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Oneida Healthcare's Hospital Earns "A" Rating for Patient Safety

Oneida, NY – Oneida Healthcare's hospital received an "A" rating in the latest Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades for its efforts in protecting patients from harm and meeting the highest standards in the U.S. The most recent spring grade ranks Oneida Healthcare as one of the eight safest hospitals in all of New York State and they represent the only hospital to receive an "A" in Madison and Oneida County. This is Oneida Healthcare's fourth consecutive A grade for patient safety.

The Leapfrog Group Hospital Safety Grade assigns an A, B, C, D or F grade to hospitals across the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, infections, and other harms among patients in their care. "This is the only national rating of how well hospitals protect patients from preventable harm and death, such as medical errors, infections, and injuries," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "Receiving an 'A' Safety Grade means a hospital is among the best in the country for preventing these terrible problems and putting their patients first, 24 hours a day." Only 750 hospitals nationally were awarded an 'A' for efforts in protecting patients from harm and meeting the highest safety standards in the U.S.

"Our focus is and will continue to be to provide high quality, safe care, ensuring that each patient is always satisfied with the care we provide them," said Gene Morreale, President and CEO at Oneida Healthcare. "Knowing that patients who receive care here receive it as defined by Leapfrog as A level care is immensely rewarding for our staff. After all, that is the reason we are here." The Leapfrog Group releases hospital safety grades bi-annually. Oneida Healthcare has received an A grade four consecutive times over the past two years. "The members of the Oneida Healthcare team adhere to our organizational commitments that drive their performance, the end result being exceptional care," Morreale added.

Developed under the guidance of an expert panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to approximately 2,500 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is peer reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. To compare hospital safety grades near you and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit www.hospitalsafetygrade.org.

About Oneida Healthcare:

Oneida Healthcare serves an area comprised of approximately 29 communities in Madison and western Oneida counties with a population of approximately 100,000. 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 as well as a multitude of primary care and speciality care practices. In 2017 Oneida Healthcare added an oncology program with Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center to their campus, followed by Podiatry and Vascular service lines. They plan to open a wound care center in 2018 followed by additional expansion of their oncology program. To learn more about Oneida Healthcare, visit www.oneidahealthcare.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.

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