



THE LEAPFROG GROUP WILL PUBLICLY REPORT ON NURSING EXCELLENCE 2011 HOSPITAL RATINGS WILL INCLUDE MAGNET® STATUS FOR THE FIRST TIME

July 27, 2011 – In recognition of a growing body of studies highlighting the key role nurses’ play in patient safety, The Leapfrog Group announced they will publicly report on hospitals that have demonstrated nursing excellence on Leapfrog’s annual hospital survey. Making the announcement at AARP’s Champion Nursing Council and Coalition Meeting in Washington, DC, Leapfrog’s CEO Leah Binder stated, “With this addition to our annual survey, Leapfrog is recognizing the vital role nurses play in patient safety and their strong commitment to transparency. As I visit hospitals across the country, I am constantly finding that the highest performing hospitals, many of Leapfrog’s Top Hospitals, have earned the prestigious recognition of Magnet® and nurses are the most vocal supporters of making patient safety and quality information transparent. Our employer members value this designation, and its implications for safety, and believe hospitals deserve recognition when they achieve it.” The 2011 Leapfrog Hospital Survey data is publicly available for the first time today.

The Magnet Recognition Program® was developed by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to recognize healthcare organizations that provide nursing excellence. The program also provides a vehicle for disseminating successful nursing practices and strategies. Recognizing quality patient care, nursing excellence, and innovations in professional nursing practice, the Magnet Recognition Program provides consumers with a reliable benchmark to measure the quality of care that they can expect to receive.

“We are thrilled that The Leapfrog Group has decided to recognize the achievement of the Magnet credential in this meaningful way,” said Magnet Recognition Program® Director Craig Luzinski, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE. “Adding Magnet Recognition to the list of factors that exemplify safe and high quality care in the Leapfrog survey is an important way for these hospitals to be acknowledged for their nursing excellence.”

Today’s announcement comes as part of The Leapfrog Group’s commitment to implement recommendations found in Institute of Medicine (IOM) report, “The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health.” Binder joined other healthcare, business, consumer, and education leaders at a meeting convened by the Center to Champion Nursing in America (CCNA), an initiative of AARP, the AARP Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. CCNA is working with national and state stakeholders to drive action in support of the IOM recommendations.

“Representing purchasers of healthcare, Leapfrog offers an important business perspective to the importance of strong nursing,” said Susan Reinhard, PhD, RN, FAAN, Senior Vice President and Director, AARP Public Policy Institute and CCNA’s Chief Strategist. “High quality health care requires high quality nurse-delivered care.”

Hospitals participating in the [Leapfrog Hospital Survey](#) that indicate they have current Magnet® status designation, as determined by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) will automatically earn full credit for Safe Practice #9 Nursing Workforce. This section of the survey is used to score hospitals on



their commitment to staffing their hospitals with highly trained nurses and putting those nurses in leadership positions which allow them to have substantial input into patient safety issues.

The free survey, which is open to every acute-care hospital in the country, is the gold standard for comparing hospitals' performance on the national standards of safety, quality, and efficiency. The Leapfrog Hospital Survey is the nation's oldest and most transparent all-payor national hospital survey. Leapfrog's Survey team consult with leading purchasers and several panels of experts to continually update the survey to reflect the most up to date evidence and assure alignment with other national reporting initiatives such as CMS and the Joint Commission.

Results from the survey 2011 Leapfrog Hospital Survey can be viewed at www.leapfroggroup.org/cp where visitors can search for hospitals by city, state, or zip code. A list of hospitals reporting Magnet® status to Leapfrog is available at www.leapfroggroup.org/MagnetRecognition. In addition, the designation will be displayed by hospital under the section titled "Steps to Avoid Harm." Visitors can also find information, by hospital, on infection rates, survival rates for certain high-risk surgeries, rates of hospital-acquired injuries, rates of early elective deliveries, and much more about a hospital's safety and quality.

The Leapfrog Group (www.leapfroggroup.org) is a coalition of public and private purchasers of employee health benefits founded a decade ago to work for improvements in health care safety, quality, and affordability. Leapfrog purchaser members use hospital survey results in contracting, open enrollment with their employees and other public reporting, benefits design, and value-based purchasing programs. View results of the 2011 Leapfrog Hospital Survey at www.leapfroggroup.org/cp. The Leapfrog Hospital Survey focuses on three critical areas of patient safety and quality: how patients fare, which includes issues like mortality for common high-risk surgeries and procedures; resources used to care for patients measured by length of stay and readmission rates; and management practices that promote safety and quality, such as adopting computerized physician order entry to reduce medication errors. For information on how to participate in the 2011 Leapfrog Hospital Survey, visit www.leapfroghospitalsurvey.org.

