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Top of the Class: Four Lee Health Hospitals Earn "A" Grades for Patient Safety
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(Fort Myers, Fla. – May 15, 2019) --- Patient safety is a top priority at Lee Health and, for the first time, all four of its adult acute care hospitals have earned the highest national marks for safe care. Today, The Leapfrog Group announced its Spring 2019 Hospital Safety Grades, awarding Cape Coral Hospital, Gulf Coast Medical Center, Healthpark Medical Center and Lee Memorial Hospital each "A" grades; the highest possible ranking.

"This recognition demonstrates the amazing work our doctors, advanced providers, nurses and support staff do to provide safe, compassionate care for patients at our hospitals. Leapfrog is a national leader in driving quality health care and we are proud to be honored for our commitment to patient safety. These are the highest collective hospital safety scores we have received from Leapfrog and we're excited to continue building on this success," said Larry Antonucci, M.D., MBA, Lee Health president and CEO.

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Since 2000, The Leapfrog Group has promoted improved health care safety, quality and affordability in the United States through a commitment to transparency. The non-profit organization releases its hospital safety grades twice a year, rating hospitals on 27 measures of safety data. Only 32 percent of the approximately 2,500 acute care hospitals Leapfrog graded received an "A." To earn a top grade, hospitals must receive a raw score of at least 3.151.

Lee Health's full report card is below:

Letter Grade	Letter Grade	Raw Score	Score Increase
Cape Coral Hospital	A	3.3230	+0.005
Gulf Coast Medical Center	A	3.4144	+0.0612
Healthpark Medical Center	A	3.1641	+0.0368
Lee Memorial Hospital	A	3.1982	+0.0024

"These scores highlight our efforts to improve overall patient safety and empower staff to spot potentially dangerous situations, including hospital-acquired infections. Each member of our team is responsible in some way for providing safe care and these results show how their hard work and dedication have made a difference for our patients," said Scott Kashman, Lee Health chief acute care officer. "We will continue to thrive as national leaders for the advancement of health and healing while delivering exceptional care and building relationships with our community.

Leapfrog also publishes an annual list of the top children's hospitals in the United States and has named Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida one of the ten best in the country for the past three years. To learn more about Leapfrog's Spring 2019 Hospital Safety Grades, please visit http://www.hospitalsafetygrade.org/

About Lee Health

Since the opening of the first hospital in 1916, Lee Health has been a health care leader in Southwest Florida, constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community. A non-profit, integrated health care services organization, Lee Health is committed to the well-being of every individual served, focused on healthy living and maintaining good health. Staffed by caring people, inspiring health, services are conveniently located throughout the community in four acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals, outpatient centers, walk-in medical centers, primary care and specialty physician practices and other services across the continuum of care. Formerly known as Lee Memorial Health System, the organization began its second century of service with a new name in 2016. Learn more at www.LeeHealth.org.