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Southeast Hospital has received an "A" for the fifth consecutive time in the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade for spring 2022. This national distinction recognizes Southeast's achievements in protecting patients from preventable harm and error in the hospital.

"Patient safety is always top of mind," said President and CEO Ken Bateman. "When patients come to the hospital, they deserve exceptional care in the safest setting. The past two years have been challenging for hospitals across the globe, and I am incredibly proud of our commitment to delivering high quality patient outcomes. It is a testimony to the unwavering dedication of our entire staff."

For the state of Missouri, Southeast Hospital is one out of 18 hospitals to have received this achievement for Spring 2022, and Southeast is one out of just six Missouri hospitals to earn this distinction five times in a row.

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 thirty national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harms 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.

"As our healthcare system continues to feel the strain of the pandemic, I thank the workforce and leadership of Southeast Hospital for sustained commitment to patient safety, day in and day out," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "An 'A' Safety Grade is an outstanding achievement, and one that is not possible without a 24/7 effort by the entire health care workforce to protect patients from harm. This community should be proud."

To see Southeast Hospital's full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit [HospitalSafetyGrade.org](https://HospitalSafetyGrade.org) and follow The Leapfrog Group on Twitter, Facebook, and via its newsletter.

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 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.

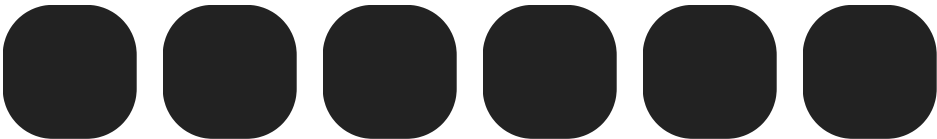
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