About the American Nurses Credentialing Center

ANCC provides individuals and organizations throughout the nursing profession with the resources they need to achieve practice excellence. ANCC's internationally renowned credentialing programs certify nurses in specialty practice areas; recognize healthcare organizations for promoting safe, positive work environments through the Magnet Recognition Program®, Pathway to Excellence®, and Pathway to Excellence in Long Term Care™ Programs; and accredit providers of continuing nursing education. In addition, ANCC's Institute for Credentialing Innovation® provides leading-edge information and education services and products to support its core credentialing programs. The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) is the first and only healthcare certification organization in the United States to have successfully achieved ISO 9001:2008 certification. www.nursecredentialing.org



List of Hospitals Recognized for Achieving Magnet

Banner Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center	Phoenix	AZ
Greenbaum Surgical Specialty Hospital	Scottsdale	AZ
Scottsdale Healthcare-Osborn	Scottsdale	AZ
Scottsdale Healthcare-Shea	Scottsdale	AZ
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center	Los Angeles	CA
Children's Hospital Los Angeles	Los Angeles	CA
Children's Hospital Of Orange County	Orange	CA
Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian	Newport Beach	CA
Huntington Hospital	Pasadena	CA
John Muir Medical Center Concord Campus	Concord	CA
John Muir Medical Center Walnut Creek Campus	Walnut Creek	CA
Palomar Medical Center	Escondido	CA
Scripps Memorial Hospital Of La Jolla	La Jolla	CA
Sharp Grossmont Hospital	La Mesa	CA
Sharp Memorial Hospital	San Diego	CA
Stanford Hospital And Clinics	Stanford	CA
St. Joseph Hospital Of Orange	Orange	CA
University Of California Irvine Medical Center	Orange	CA
University Of California Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center	Los Angeles	CA
Centura Health-Porter Adventist Hospital	Denver	CO
Children's Hospital Colorado	Aurora	CO
Medical Center Of Aurora	Aurora	CO
North Colorado Medical Center	Greeley	CO
University Of Colorado Hospital	Aurora	CO
Children's National Medical Center	Washington	DC
Baptist Health South Florida- Baptist Hospital Of Miami	Miami	FL
Baptist Health South Florida South Miami Hospital	South Miami	FL
Advocate Christ Medical Center	Oak Lawn	IL
Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital	Downers Grove	IL
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center	Chicago	IL
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital	Park Ridge	IL
Blessing Hospital	Quincy	IL
Central Dupage Hospital	Winfield	IL
Children's Memorial Hospital	Chicago	IL
Delnor Hospital	Geneva	IL
Edward Hospital	Naperville	IL
Memorial Medical Center Of Springfield	Springfield	IL
Methodist Medical Center Of Illinois	Peoria	IL
North Shore University Health System -Evanston Hospital	Evanston	IL
North Shore University Health System -Glenbrook Hospital	Glenview	IL
North Shore University Health System-Highland Park Hospital	Highland Park	IL
North Shore University Health System -Skokie Hospital	Skokie	IL



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Northwest Community Hospital	Arlington Heights	IL
Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital	Lake Forest	IL
Northwestern Memorial Hospital	Chicago	IL
Osf St. Anthony Medical Center	Rockford	IL
OSF St. Francis Medical Center Of Peoria	Peoria	IL
Osf St. Joseph Medical Center	Bloomington	IL
Riverside Medical Center	Kankakee	IL
Rush University Medical Center	Chicago	IL
St. Francis Hospital Of Evanston	Evanston	IL
Swedish Covenant Hospital	Chicago	IL
University Of Chicago Medical Center	Chicago	IL
Iu Health La Porte Hospital	La Porte	IN
St. Mary's Medical Center Of Evansville	Evansville	IN
Childrens Mercy South Campus	Overland Park	KS
Frankfort Regional Medical Center	Frankfort	KY
Kosair Children's Hospital	Louisville	KY
Baystate Medical Center	Springfield	MA
Children's Hospital Boston	Boston	MA
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute	Boston	MA
Lahey Clinic	Burlington	MA
Lowell General Hospital	Lowell	MA
Massachusetts General Hospital	Boston	MA
South Shore Hospital	South Weymouth	MA
Winchester Hospital	Winchester	MA
Sinai Hospital Of Baltimore	Baltimore	MD
University Of Maryland Medical Center	Baltimore	MD
Maine Medical Center	Portland	ME
Mid Coast Hospital	Brunswick	ME
Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak	Royal Oak	MI
Beaumont Hospital - Troy	Troy	MI
Bronson Methodist Hospital	Kalamazoo	MI
Children's Hospital Of Michigan	Detroit	MI
Detroit Receiving Hospital/University Health Center	Detroit	MI
Helen Devos Children's Hospital	Grand Rapids	MI
Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital	Commerce Township	MI
Munson Medical Center	Traverse City	MI
Northern Michigan Regional Hospital	Petoskey	MI
Oaklawn Hospital	Marshall	MI
Sparrow Hospital & Health System	Lansing	MI
Spectrum Health Blodgett Hospital	Grand Rapids	MI
Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital	Grand Rapids	MI
Children's Hospitals And Clinics Of Minnesota	Minneapolis	MN
Children's Hospitals And Clinics Of Minnesota	St. Paul	MN
Mayo Clinic - Methodist Hospital	Rochester	MN
St. Mary's Hospital Of Rochester	Rochester	MN
Children's Mercy Hospitals And Clinics	Kansas City	MO



