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Oneida Healthcare's Hospital Continues to Score among Best in NYS

The Leapfrog Group announced their national hospital fall 2017 safety grades.

Oneida, NY – For a third consecutive time, Oneida Healthcare's Hospital received an "A" from The Leapfrog Group for its commitment to keeping patients safe and meeting the highest safety standards in the U.S. They represent the only area hospital to receive an "A" for patient safety throughout Onondaga, Madison, Oneida, Oswego, Cayuga, and Herkimer Counties.

"Our commitment to exceptional care, always, continues to be evident with yet another outstanding result that recognizes our staff's continued focus on patient care," said Gene Morreale, President and CEO of Oneida Healthcare. "Earning a third consecutive "A" grade for hospital safety is an impressive achievement and a reflection of the exceptional outcomes our patients are receiving every day from OHC medical staff members and employees." Oneida Healthcare represents just one of only 1 of 7 hospitals to receive an "A" throughout the state of New York.

The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit health care ratings organization, assigns letter grades of A, B, C, D and F to hospitals nationwide based on their performance in preventing medical errors, infections and other harms. "It takes consistent, unwavering dedication to patients to achieve the highest standards of patient safety. An 'A' Safety Grade recognizes hospitals for this accomplishment," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We congratulate the clinicians, Board, management and staff of Oneida Healthcare for showing the country what it means to put patient safety first."

Developed under the guidance of a Blue Ribbon National Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign A, B, C, D and F grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is calculated by top patient safety experts, peer reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. To compare local hospital safety grades near you, visit hospitalsafetygrade.org.

About Oneida Healthcare:

Oneida Healthcare serves an area comprised of approximately 24 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 the fall of 2017, they will be adding on campus oncology programs followed by wound care and podiatry services in 2018. 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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