



# Saint Anthony's Receives "A" Grade

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(Alton, IL) – Saint Anthony's Health Center was honored with an "A" Hospital Safety Score by The Leapfrog Group, an independent national nonprofit run by employers and other large purchasers of health benefits. The A score was awarded in the latest update to the [Hospital Safety Score](#)<sup>SM</sup>, the A, B, C, D or F scores assigned to U.S. hospitals based on preventable medical errors, injuries accidents, and infections. The Hospital Safety Score was compiled under the guidance of the nation's leading experts on patient safety and is designed to give the public information they can use to protect themselves and their families.

"This recognition by The Leapfrog Group reaffirms our commitment to the community to ensure the highest standards of quality and patient satisfaction – for every patient, every visit," said E.J. Kuiper, President & CEO of Saint Anthony's Health Center. "We welcome the availability of credible sources of data and information, like The Joint Commission and Leapfrog, to help consumers and patients make better informed decisions about their health care."

Saint Anthony's was recently acknowledged by The Joint Commission, the nation's leading authority on healthcare organizations, as a *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures* in the nation for delivering outstanding patient care. "Our Mission Partners and physicians strive for the best possible outcomes for patients of all ages," he added.

Earlier this year, Saint Anthony's cancer program also received special recognition as one of a select group of 106 currently accredited cancer programs across the United States and one of six in Illinois to receive the Outstanding Achievement Award from the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer that recognizes top cancer programs for providing quality cancer care.

"Hospitals like this that earn an A have demonstrated their commitment to their patients and their community," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "I congratulate Saint Anthony's Health Center for its safety excellence, and look forward to the day when all hospitals will match this standard."

To see Saint Anthony's scores as they compare nationally and locally, visit the Hospital Safety Score website at [www.hospitalsafetyscore.org](http://www.hospitalsafetyscore.org), which also provides information on how the public can protect themselves and loved ones during a hospital stay. People can also check their local hospital's score on the free mobile app, available at [www.hospitalsafetyscore.org](http://www.hospitalsafetyscore.org).

Calculated under the guidance of The Leapfrog Group's nine-member Blue Ribbon Expert Panel, the Hospital Safety Score uses 26 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to produce a single score representing a hospital's overall capacity to keep patients safe from infections, injuries, and medical and medication errors. The panel includes: John Birkmeyer (University of Michigan), Ashish Jha (Harvard University), Lucian Leape (Harvard University), Arnold Millstein (Stanford University), Peter Pronovost (Johns Hopkins University), Patrick Romano (University of California, Davis), Sara Singer (Harvard University), Tim Vogus (Vanderbilt University), and Robert Wachter (University of California, San Francisco).

The Leapfrog Group ([www.leapfroggroup.org](http://www.leapfroggroup.org)) is a national nonprofit organization using the collective leverage of large purchasers of health care to initiate breakthrough improvements in the safety, quality, and affordability of health care for Americans. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey allows purchasers to structure their contracts and purchasing to reward the highest performing hospitals. The Leapfrog Group was founded in November 2000 with support from the Business Roundtable and national funders, and is now independently operated with support from its purchaser and other members.

For more information about Saint Anthony's Health Center, visit [www.sahc.org](http://www.sahc.org)