

Mercy Hospitals In America Earn A Grades for Safety



(Mercy Hospital St.Louis earned its 23rd straight Leapfrog Safety A Grade)

Three Mercy hospitals in the St. Louis region earned A grades in The Leapfrog Group's Fall 2023 Hospital Safety Grade. Mercy Hospital St. Louis, Mercy Hospital South, and Mercy Hospital Washington are among only 30% of hospitals across the country to earn the highest possible grade from the national nonprofit patient safety advocate group. Mercy Hospital St. Louis, with its 23rd straight A dating back to 2010, and Mercy Hospital South, with its 5th straight A dating back to 2021, were designated Leapfrog Straight A hospitals. Mercy Hospital Washington earned its 15th A out of 16 grading periods dating back to 2016. Leapfrog assigns letter grades to hospitals across the country based on more than 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries, and infections, as well as the processes in place to prevent harm.

“Having an independent organization, like Leapfrog, recognize the priority we place on patient safety is important,” said Kat Nelson, Mercy chief quality officer. “It’s a validation that our communities can trust us for safe, high quality care. And it’s an honor our co-workers can take pride in earning.”



(Mercy Hospital South earned its 5th straight Leapfrog Safety A Grade)

Mercy earned five of the 13 Leapfrog A grades assigned in Missouri, with Mercy Hospital Springfield and Mercy Hospital Joplin also receiving As. Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas, Mercy Hospital Fort Smith in Arkansas, Mercy Hospital Ada, and Mercy Hospital Ardmore in Oklahoma also earned A grades, giving Mercy nine Leapfrog A grades in total.

“Earning an A grade means Mercy made a true commitment to put patients first,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “We congratulate the leadership, board, clinicians, staff and volunteers who all had a role to play in this achievement.”

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program exclusively based on hospital prevention of medical errors, infections and injuries that kill more than 500 patients a day nationally. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is peer reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually in the fall and spring.

The Leapfrog Group’s Fall 2023 Hospital Safety A grade list includes the following seven Mercy hospitals:

- Mercy Hospital Ada
- Mercy Hospital Ardmore
- Mercy Hospital Fort Smith
- Mercy Hospital Joplin
- Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas
- Mercy Hospital South
- Mercy Hospital Springfield
- Mercy Hospital St. Louis
- Mercy Hospital Washington



(Mercy Hospital Washington earned its 15th Leapfrog Safety A Grade)

In addition, Mercy Hospital Ardmore received the Top Rural Hospital Award from Leapfrog too. To see Mercy's full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit hospitalsafetygrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on X (formerly [Twitter](#)) and [Facebook](#).

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