



St. Clair Hospital Is Again The Region's Leading Hospital

In Patient Safety

May 2016 – St. Clair Hospital became the only hospital in the region to be awarded an ‘A’ grade four years in a row when The Leapfrog Group, a national patient safety watchdog, recently released its safety scores for Spring 2016. The new Hospital Safety Scores, which assign A, B, C, D and F letter grades to hospitals nationwide, provide the most complete picture of patient safety in the U.S. health care system. St. Clair was one of only 798 hospitals nationwide to receive an A, ranking it among the safest hospitals in the United States. Only 6 percent of hospitals nationwide have earned an ‘A’ over the last three years.

“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 St. Clair Hospital’s full score, and

to access consumer-friendly tips for patients and loved ones visiting the hospital, please 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.

About St. Clair Hospital

St. Clair Hospital is an independent, nationally recognized acute care medical center with 2,300 employees and 550 physicians serving residents of western Pennsylvania. With 328 beds and five satellite locations, St. Clair offers advanced high-quality care in multiple specialties, including heart, oncology, orthopedics, mental health, women and children services, stroke care and more. For more information, please visit www.stclair.org.

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.