



St. Clair Hospital Earns another 'A' Grade for Patient Safety in Leapfrog's Fall 2015 Hospital Safety Score

October 2015 – An announcement released nationally by the independent hospital watchdog [The Leapfrog Group](#) shows key shifts among many hospitals on the A, B, C, D and F grades rating them on errors, injuries, accidents, and infections. **St. Clair Hospital**, for the second time this calendar year, has earned an A in this elite national ratings program, recognizing its strong commitment to patient safety. St. Clair is the only hospital in the region to achieve this honor. The Hospital Safety Score is the gold standard rating for patient safety, compiled under the guidance of the nation's leading patient safety experts and administered by [The Leapfrog Group](#), a national, independent nonprofit. The first and only hospital safety rating to be peer-reviewed in the *Journal of Patient Safety*, the Hospital Safety Score is free to the public and designed to give consumers information they can use to protect themselves and their families when facing a hospital stay.

“**St. Clair Hospital's** A grade is a powerful reminder of its commitment to putting patient safety above all else, and we are pleased to recognize the persistent efforts of St. Clair's clinicians and staff to protect its patients,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group, which administers the Hospital Safety Score. “Our families, neighbors, colleagues and friends deserve a hospital that will pull out all the stops to keep them safe, and we urge St. Clair Hospital and all other A hospitals to preserve and renew their commitment to safety year after year.”

Developed under the guidance of Leapfrog's Blue Ribbon Expert Panel, the Hospital Safety Score uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to produce a single A, B, C, D, or F score, representing a hospital's overall capacity to keep patients safe from preventable harm. More than 2,500 U.S. general hospitals were assigned scores in October 2015, with 773 hospitals receiving an A grade. The Hospital Safety Score is fully transparent, offering a full analysis of the data and methodology used in determining grades on the website. Patients can also review their hospital's past safety performance alongside its current grade on the Hospital Safety Score site, allowing them to determine which local hospitals have the best track record in patient safety and which have demonstrated consistent improvement.

To see St. Clair Hospital's full score, and to access consumer-friendly tips for patients and loved ones visiting the hospital, visit 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.