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SoutheastHEALTH announced today the organization is a recipient of an ‘A’ award in the [spring 2020 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, a national distinction](#) recognizing Southeast’s achievements providing safer healthcare. The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization committed to healthcare quality and safety. The Safety Grade is a letter grade assigned to all general hospitals across the country and updated every six months, assessing how well the hospital prevents medical errors and other harm to patients.

“I’m proud of the entire Southeast team for this incredible accomplishment, especially given the critical demands of the COVID-19 pandemic. This accolade speaks to their incredible resilience and dedication to delivering high quality patient outcomes,” said Ken Bateman, President and CEO of SoutheastHEALTH. “Receiving this award further validates SoutheastHEALTH’s position as the premier quality, low cost healthcare provider in our region.”

“As the nation copes with a challenging pandemic, our gratitude extends to hospital leadership and healthcare workers everywhere for their tremendous dedication,” said Leah Binder, President and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “We hope this ‘A’ helps to thank the people who work and volunteer for Southeast. They are role models in putting patients first, and their service has been extraordinary in our country’s time of need.”

Developed under the guidance of a [national Expert Panel](#), the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses up to 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 Hospital Safety Grade’s methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

SoutheastHEALTH was awarded an ‘A’ grade today, when Leapfrog updated grades for spring 2020. To see Southeast’s full grade details and access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit hospitalsafetygrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

About SoutheastHEALTH

At SoutheastHEALTH, the region's premier healthcare system in southeast Missouri, our patients receive excellent care of the highest clinical quality, close to home. Within our network are more than 50 care locations in 13 communities, including hospitals, primary and specialty care clinics representing over 30 clinical specialties and extending care for patients in a four-state area. Learn more at SEhealth.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 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.

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