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## **ST. JOHN'S EXCELS IN PATIENT SAFETY AWARDED AN 'A' IN SPRING 2014 HOSPITAL SAFETY SCORE**

SPRINGFIELD, IL – St. John's Hospital received an "A" in patient safety from the Hospital Safety Score. Designed to rate how well hospitals protect patients from accidents, errors, injuries and infections, the Hospital Safety Score is compiled under the guidance of the nation's leading experts on patient safety and is administered by The Leapfrog Group, an independent industry watchdog. St. John's Hospital was the only hospital within 50 miles to receive this top rating.

The first and only hospital safety rating to be peer-reviewed in the Journal of Patient Safety, the score is free to the public. To see St. John's scores as they compare nationally and locally, visit the Hospital Safety Score website at [www.hospitalsafetyscore.org](http://www.hospitalsafetyscore.org), which also provides information on how the public can protect themselves and loved ones during a hospital stay.

"St. John's Hospital is proud to receive this award," said Charles L. Lucore, M.D., M.B.A., President and CEO of St. John's Hospital. "This score demonstrates our dedication to being the best place to receive care, the best place to work and the best place to practice medicine."

Under the guidance of The Leapfrog Group's Blue Ribbon Expert Panel, the Hospital Safety Score uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to calculate a single score representing a hospital's overall capacity to keep patients safe from preventable harm.

"We congratulate the board, clinicians, administration, and staff of St. John's Hospital for achieving an 'A' and showing us that you made the well-being of your patients your top priority," said Leah Binder, president & CEO of The Leapfrog Group, which produces the Hospital Safety Score.

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### **ABOUT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL**

St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois is a regional medical center offering a comprehensive array of health care services to Central and Southern Illinois. Founded in 1875, St. John's is the flagship hospital of Hospital Sisters Health System and is home to the Prairie Heart Institute, St. John's Children's Hospital, St.

John's Women's Services, St. John's Neurosciences Institute, St. John's Cancer Institute, Center for Living, Orthopedic Services and AthletiCare. St. John's now has one of the most advanced Surgery Centers in the nation and a renovated patient tower to offer all private rooms. St. John's is designated as a Level I Trauma Center on a yearly rotating basis, has its own College of Nursing and is a teaching hospital for the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. For more information about St. John's Hospital, visit [www.st-johns.org](http://www.st-johns.org)

#### ABOUT HOSPITAL SISTERS HEALTH SYSTEM

Hospital Sisters Health System is a Roman Catholic health care mission founded to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Sponsored by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care framed in traditional values taught by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. It is dedicated to serving all people, including the poor and the needy, at each of its 13 Local Systems in Illinois (Belleville, Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Highland, Litchfield, Springfield and Streator) and in Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Sheboygan and two in Green Bay). For more information about HSHS, visit [www.hshs.org](http://www.hshs.org).

#### ABOUT THE LEAPFROG GROUP

The Hospital Safety Score ([www.hospitalsafetyscore.org](http://www.hospitalsafetyscore.org)) is an initiative of The Leapfrog Group ([www.leapfroggroup.org](http://www.leapfroggroup.org)), a national nonprofit organization using the collective leverage of large purchasers of health care to initiate breakthrough improvements in the safety, quality and affordability of health care for Americans. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey allows purchasers to structure their contracts and purchasing to reward the highest performing hospitals. The Leapfrog Group was founded in November 2000 with support from the Business Roundtable and national funders and is now independently operated with support from its purchaser and other members.