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The Leapfrog Group Issues Top Grade to Kaiser Permanente San Diego & Zion Medical Centers for Patient Safety

SAN DIEGO — Dec. 14, 2020 — Both Kaiser Permanente San Diego hospitals have received the prestigious “A” top grade for excellence in patient safety from The Leapfrog Group, which today released ratings as part of its fall 2020 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade report.

This report is a biannual scorecard of more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals. Nationwide less than one-third of hospitals received an A rating.

“This recognition speaks volumes to the great work our physicians, staff, and teams do year-round to incorporate safety into their planning and daily routines. Even more so during this time of pandemic operations,” noted Jane Finley, senior vice president and area manager.

Kaiser Permanente San Diego’s Area Medical Director echoed similar sentiments.

“We take great pride in promoting a team-based culture focused on safety, quality, effectiveness, and positive patient experiences,” said Dr. Michael Lalich, “we’re honored to have earned such great scores.”

Overall, 10 Kaiser Permanente hospitals received Leapfrog’s “A” rating in Southern California. They are: Anaheim, Downey, Fontana, Irvine, Moreno Valley, Ontario, Riverside, San Diego, San Diego Zion and South Bay.

Developed under Leapfrog’s Blue Ribbon Expert Panel guidance, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 28 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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