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Kaiser Permanente Hospitals Receive High Patient Safety Grades

The Leapfrog Group Issues “A” Grades to 10 Kaiser Permanente Southern California Hospitals

PASADENA, Calif. — Nov. 7, 2019 — Ten Kaiser Permanente hospitals in Southern California have received prestigious “A” grades for excellence in patient safety from [The Leapfrog Group](#), which today released these ratings as part of its fall 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade report. Approximately only 1 in 3 hospitals both in California and the U.S. received “A” grades.

“This is an acknowledgment of the excellent care that our staff and physicians provide to our 4.6 million members in Southern California – always looking out for their best interests when it comes to caring for their medical needs,” said [Julie Miller-Phipps](#), president of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals for Southern California. “Our members’ safety is our top priority, and is part of our commitment to providing quality patient care through our integrated care model that aims to exceed our members’ health care expectations.”

[Dr. Edward M. Ellison](#), executive medical director for the Southern California Permanente Medical Group, echoed similar sentiments. “Our physicians have a strong and unrelenting commitment to patient safety,” he said. “We proudly deliver the highest quality of care to our members. They know that when they seek care at our hospitals, they will be treated using evidence-based medicine and the latest technology. They will also be met with warmth and compassion, and with an unwavering focus on their safety.”

The 10 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](#) and [South Bay](#).

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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