



St. Clair Hospital

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St. Clair Hospital Earns an ‘A’ Grade for Patient Safety in Leapfrog’s Spring 2015 Hospital Safety Score

MT. LEBANON, Pa. (April 29, 2015) – St. Clair Hospital has been recognized for its dedication to patient safety by being awarded an A grade in the Spring 2015 [Hospital Safety Score](#), which rates how well hospitals protect patients from preventable medical errors, injuries and infections within the hospital.

This A grade is one of the most meaningful honors a hospital can achieve, and one of the most valuable indicators for patients looking for a safe place to receive care. 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, nonprofit hospital safety watchdog. The first and only hospital safety rating to be peer-reviewed in the *Journal of Patient Safety*, the Score is free to the public and designed to give consumers information they can use to protect themselves and their families when anticipating a hospital stay.

“St. Clair Hospital’s A grade validates its achievement in preventing harm within the Hospital, and we are proud to recognize the efforts of care providers and staff,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group, which administers the Hospital Safety Score. “Patient safety requires constant vigilance, and we encourage St. Clair and all other A hospitals to continue demonstrating unrelenting commitment to patients by consistently providing a safe environment for care.”

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 April 2015, with about 31-percent receiving an A grade. The Hospital Safety Score is fully transparent, offering a full analysis of the data and methodology used in determining grades.

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. The 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.