. This ranking provides an important resource for patients, and a benchmark for hospitals, to determine how care at one hospital compares to others in a region,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “Hospitals that earn an A Hospital Safety Grade deserve to be recognized for their efforts in preventing medical harm and errors.”

Jupiter Medical Center was one of 855 across the United States awarded an A in the Fall 2018 update of grades. To see Jupiter Medical Center's full grade details, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, please visit www.jupitermed.com/safety.

About Jupiter Medical Center

A not-for-profit 327-bed regional medical center consisting of 207 private acute-care hospital beds and 120 long-term care, sub-acute rehabilitation and Hospice beds, Jupiter Medical Center is reimagining how to restore the community's health and wellness. Award-winning physicians, world-class partnerships and innovative techniques and technology enable Jupiter Medical Center to provide a broad range of services with specialty concentrations in cardiology, oncology, imaging, orthopedics & spine, digestive health, emergency and pediatric services, lung & thoracic, women's health, weight management and men's health.

Founded in 1979, Jupiter Medical Center has approximately 1,650 team members, 637 physicians and 640 volunteers. Jupiter Medical Center continues to perform in the top 10 percent of hospitals for patient quality and satisfaction. For more information on Jupiter Medical Center, please call (561) 263-2234 or visit www.jupitermed.com.

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 forward in the quality and safety of American health care. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey collects and transparently reports hospital 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.

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