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Norwegian American Hospital Awarded "B" in the Fall 2016 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Ratings

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CHICAGO, Ill. (November 2, 2016) – Designed to rate how well hospitals protect patients from accidents, errors, injuries and infections, the latest Hospital Safety Score honored Norwegian American Hospital with a “B” – in patient safety. The Hospital Safety Score is compiled under the guidance of the nation’s leading experts on patient safety and is administered by The Leapfrog Group (Leapfrog), an independent industry watchdog. The first and only hospital safety rating to be peer-reviewed in the Journal of Patient Safety, the Score is free to the public and designed to give consumers information they can use to protect themselves and their families when facing a hospital stay.

“The Leapfrog Group’s Hospital Safety Score rating of “B” recognizes the steady commitment being shown by our physicians, our nurses and staff to deliver quality care to our patients every single day,” said José R. Sánchez, president and CEO of Norwegian American Hospital. “This demonstrates our team’s continued success in applying evidence-based industry best practices to enhance the safety and wellbeing of our patients. Through the continued dedication of everyone at Norwegian American, we are confident our quality journey will produce even higher scores next year.”

Developed under the guidance of an expert panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 30 publicly available hospital safety measures to assign A, B, C, D and F grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is calculated by top patient safety experts, peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

To see Norwegian American Hospital’s full grade, and to access consumer-friendly patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit www.hospitalsafetygrade.org or follow The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade on Twitter or Facebook.

To make an appointment with a physician or for more information about Norwegian American Hospital’s services, specialties, and other events, contact at **773.292.7477** or visit <http://www.nahospital.org>

About The Leapfrog Group

The Hospital Safety Score (www.hospitalsafetyscore.org) is an initiative of The Leapfrog Group (www.leapfroggroup.org), a national nonprofit organization using the collective leverage of large purchasers of health care to initiate breakthrough improvements in the safety, quality and affordability of health care for Americans. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey allows purchasers to structure their contracts and purchasing to reward the highest performing hospitals. The Leapfrog Group was founded in November 2000 with support from the Business Roundtable and national funders and is now independently operated with support from its purchaser and other members.

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Norwegian American Hospital (NAH) is an acute care hospital on Chicago's near north side. NAH provides high quality and compassionate health care services by partnering with patients and their families, our employees, physicians, and the communities we serve. For more information about Norwegian American Hospital, visit www.nahospital.org.