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## **KAISER PERMANENTE FONTANA AND ONTARIO MEDICAL CENTERS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED WITH ‘A’ GRADES**

### **Medical Centers Receive an “A” for the Fall 2023 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade**

**FONTANA, Calif., Nov. 6, 2023** – The Kaiser Permanente Fontana and Ontario Medical Centers have once again each been awarded an “A” [Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade](#) for fall 2023. This national distinction recognizes the hospitals’ achievements in protecting patients from preventable harm and errors.

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 recognized among the nation’s leaders for providing the safest care,” said Georgina Garcia, Senior Vice President and Area Manager, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals/Health Plan, San Bernardino County Area. “This ‘A’ grade is a testament to our nurses, staff and doctors who are committed to providing top-quality care and are doing everything they can to ensure the safest environment possible for our members and patients.”

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.

“The health and safety of our patients and members have always been our top priority,” said Dr. Timothy Jenkins, Area Medical Director and Chief of Staff for Kaiser Permanente San Bernardino County Area. “This prestigious accolade exemplifies the continuous commitment of our physicians and care teams to prioritize patient safety and medical excellence.”

Said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group: “Earning ‘A’ grades means the Kaiser Permanente Fontana and Ontario Medical Centers made a true commitment to put patients first. We congratulate the leadership, clinicians, staff and volunteers who all had a role to play in this achievement.”

To see the full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit [HospitalSafetyGrade.org](https://HospitalSafetyGrade.org).

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