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Kaiser Permanente Panorama City Medical Center Named “Top Hospital” in the U.S. by The Leapfrog Group

The annual "Top Hospital" List by The Leapfrog Group is an Exclusive Group of U.S. Hospitals Based on Performance on the Highest Known Standards for Quality and Patient safety

PANORAMA CITY, Calif., December 20, 2019 – Kaiser Permanente Panorama City Medical Center has been named “Top Hospital” in the teaching category by The Leapfrog Group, highlighting its nationally recognized achievements in patient safety and quality. Six additional Kaiser Permanente Southern California hospitals have also earned the designation of top hospital.

The Leapfrog Top Hospital award is widely acknowledged as one of the most competitive honors American hospitals can receive. The Top Hospital designation is awarded by The Leapfrog Group, a national watchdog organization of employers and other purchasers focused on health care safety and quality.

“We have been recognized as ‘Top Hospital’ by The Leapfrog Group before, and have consistently earned an A grade in patient safety,” said Payman Roshan, senior vice president and area manager, Kaiser Permanente Panorama City Medical Center Area. “This performance is a testament to our dedicated hospital staff.”

In California, only 16 hospitals made the list, and Kaiser Permanente Southern California’s seven recognized hospitals made up 44% of the state’s "Top Hospitals."

James Lau, MD, area medical director and hospital chief of staff said, “We appreciate the hard work and dedication of our physicians and staff. The consistent quality of care they provide has earned us this recognition.”

The annual "Top Hospital" list is an exclusive group of U.S. medical centers. While nearly 2,100 hospitals nationally completed the Leapfrog survey and were considered for the recognition, only 118 (5.6%) were named "Top Hospitals."

To qualify for the Top Hospitals distinction, hospitals must rank top among peers in the 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Survey, which assesses hospital performance on the highest known standards for quality and patient safety, and achieve top performance in its category.

Performance across many areas of hospital care is also considered in establishing the qualifications for the award, including infection rates, practices for safer surgery, maternity care and the hospital’s capacity to prevent medication errors. The rigorous standards are defined in each year’s Top Hospital Methodology.

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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 in the quality and safety of American health care. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey collects and transparently reports hospital 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.

About Kaiser Permanente
Kaiser Permanente is committed to helping shape the future of health care. We are recognized as one of America’s leading health care providers and not-for-profit health plans. Founded in 1945, Kaiser Permanente has a mission to provide high-quality, affordable health care services and to improve the health of our members and the communities we serve. We currently serve 12.2 million members in eight states and the District of Columbia. Care for members and patients is focused on their total health and guided by their personal Permanente Medical Group physicians, specialists and team of caregivers. Our expert and caring medical teams are empowered and supported by industry-leading technology advances and tools for health promotion, disease prevention, state-of-the-art care delivery and world-class chronic disease management. Kaiser Permanente is dedicated to care innovations, clinical research, health education and the support of community health. For more information, visit https://about.kaiserpermanente.org/