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### **Oneida Healthcare Ranks among Safest Hospitals in NYS**

The Leap Frog Group announced their national fall 2016 hospital safety scores.

**Oneida, NY** – Oneida Healthcare announced today that the hospital recently received an “A” in the 2016 Fall Hospital Safety Grade from The Leap Frog Group. They represent one of only 15 hospitals in New York State to receive the top grade ranking them among the safest hospitals in the state.

“Our staff at every level is committed to creating an environment that produces exceptional care for the patients we serve,” said Gene Morreale, President and CEO of Oneida Healthcare. “The combination of these results and the Women’s Choice Award as one of America’s 100 Best Hospitals for Patient Experience, which we received earlier in 2016, is a testament of our staff and physicians who ensure every day that our patients receive the highest level of safety, care, and patient experience possible.”

Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades, which assigns A, B, C, D and F letter grades to hospitals nationwide, represent how well hospitals protect their patients from errors, injuries, and infections. “Protecting patients from harm is the most important charge for any hospital,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “We recognize and appreciate ‘A’ hospitals’ vigilance and continued dedication to keeping their patients safe.”

The Leapfrog score is based on 30 national performance and patient safety measures. Oneida Healthcare is the only area hospital to receive an “A” for patient safety throughout Onondaga, Madison, and Oneida County. To compare local hospitals’ Hospital Safety Grades near you, visit [hospitalsafetygrade.org](http://hospitalsafetygrade.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 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, 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.

**About Oneida Healthcare:**

Oneida Healthcare serves an area comprised of approximately 24 communities in Madison and western Oneida counties with a population of about 80,000. Operated by Oneida Health Systems, Inc, a New York State not-for-profit corporation, the organization includes a 101-bed acute care hospital, 160-bed extended-care and short-term rehab facility, 4 primary care offices, 2 women's health offices, a maternal health clinic, four outreach laboratory draw stations; outpatient therapy center; 2 imaging centers; sleep lab, an after-hours care center and specialists offices in Neurology, Orthopedics, and ENT. To learn more about Oneida Healthcare, visit [oneidahealthcare.org](http://oneidahealthcare.org).

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