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## **Kaiser Permanente Orange County Hospitals Recognized for Excellent Patient Safety**

**SANTA ANA, Calif.** –April 24, 2018 - An announcement released nationally today by independent hospital watchdog, The Leapfrog Group, reports that 10 Kaiser Permanente Southern California hospitals earned “A” grades for their strong commitment to patient safety. Anaheim and Irvine Medical Centers have achieved an “A” grade since the launch of the Safety Grade in 2012.

“This recognition further exemplifies our continuous commitment to prioritize patient safety,” said [Julie Miller-Phipps](#), president of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals, Inc., for the Southern California Region. “Our philosophy is that safety is every patient’s right and our responsibility. Kaiser Permanente’s members can have confidence that they receive quality treatment in a safe patient-centered health system.”

“Our success depends on the daily commitment from our physicians and staff who remain vigilant and dedicated to best safety practices,” said [Edward M. Ellison, MD](#), executive medical director for the [Southern California Permanente Medical Group](#). “Receiving high marks again from the Leapfrog Group is a testament to Kaiser Permanente’s commitment to high-quality, compassionate health care and patient safety.”

[The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade](#) has become the gold standard measure of patient safety and was developed under the guidance of a Blue Ribbon Expert Panel, using 27 national performance measures to produce a single letter grade representing a hospital’s overall performance in keeping patients safe from preventable harm and medical errors. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade methodology has been peer reviewed and published in the [Journal of Patient Safety](#).

The 10 Kaiser Permanente Southern California hospitals that received Leapfrog’s “A” rating are located in: Anaheim, Baldwin Park, Fontana, Irvine, Riverside, Ontario, Panorama City, South Bay, West L.A. and Los Angeles. No Kaiser Permanente hospital in Southern California received lower than a “B” grade.

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