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St. Mary's Receives "A" Grade from Leapfrog for Hospital Safety

The recognition indicates how well St. Mary's protects patients from accidents, injuries and infections.

SAN FRANCISCO – St. Mary's Medical Center has received an "A" grade for hospital safety, the highest possible, in the Fall 2013 Hospital Safety Score from the Leapfrog Group, which rates how well hospitals protect patients from accidents, errors, injuries and infections.

Leapfrog is a national, non-profit industry watchdog that focuses on measuring and publicly reporting hospital performance by assigning a letter grade of A through F, based on a hospital's overall capacity to keep patients safe from preventable harm. The score includes 28 safety measures to produce the single letter grade.



"Patient care and safety are our top priorities at St. Mary's," said St. Mary's President Anna Cheung. "We emphasize that our doctors, nurses and caregivers work together every day. I consider this an acknowledgement that our medical staff are leaders in providing the best and safest care possible."

Leapfrog's announcement continued what has been a noteworthy week for St. Mary's Medical Center. On Oct. 23, the hospital was recognized by HealthGrades as one of America's 100 best hospitals for stroke care, gastrointestinal care and general surgery.

About St. Mary's Medical Center

St. Mary's Medical Center, a Dignity Health Member, is an accredited, not-for-profit community hospital that has been caring for the people of the San Francisco since 1857. Located across from Golden Gate Park, it is longest continual running hospital in San Francisco. St. Mary's is home to the nation's first digital cardiac catheterization laboratory and has pioneered spine surgery like the X-Stop for the treatment of spinal stenosis. St. Mary's has also been designated as a 2012 Blue Distinction Center for Spine and Hip/Knee Replacement Surgery and is a Certified Stroke Center by the Joint Commission. In 2011, St. Mary's opened a state-of-the-art Cancer Center, offering the full-range of oncology, radiation and imaging services. Beyond clinical care, St. Mary's is committed to furthering the healing ministry, and to providing high-quality, affordable healthcare to the community we serve. For more information, please call 415-668-1000 or visit www.stmarysmedicalcenter.org.

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