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Baptist Memorial Hospital Receives an 'A' for Patient Safety for the Spring 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade

Union City, Tenn., May 15, 2019—Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City was awarded an 'A' from The Leapfrog Group's spring 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade. The designation recognizes Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City's efforts in protecting patients from harm and providing safer health care. The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization committed to improving health care quality and safety for consumers and purchasers. 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, injuries, accidents, infections and other harms to patients in their care.

"Patient safety is a priority for Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City. Colleagues from multiple health care disciplines including nursing, pharmacy, and quality, research best practices, regulatory standards and evidence-based procedures. The most-effective ones are selected and implemented, creating standardized policies and procedures for Baptist Union City," said Skipper Bondurant, administrator and CEO.

"To be recognized nationally as an 'A' hospital is an accomplishment the whole community should take pride in," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "Hospitals that earn an 'A' grade are making it a priority to protect patients from preventable medical harm and error. We congratulate hospital leaders, board members, staff, volunteers and clinicians who work so hard to earn this A."

Developed under the guidance of a national Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 U.S. acute-care hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade's methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City was awarded an 'A' grade today, when Leapfrog announced grades for the spring 2019 update. To see Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City's full grade details, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit hospitalsafetygrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on Twitter and Facebook.

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 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, 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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