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## North Texas Fall 2020 Leapfrog Hospital Patient Safety Grades Released

**DALLAS – December 16, 2020** – The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit representing hundreds of the nation’s most influential employers and purchasers of health care and driven in north Texas by the DFW Business Group on Health (DFWBGH), announced today [fall 2020 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades](#). The independent grading system assigns A, B, C, D and F letter grades to general acute-care hospitals in the US based on their ability to protect patients from avoidable errors, injuries, accidents and infections.

Statewide, 220 hospitals were graded, with 59 graded in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex and north Texas (Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Fannin, Grayson, Henderson, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise counties). Nineteen hospitals earned As, 10 Bs, 26 Cs, and three Ds. The hospitals earning an A grade in north Texas are:

- Baylor Scott & White Heart and Vascular Hospital Dallas
- Dallas Regional Medical Center (Mesquite)
- Lake Granbury Medical Center (Granbury)
- Medical City Alliance (Fort Worth)
- Medical City Arlington
- Medical City Dallas
- Medical City Denton
- Medical City Fort Worth
- Medical City Frisco
- Medical City Las Colinas
- Medical City Lewisville
- Medical City McKinney
- Medical City North Hills (North Richland Hills)
- Medical City Plano
- Methodist Dallas Medical Center
- Methodist Mansfield Medical Center
- Methodist Richardson Medical Center
- Texoma Medical Center (Denison)
- UT Southwestern Zale Lipshy Pavilion at William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital (Dallas)
- William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital (Dallas)

“The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade offers north Texas employers and consumers critical information about which hospitals in the Dallas-Fort Worth area are best at protecting patients from preventable harm,” said Marianne Fazen, PhD, executive director for DFWBGH. “In light of the pandemic, the need for transparency and accountability across our nation’s hospitals has never been more urgent. We commend our hospitals in north Texas, particularly those that earned an A grade, for ensuring that the safety of the patients they serve comes first.”

[DFWBGH](#) serves as the Leapfrog Group’s Regional Leader for the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex and north Texas region, representing employer purchasers of health care.

“As we grapple with the current implications and lasting ramifications of COVID-19, hospital and patient safety have never been more important” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “We thank all hospitals and heroic members of the health care work force for their efforts to protect and save patients this year.”

Developed under the guidance of a National Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses up to 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 US hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade’s methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

For more information about the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, as well as individual grades and state rankings, please visit [hospitalsafetygrade.org](https://hospitalsafetygrade.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](#) and new [Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center \(ASC\) Survey](#) collect and transparently report hospital and ASC 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.

### **About DFW Business Group on Health**

The DFW Business Group on Health (DFWBGH) is a regional coalition of 65 DFW area employers committed to improving health care quality, costs and outcomes in North Texas. DFWBGH members spend over \$4 billion annually on health care for over 850,000 local employees and their families. Members include American Airlines, Celanese, City of Fort Worth, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Dean Foods, DynCorp International, Greyhound Lines, JCPenney, The Neiman Marcus Group, PepsiCo, Sabre, Southwest Airlines, Texas Instruments, and Vistra Energy. DFWBGH’s mission is to educate and empower employers and employees to make informed health care decisions and to encourage health care providers to continuously improve their performance. Follow on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#). [dfwbgh.org](https://dfwbgh.org)

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