



**Leapfrog Group Grades St. Bernard Hospital
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Today, the Leapfrog Group, a national non-profit organization that issues grades for quality and safety in hospital patient care, released its Fall 2021 grades. According to its rating, St. Bernard Hospital received an “F” grade. Each Leapfrog grade is largely based on data reported many months ago; nonetheless, we consider this grade unsatisfactory.

We assure you that safe patient care is the top priority for St. Bernard Hospital employees, every day. We have many processes and safeguards in place to protect our patients from harm and they reflect our commitment to high quality, safe care. St. Bernard Hospital has maintained accreditation with the Joint Commission since 1958 and regularly meets the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Conditions of Participation.

St Bernard Hospital is on a journey to earn a better safety grade. Along that journey, our steps include the recent hiring of a Patient Safety and Quality Officer, an ongoing review of the resources and technology needed to improve patient safety and more. Our journey is also informed by input from the community. This includes our new hospital board members who are Englewood residents, and the Patient and Family Advisory Council for Quality and Safety, which includes local community members. Also, we continue our advocacy efforts on behalf of safety-net hospitals like St. Bernard to acquire much-needed resources that will help reach the patient safety goal of “zero harm.”

Continued improvement of our safety measures is critical for us to keep the community’s trust. We are executing our plans to make St. Bernard a safer hospital, and we will achieve our goal of improved grades for safe, quality care. Our community deserves no less.