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OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center Nationally Recognized for Straight 'A's in The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade

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(Bloomington, IL | November 7, 2019) – [The Leapfrog Group](#), an independent national watchdog organization driven by employers and other purchasers of health care, today announced the fall 2019 [Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades](#) and once again awarded OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center an 'A' for achieving the highest national standards in patient safety. OSF St. Joseph is one of only 36 hospitals in the United States to be awarded an 'A' every grading cycle since 2012.

“OSF St. Joseph is committed to raising the bar for quality and patient safety. It is not enough to say that we have met our goal; we have to continually strive to do better for each patient we serve. Quality and patient safety cannot be static,” said President Lynn Fulton. “Our extraordinary Straight A grade represents our journey to an always environment. My heartfelt appreciation goes out to our team on the front line, for they are the ones leading the journey.”

“This outstanding achievement shows longstanding commitment to a culture of safety that puts patients first,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “For OSF St. Joseph, saving lives by preventing accidents, injuries, infections and errors is business as usual, and your community should be proud.”

The Safety Grade assigns letter grades of 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' and 'F' to hospitals across the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, infections and other harms. 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. acute-care hospitals twice per year. The Leapfrog's grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

Two of the successful initiatives OSF St. Joseph has undertaken to continuously improve safety are reducing catheter-associated infections and responsiveness of hospital staff. To see more details on OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center's performance, and to access consumer-friendly tips for patients, visit hospitalsafetygrade.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 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.

About OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center

OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, located at 2200 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Ill., is a 149-licensed bed, not for profit, acute care, and Level II Trauma Center facility, fully accredited by the Joint Commission, and part of the OSF Healthcare Ministry. In 2019, the American Nurses Credentialing Center bestowed Magnet recognition to OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center for the third time. In the spirit of Christ and the example of Francis of Assisi, the Mission of OSF HealthCare is to serve persons with the greatest care and love in a community that celebrates the Gift of Life. For more information about OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center, please visit www.osfstjoseph.org.

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