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Leapfrog Recognizes Three Lee Health Hospitals with "A" Grades for Hospital Safety
~ Gulf Coast Medical Center, Cape Coral Hospital and Lee Memorial Hospital
receive highest possible grade ~

(Fort Myers, Fla. – Nov. 8, 2018) --- Today, The Leapfrog Group announced their Fall 2018 Hospital Safety Grades, awarding Gulf Coast Medical Center, Cape Coral Hospital and Lee Memorial Hospital with the highest possible score of "A." All four Lee Health adult acute care hospitals saw their raw scores improve over their scores from this spring. HealthPark Medical Center retained its "B" grade, just missing an A grade by .03.

"Leapfrog is a national leader in moving quality health care forward and we are honored to be recognized for the level of care we are providing patients in Southwest Florida. Since Leapfrog began grading hospital safety, these are the highest grades we have ever received. Thank you to all of the doctors, advanced providers, nurses and support staff at our hospitals for their commitment to providing compassionate care and keeping patients safe in our hospitals," said Larry Antonucci, M.D., MBA, Lee Health President and CEO.

Founded in 2000, The Leapfrog Group is a non-profit organization with the mission of using transparency to promote improved health care safety, quality and affordability in the United States. The group releases its hospital safety grades twice a year, rating hospitals on 27 measures of safety data. Of the approximately 2,500 acute care hospitals Leapfrog assigns grades to, 32 percent received an "A" and 24 percent received a "B" grade. To earn a top grade, hospitals must receive a raw score of at least 3.151.

Lee Health's full report card is below:

Hospital	Letter Grade	Raw Score	Score Increase
Gulf Coast Medical Center	A	3.3532	+0.3127
Cape Coral Hospital	A	3.3180	+0.2690
Lee Memorial Hospital	A	3.1958	+0.8012
HealthPark Medical Center	B	3.1273	+0.0419

"These scores are a testament to the efforts we have taken to reduce hospital-acquired infections and improve overall patient safety throughout the health system. There are safety coaches at every one of our hospitals trained to promote safe practices and empower staff to spot potentially dangerous situations, and we are committed to continuous improvement," said. K. Alex Daneshmand, D.O, MBA, vice president, quality and patient safety.

Leapfrog also publishes an annual list of the top children's hospitals in the United States, and has twice named Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida one of the ten best in the country. To learn more about Leapfrog's Fall 2018 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.