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The Leapfrog Group Issues Top “A” Grade to Anaheim and Irvine Medical Centers for Patient Safety

ORANGE COUNTY, Calif. — Nov. 16, 2022 – Kaiser Permanente Anaheim and Irvine medical centers received an “A” [Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade](#) for fall 2022. This national distinction recognizes these two medical centers’ achievements in protecting patients from preventable harm and error in the hospital.

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 more than 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

“We’re proud to be among the nation’s leaders for providing the safest care,” said Payman Roshan, senior vice-president and area manager for Kaiser Permanente Orange County. “Having both our medical centers receive straight A’s is a testament to our staff and their commitment and how, together, we can provide top-quality care and ensure the safest environment possible for our patients.”

“The health and safety of our employees, patients, and members is, and always will be, our top priority,” said Dr. Todd Newton, area medical director for Kaiser Permanente Orange County. “We are extremely proud of this recognition, as it further exemplifies the continuous commitment of our physicians and care teams to prioritize patient safety and medical excellence, even during these unprecedented times.”

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 health care system continues to feel the strain of the pandemic, I thank the workforce and leadership of Kaiser Permanente Anaheim and Irvine medical centers for the 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.”

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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.

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