

Although many hospitals in New Jersey have good habits that keep their patients safe, there are some that could improve. To see which hospitals take the best care of patients, The Leapfrog Group scores acute care hospitals on how safe they keep their patients from preventable harm. Hospitals are assigned a Safety Grade of A, B, C, D or F and are evaluated on items like injuries, infections, errors, and the availability of highly-trained doctors and nurses. Learn more about the safety of your local hospital by visiting www.hospitalsafetygrade.org.

Why This Matters

- Shockingly, as many as 440,000 people die each year from avoidable medical errors.
- 1 out of every 25 patients develops an avoidable infection while in the hospital.
- Remember, most hospital errors *can be prevented*.
- Patients can experience dangerous complications from errors such as infections in the blood, blood clots, falls, and other injuries.
- If an error is made, recovery is slower and can lead to more days in the hospital. This can lead to lost work or recreation time.

Ways to Help Protect Yourself

- ⇒ Start by thinking about the reason why you are planning to visit a hospital (e.g., for surgery) and compare local hospitals to choose the one that is best for you.
- ⇒ Bring a list of all your medications to your visit for your health care team to review.
- ⇒ Make sure your hospital wristband is checked before receiving medications or tests.
- ⇒ Keep an eye out for good handwashing. If someone doesn't wash their hands before providing care to you, ask them to do so.
- ⇒ Be sure to speak up if you don't understand any aspect of your care. Your bedside nurse is a good place to start. Knowing what is expected can help provide an extra pair of eyes and ears.
- ⇒ You are a part of your health care team. If you see something that isn't safe, it's important to ask about it right away. This helps your team do a better, safer job.
- ⇒ Use the information on this flyer and the Hospital Safety Grade website as a guide for planned events and as a research tool for future emergencies.

See New Jersey's Fall 2019 Safety Grades, by hospital, on the back page.



The New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute works to improve the safety, quality, and affordability of health care for everyone and serves as the Leapfrog Regional Leader for New Jersey. Learn more at www.njhcqi.org.

Leapfrog Fall 2019 Hospital Safety Grades by New Jersey Hospital

Hospital	Safety Grade
Atlanticare Regional Medical Center-City Campus	B
Atlanticare Regional Medical Center-Mainland Campus	B
Bayshore Medical Center	C
Cape Regional Medical Center	C
Capital Health Medical Center-Hopewell	B
Capital Health Regional Medical Center	C
CarePoint Health-Bayonne Medical Center	B
CarePoint Health-Christ Hospital	C
Carepoint Health-Hoboken University Medical Center	B
CentraState Medical Center	A
Chilton Medical Center	A
Clara Maass Medical Center	B
Community Medical Center of Toms River	A
Cooper University Hospital	B
East Orange General Hospital	D
Englewood Hospital and Medical Center	A
HMH JFK Medical Center	B
HMH Mountainside Medical Center	C
HMH Palisades Medical Center	B
HMH Pascack Valley Medical Center	A
Hackensack University Medical Center	B
Hackettstown Regional Medical Center	C
Holy Name Medical Center	A
Hudson Regional Hospital	C
Hunterdon Medical Center	B
Inspira Medical Center Elmer	A
Inspira Medical Center Vineland	B
Inspira Medical Center Woodbury	C
Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital	A
Jefferson Stratford Hospital	A
Jefferson Washington Township Hospital	A
Jersey City Medical Center	B
Jersey Shore University Medical Center	A
Monmouth Medical Center	A
Monmouth Medical Center Southern Campus	A

Hospital	Safety Grade
Morristown Medical Center	A
Newark Beth Israel Medical Center	A
Newton Medical Center	A
Ocean Medical Center	A
Overlook Medical Center	B
Penn Medicine Princeton Medical Center	A
Raritan Bay Medical Center of Old Bridge	B
Raritan Bay Medical Center of Perth Amboy	A
Riverview Medical Center	A
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital	B
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Hamilton	A
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway	A
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset	A
Saint Barnabas Medical Center	A
Saint Clare's Hospital of Denville	A
Saint Clare's Hospital of Dover	A
Saint Michael's Medical Center	A
Saint Peter's University Hospital	A
Salem Medical Center	B
Shore Medical Center	A
Southern Ocean Medical Center	B
St. Francis Medical Center of Trenton	B
St. Joseph's University Medical Center	C
St. Joseph's Wayne Medical Center	C
St. Luke's Warren Campus	A
St. Mary's General Hospital	B
The Valley Hospital	B
Trinitas Regional Medical Center	C
University Hospital	D
Virtua Marlton Hospital	B
Virtua Memorial Hospital	C
Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	A
Virtua Voorhees Hospital	B
Virtua Willingboro	B

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