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## West Jefferson Medical Center Earns 'A' Grade for Patient Safety in Spring 2016 Hospital Safety Score



(Marrero, LA, May 9, 2016) – New [Hospital Safety Scores](#), which assign A, B, C, D and F letter grades to hospitals nationwide and provide the most complete picture of patient safety in the U.S. health care system, were announced by [The Leapfrog Group](#), a national patient safety watchdog. **West Jefferson received an A, ranking it among the safest hospitals in the United States.**

“West Jefferson’s ‘A’ rating from The Leapfrog Group is a testament to our continued commitment in putting our patients’ safety first,” said Nancy R. Cassagne, CEO of West Jefferson Medical Center. “I would like to thank all of our physicians, nurses and staff who work diligently every day to ensure that we’re providing a safe environment and the best care possible to our patients and our community.”

“Avoidable deaths in hospitals should be the number one concern of our health care leaders. Hospitals that earn an ‘A’ from Leapfrog are leaders in saving lives, and we commend them and urge their continued vigilance,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group.

Developed under the guidance of Leapfrog’s Blue Ribbon Expert Panel, the Hospital Safety Score uses 30 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign A, B, C, D and F grades to more than 2,500 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is calculated by top patient safety experts, peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. For the first time, the Hospital Safety Score includes five measures of patient-reported experience with the hospital as well as two of the most common infections, C.diff and MRSA. To see West Jefferson’s full score, and to access consumer-friendly tips for patients and loved ones visiting the hospital, visit [www.hospitalsafetyscore.org](http://www.hospitalsafetyscore.org) or follow The Hospital Safety Score on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#). Consumers can also download the free Hospital Safety Score mobile app for Apple and Android devices.

### About The Leapfrog Group

Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, [The Leapfrog Group](#) is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps forward in the quality and safety of American health care. The flagship [Leapfrog Hospital Survey](#) collects and transparently reports hospital performance, empowering purchasers to find the highest-value care and giving consumers the lifesaving information they need to make informed decisions. [Hospital Safety Score](#), Leapfrog’s other main initiative, assigns letter grades to hospitals based on their record of patient safety, helping consumers protect themselves and their families from errors, injuries, accidents, and infections.

### About West Jefferson Medical Center

Founded in 1956, [West Jefferson Medical Center](#) (WJMC) is a 435-bed community hospital located in Marrero, La. As a full service medical center, WJMC offers comprehensive programs for preventive, emergency, acute and rehabilitative care with a medical staff of more than 400 physicians and a complement of 1,700 employees and many volunteers. The medical center enjoys national awards for clinical excellence across many of its subspecialties. WJMC is a proud member of LCMC Health, a Louisiana-based, not-for-profit hospital system serving the healthcare needs of the Gulf Coast region. LCMC Health currently manages award-winning community hospitals including Children’s Hospital, Touro, New Orleans East Hospital, University Medical Center New Orleans and West Jefferson Medical Center.