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Kaiser Permanente Hospitals Receive High Patient Safety Grades

The Leapfrog Group Issues “A” Grades to 11 Kaiser Permanente Southern California Hospitals

PASADENA, Calif. — May 20, 2019 — Eleven Kaiser Permanente hospitals in Southern California have received “A” grades for excellence in patient safety. [The Leapfrog Group](#) today released these ratings as part of its spring 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade report.

“We are very proud of this recognition, and we attribute these high marks to the staff and physicians who spend every day looking out for the health care needs of our 4.6 million members in Southern California,” said [Julie Miller-Phipps](#), president of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals for Southern California. “Kaiser Permanente’s integrated patient-focused model provides the high-quality medical care and service our members and patients expect and deserve.”

[Dr. Edward M. Ellison](#), executive medical director for the Southern California Permanente Medical Group, echoed those sentiments.

“These high marks are the result of Kaiser Permanente’s unwavering commitment to patient safety,” he said. “We believe in delivering the highest quality of care using the latest technology. Such care is delivered with warmth and compassion, and without compromising patient safety.”

The Kaiser Permanente hospitals that received Leapfrog’s “A” rating in Southern California are located in: [Anaheim](#), [Baldwin Park](#), [Downey](#), [Fontana](#), [Irvine](#), [Ontario](#), [Panorama City](#), [Riverside](#), [San Diego Zion](#), [South Bay](#) and [Woodland Hills](#). In California, of the 256 hospitals on Leapfrog’s list, only 87 received “A” grades. Only 28% of non-Kaiser Permanente hospitals received an “A” grade.

Developed under the guidance of Leapfrog’s Blue Ribbon Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 30 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*.

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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 12.3 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.

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