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## **North Kansas City Hospital Receives an "A" Hospital Safety Grade**

(North Kansas City, Mo., May 2, 2025) – North Kansas City Hospital earned an "A" Hospital Safety Grade from The Leapfrog Group, an independent national nonprofit focused on patient safety. This mark of distinction comes from the only hospital ratings program exclusively focused on addressing preventable medical errors, infections and injuries.

"Earning an 'A' grade reflects our dedication to preventing harm and putting our patients' care first — every single day," said Kerri Jenkins MD, NKCH senior vice President and chief operating officer. "It serves as a reminder that we are making measurable improvements that not only impact our patients' care, but our community."

Nearly 3,000 U.S. hospitals receive Leapfrog grades, which are updated twice annually. Grades are determined by 30 measures from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Leapfrog Hospital survey and information from other supplemental data sources. Performance measures include errors, accidents, injuries and infections as well as the system's patient experience scores.

To view North Kansas City Hospital's full grade details, visit [HospitalSafetyGrade.org](https://HospitalSafetyGrade.org).

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## About North Kansas City Hospital and Meritas Health

For more than 67 years, North Kansas City Hospital has been the Northland's preferred healthcare provider. Our mission is to provide hope and healing to every life we touch.

NKCH is an acute care facility with 451 licensed beds and more than 600 physicians representing 49 medical specialties. From our award-winning cardiovascular and orthopedic programs to our cancer, emergency, neuroscience, spine, women's and other services, our team of 4,700 employees provide a lifetime of care.

Through our Meritas Health subsidiary, NKCH offers the largest network of provider practices in the Northland, with more than 280 primary and specialty care doctors and advanced practice providers in over 35 convenient locations, including an express care clinic in the 64th Street Hy-Vee store.

Our accreditations demonstrate our commitment to providing quality healthcare, including:

- American Nurses Credentialing Center Magnet® designation
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services four-star rating
- The Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval® and certification for Comprehensive Cardiac Center, Advanced Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement, Spine Surgery, Perinatal Care, Primary Stroke Center and Wound Care Management Certification

Our mission, vision and values reflect a strong commitment to the health and well-being of our employees, the Northland community and beyond. *U.S. News & World Report* ranked NKCH High Performing in eight adult procedures and conditions, as well as Maternity Care, and named NKCH a Best Regional Hospital. *Forbes* honored NKCH as a top 20 employer in Missouri and a national Best Employer for Women.

Each year NKCH serves more than 12,000 people through its dynamic Community Health & Wellness programs.

Explore NKCH and MH's full range of services at [nkch.org](http://nkch.org).