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Leapfrog Announces 2019 Top Hospital Award for California Hospitals
Sixteen Receive Coveted National Distinction

San Francisco, CA, December 17, 2019 – The Leapfrog Group and Pacific Business Group on Health announced today sixteen hospitals have been named to its 2019 national list of Top Hospitals. The elite award is one of the most competitive honors American hospitals can receive in safety and quality. The winners will be officially recognized at Leapfrog’s Annual Awards Dinner and Ceremony on December 17, 2019 in Washington, D.C.

Pacific Business Group on Health is a Leapfrog Regional Leader, working with providers, purchasers, payors and patients in to drive safe, high-quality health care. “Purchasers applaud the hospitals that stand up for accountability and transparency when they participate in the Leapfrog Patient Safety Survey,” said Emma Hoo, PBGH Director. With a one in 25 chance of leaving a hospital with a new infection, consumers can check how effectively their local hospitals keep their patients from errors, injuries, accidents, and infections on the Hospital Safety Grade website (<https://www.hospitalsafetygrade.org/>).

The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit watchdog organization that rates hospitals on patient safety, as well as the effectiveness of procedures and other care they provide. This year, Leapfrog recognized 120 Top Hospitals across the country. Of those, 10 were Top Children’s Hospitals, 37 Top General Hospitals, 18 Top Rural Hospitals and 55 Top Teaching Hospitals. “The standards achieved by Top Hospitals reflect the high expectations set by Leapfrog and its expert panels, which starts with a commitment to transparency,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “We are honored to spotlight the hospitals that have truly gone above and beyond in their pursuit of excellence that protects patients and saves lives.”

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 2019 Top Hospitals, please visit www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals.

California’s Top Hospitals

Top Children’s Hospitals:	Loma Linda University Children's Hospital Valley Children's Hospital
Top General Hospitals	Desert Valley Hospital Woodland Memorial Hospital
Top Teaching Hospitals	Adventist Medical Center - Reedley Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Orange County - Anaheim Adventist Medical Center Hanford Mercy General Hospital Kaiser Permanente Fontana Medical Center Stanford Health Care Sharp Mary Birch Hospital for Women and Newborns Kaiser Permanente Panorama City Medical Center Kaiser Permanente Riverside Medical Center Kaiser Permanente Foundation Hospital, Downey Medical Center Kaiser Foundation Hospital, San Diego Clairemont Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Orange County-Irvine

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.

About Pacific Business Group on Health. Pacific Business Group on Health is an action-oriented 501c(3) nonprofit organization focused on improving health outcomes, experience and affordability for consumers and purchasers across the United States. Since 1989, PBGH has distinguished itself as a national innovator driven by some of the largest and most influential public and private purchasers of healthcare in the country, including Boeing, CalPERS, Comcast, Intel, and Walmart. PBGH leverages purchaser action in partnership with providers, payers and policymakers to identify, test, and scale innovative models for improving health outcomes and affordability.

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