

### **PBGH & Leapfrog Announce 2018 Top Hospital Award for California Hospitals**

**San Francisco, CA, December 4, 2018** – Pacific Business Group on Health and The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit aiming to improve health care quality for consumers and purchasers, announced today 17 California have been named to its 2018 national list of Top Hospitals. The elite award is one of the most competitive honors American hospitals can receive in safety and quality. The winning facilities will be officially recognized at Leapfrog’s Annual Top Hospitals Ceremony tonight in Washington, D.C.

“This award recognizes superior performance on the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade and hospitals’ commitment to patient safety,” said David Lansky, PhD, PBGH President & CEO. “On behalf of local employers, purchasers and patients, we are committed to working together to improve quality and patient experience.”

Leapfrog is a national nonprofit watchdog organization that rates hospitals on how well they protect patients from errors and infections, as well as the effectiveness of procedures and other care they provide. “All hospitals that participate in the voluntary patient safety assessment should be commended for their commitment to performance transparency and accountability,” added David Hopkins, PhD, member of Leapfrog’s expert Board of Directors and PBGH Senior Advisor.

This year, Leapfrog recognized 118 Top Hospitals across the country. Of those, 13 were Top Children’s Hospitals, 35 Top General Hospitals, 17 Top Rural Hospitals and 53 Top Teaching Hospitals. The Hospital Safety Grades ([hospitalsafetygrade.org](http://hospitalsafetygrade.org)) give the American public information they need and deserve about the safety of their hospitals. Avoidable medical errors and infections in hospitals are still the third leading cause of death in the nation.

#### **Children’s Hospitals**

Loma Linda University Children's Hospital, Loma Linda  
Children's Hospital & Research Center/UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, Oakland

#### **General Hospitals**

Inland Valley Medical Center, Wildomar  
Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Antioch  
Rancho Springs Medical Center, Murrieta  
Sequoia Hospital, Redwood City  
Kaiser Foundation Hospital, San Leandro  
Adventist Health, Bakersfield

#### **Teaching Hospitals**

Loma Linda University Medical Center East Campus, Loma Linda  
Kaiser Foundation Hospital, San Francisco  
Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Anaheim  
Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Roseville  
UC San Diego Health, Hillcrest Medical Center, San Diego  
St. Mary's Medical Center, San Francisco  
Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Santa Clara  
Eisenhower Medical Center, Rancho Mirage  
Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Irvine

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“Leapfrog Top Hospitals have demonstrated excellence in providing safe and high quality care,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “We congratulate the leadership, boards, clinicians, staff and volunteers whose dedication contributed to their hospital’s success.”

The Top Hospital award is given to teaching, general, rural and children's hospitals that publicly report their performance through the Leapfrog Hospital Survey and meet the high standards defined in [the Top Hospitals Methodology](#). This includes infection rates, maternity care and a hospital’s ability to prevent medication errors, among other standards. To see the full national list of institutions honored as 2018 Top Hospitals, please visit [www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals](http://www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals).

**ABOUT THE PACIFIC BUSINESS GROUP ON HEALTH**

The Pacific Business Group on Health (PBGH) is a non-profit organization representing nearly 70 private and public healthcare purchasers, including some of the largest U.S. employers. PBGH’s mission is to be a change agent creating increased value in the healthcare system through purchaser collaboration, innovation, and action, and through the spread of best practices. PBGH leverages the purchaser voice to transform the delivery of healthcare and promote policies that advance value-based care at the federal and state level. Current initiatives focus on high-cost high-need patients, better maternity care, care coordination and primary care, and payment reform. PBGH is a founding member of The Leapfrog Group and is the Regional Rollout Lead for California.

**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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