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## **Newberry Hospital Receives an ‘A’ for Patient Safety in Spring 2018 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade**

**NEWBERRY, SC-April 24, 2018** – [The Leapfrog Group](http://TheLeapfrogGroup.org), a Washington D.C.-based organization aiming to improve health care quality and safety for consumers and purchasers, today released the new [Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades](http://LeapfrogHospitalSafetyGrades.org). Newberry Hospital was one of 750 awarded an ‘A’ for its efforts in protecting patients from harm and meeting the highest safety standards in the U.S. The 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 fifth time in a row that Newberry Hospital has been awarded an ‘A’ safety rating. Newberry Hospital’s leadership and staff are committed to providing our patients with quality care in a safe environment. It is part of our expectations and culture, says Bruce Baldwin, Chief Executive Officer of Newberry Hospital.

“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.”

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 see Newberry Hospital’s full grade details, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit [www.hospitalsafetygrade.org](http://www.hospitalsafetygrade.org) and follow the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/LeapfrogGroup) and [Facebook](https://facebook.com/LeapfrogGroup).

### **About The Leapfrog Group**

Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, [The Leapfrog Group](http://TheLeapfrogGroup.org) 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](http://LeapfrogHospitalSurvey.org) 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](http://LeapfrogHospitalSafetyGrade.org), 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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Located in Newberry, S.C., Newberry County Memorial Hospital provides exceptional healthcare and wellness services to the citizens of Newberry County and across the Midlands. The hospital's services include advanced diagnostics, emergency room, general surgery, labor and delivery, orthopedic surgery, rehabilitation services (adults and children), urology, wellness, wound care and hyperbaric medicine. The hospital is ranked in the top ten percent nationally for quality patient care by CMS and has received top marks on patients' Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and systems (HCAHPS) surveys for nurse communication. Becker's Hospital Review named Newberry Hospital in the 100 Great Community Hospitals in 2017 (two years in a row) and has been recognized by Healthgrades with the 2017 Outstanding Patient Experience Award™ (two years in a row). The hospital recently earned four "Certified Zero Harm Awards," from the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA), in preventing hospital-acquired infections: Surgical Site Infections-Knee Replacement (36 months), Surgical Site Infections-Colon Surgery (18 months), Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infections-ICU (30 months) and Surgical Site Infections-Abdominal Hysterectomy (45 months). Newberry Hospital has also been recognized by Healthgrades for being in the top 10% in the Nation for Joint Replacement for six years in a row. Newberry Hospital has also been named a Five-Star Recipient for Total Knee Replacement for 7 years in a row (2012-2018) and Hip Fracture Treatment for 4 years in a row (2015-2018) by Healthgrades. Learn more at [NewberryHospital.org](http://NewberryHospital.org).

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