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Billings Clinic	Billings	MT
Gaston Memorial Hospital	Gastonia	NC
Rex Hospital, Inc.	Raleigh	NC
University Of North Carolina Hospitals	Chapel Hill	NC
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center	Winston-Salem	NC
Children's Hospital And Medical Center	Omaha	NE
Nebraska Medical Center	Omaha	NE
Englewood Hospital And Medical Center	Englewood	NJ
Hackensack University Medical Center	Hackensack	NJ
Hunterdon Medical Center	Flemington	NJ
Kimball Medical Center	Lakewood	NJ
Libertyhealth-Jersey City Medical Center	Jersey City	NJ
Morristown Memorial Hospital	Morristown	NJ
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital	New Brunswick	NJ
Valley Hospital Of Ridgewood	Ridgewood	NJ
Roswell Park Cancer Institute	Buffalo	NY
St. Francis Hospital Of Roslyn	Roslyn	NY
Akron Children's Hospital	Akron	OH
Aultman Hospital	Canton	OH
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center	Cincinnati	OH
Good Samaritan Hospital & Health Center	Dayton	OH
Grant Medical Center	Columbus	OH
Metrohealth Medical Center	Cleveland	OH
Miami Valley Hospital	Dayton	OH
Nationwide Children's Hospital	Columbus	OH
Ohio State University Medical Center	Columbus	OH
Riverside Methodist Hospital	Columbus	OH
Southern Ohio Medical Center	Portsmouth	OH
The Christ Hospital Of Cincinnati	Cincinnati	OH
University Hospitals Case Medical Center	Cleveland	OH
University Hospitals - Rainbow Babies And Childrens Hospital	Cleveland	OH
Providence Portland Medical Center	Portland	OR
Providence St Vincent Medical Center	Portland	OR
Children's Hospital Of Philadelphia	Philadelphia	PA
Hahnemann University Hospital	Philadelphia	PA
Lancaster General Hospital	Lancaster	PA
Lehigh Valley Hospital	Allentown	PA
Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg	Bethlehem	PA
Pinnacle Health At Harrisburg Hospital	Harrisburg	PA
St Christopher's Hospital For Children	Philadelphia	PA
Bon Secours St. Francis Xavier Hospital	Charleston	SC
Spartanburg Regional Medical Center	Spartanburg	SC
Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital At Vanderbilt	Nashville	TN
Vanderbilt University Hospital	Nashville	TN
Baylor Jack And Jane Hamilton Heart And Vascular Hospital	Dallas	TX
Baylor University Medical Center	Dallas	TX



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Cook Children's Medical Center	Fort Worth	TX
Medical Center Of Plano	Plano	TX
Medical City Dallas Hospital	Dallas	TX
Plaza Medical Center Of Fort Worth	Fort Worth	TX
Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth	Fort Worth	TX
Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano	Plano	TX
The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano	Plano	TX
The Methodist Hospital	Houston	TX
Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital	Roanoke	VA
Lewisgale Hospital Montgomery	Blacksburg	VA
Mary Washington Hospital	Fredericksburg	VA
Reston Hospital Center	Reston	VA
University Of Virginia Medical Center	Charlottesville	VA
Winchester Medical Center	Winchester	VA
Providence St. Peter Hospital	Olympia	WA
Seattle Children's Hospital	Seattle	WA
University Of Washington Medical Center	Seattle	WA
Aspirus Wausau Hospital	Wausau	WI
Children's Hospital Of Wisconsin	Milwaukee	WI
St. Mary's Hospital Of Madison	Madison	WI