



Review the Leapfrog Group's fall 2019 Hospital Safety Grades

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The Leapfrog Group has released its updated fall 2019 Hospital Safety Grades. Across Prisma Health, we have seen steady performance, some improvements and other declines based on Leapfrog's reporting.

Leapfrog's fall 2019 Hospital Safety Grades for Prisma Health

- Baptist Easley Hospital **C** (spring 2019 = D)
- Baptist Hospital **C** (spring 2019 = C)
- Baptist Parkridge Hospital **A** (spring 2019 = C)
- Greenville Memorial Hospital **B** (spring 2019 = A)
- Greer Memorial Hospital **A** (spring 2019 = A)
- Hillcrest Hospital **A** (spring 2019 = A)
- Laurens County Hospital **A** (spring 2019 = A)
- Oconee Memorial Hospital **A** (spring 2019 = A)
- Richland Hospital **C** (spring 2019 = C)
- Tuomey Hospital **C** (spring 2019 = B)

Not all of our hospitals are included in the report. The Leapfrog Group leaves out locations that do not meet certain data thresholds surrounding patient volumes and services offered. It also excludes critical access and specialty hospitals, such as children's hospitals, heart hospitals, etc.

The Leapfrog Group is one of many organizations that provide reports and rankings of hospital performance, all of which use different quality measures, performance data, timeframes and methodologies to calculate scores. Each must be interpreted in context, as no single report can ever provide a robust and reliable portrait of quality in a hospital. As an example, these ratings were compiled using data ranging from 2015–2018.

No matter what rating any external group gives a particular facility, all hospitals throughout our industry have an opportunity to improve their quality of care. In fact, the best hospitals are constantly seeking to improve their clinical quality and are proactive in adopting best practices.

Like all hospitals, clinical quality is a journey. At Prisma Health, we are making progress. I am proud of all we have accomplished and am confident in our ability to continue raising the bar for quality care in our state.