

# Hospital Patient Safety

More than a decade ago, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) estimated that 98,000 people die each year as result of errors that occur in hospitals—making medical errors the eighth leading cause of death in this country. Since that time, a number of national efforts have been launched aimed at improving patient safety—and saving lives. Two of these initiatives, the Leapfrog Group’s Hospital Survey and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement’s Improvement Map Program, are described below.

## About the Leapfrog Group

The Leapfrog Group, a coalition of public and private organizations, collects and publishes information about hospital safety and quality in the following categories:

**Appropriate Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Physician Staffing:** ICUs are staffed by trained ICU specialists called “intensivists.”

**Prevent Medication Errors:** Physicians enter patient prescriptions and other orders into computers linked to error prevention software.

**Steps to Avoid Harm:** Hospital has put in place 17 practices that can have a major affect on the safety of patients in health care settings such as timely clinical information for other caregivers and patients and identification and mitigation of safety risks and hazards.

**High-Risk Treatment Safety:** Hospital has proven outcomes or extensive experience with several high-risk procedures/conditions.

## Appropriate ICU Physician Staffing

Fully meets standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children’s Hospital – Minneapolis</li> <li>• Children’s Hospital – St. Paul</li> <li>• Fairview Ridges Hospital</li> <li>• Fairview Southdale Hospital</li> <li>• Gillette Children’s Hospital</li> <li>• HealthEast St. John’s Hospital</li> <li>• HealthEast St. Joseph’s Hospital</li> <li>• Mayo Clinic – Rochester Methodist</li> <li>• Mayo Clinic – St. Mary’s</li> <li>• Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital</li> <li>• Regions Hospital</li> <li>• United Hospital</li> <li>• University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview</li> </ul>
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## Prevent Medication Errors

Fully meets standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children’s Hospital – Minneapolis</li> <li>• Mayo Clinic – Rochester Methodist</li> <li>• Mayo Clinic – St. Mary’s</li> <li>• Regions Hospital</li> <li>• St. Cloud Hospital</li> </ul>
Substantial progress toward meeting standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children’s Hospital – St. Paul</li> </ul>

## Steps to Avoid Harm

Fully meets standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children’s Hospital – Minneapolis</li> <li>• Children’s Hospital – St. Paul</li> <li>• Fairview Northland Medical Center</li> <li>• Madelia Community Hospital</li> <li>• Regions Hospital</li> <li>• University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview</li> </ul>
Substantial progress toward meeting standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fairview Southdale Hospital</li> <li>• Gillette Children’s Hospital</li> <li>• HealthEast St. John’s Hospital</li> <li>• HealthEast St. Joseph’s Hospital</li> <li>• Mayo Clinic – Rochester Methodist</li> <li>• Mayo Clinic – St. Mary’s</li> <li>• Mercy Hospital</li> <li>• Ridgeview Medical Center</li> <li>• Woodwinds Health Campus</li> </ul>
Some progress toward meeting standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buffalo Hospital</li> <li>• Cambridge Medical Center</li> <li>• Fairview Ridges Hospital</li> <li>• Lifecare Medical Center</li> <li>• New Ulm Medical Center</li> <li>• Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital</li> <li>• St. Cloud Hospital</li> <li>• St. Francis Regional Medical Center</li> </ul>

*Note: To be eligible for in-network coverage for hospital services, Patient Choice participants should verify that the hospital is affiliated with their selected Care System prior to receiving services.*

# The Leapfrog Group's Hospital Quality and Patient Safety Results (continued)

## High-Risk Treatment Safety

Hospitals that fully meet standards for one or more of the eleven high-risk procedures:	Heart Bypass Surgery	Heart Angioplasty	Heart Attack	Pneumonia	High-risk Deliveries	Normal Deliveries	Weight Loss Surgery	Aortic Valve Replacement	Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair	Pancreatic Resection	Esophageal Resection
Abbott Northwestern Hospital	+	+++	?	?	+++	?	+++	+	+++	+++	+++
Cuyuna Regional Medical Center	n/a	n/a	+	+	n/a	+++	+++	n/a	?	?	n/a
Fairview Northland Medical Center	n/a	n/a	++	+++	n/a	++	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fairview Ridges Hospital	n/a	n/a	++	+++	++	++	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fairview Southdale Hospital	+++	+++	+++	+++	n/a	+++	+++	++	+++	+	+++
Glencoe Regional Health Services	n/a	n/a	n/a	++	n/a	++	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
HealthEast St. John's Hospital	n/a	n/a	++	+++	?	+++	n/a	n/a	++	+	?
HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital	+++	+++	+++	++	n/a	+++	+++	++	++	+	+++
Lakeview Hospital	n/a	n/a	+	++	n/a	++	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lifecare Medical Center	n/a	n/a	n/a	++	n/a	++	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mayo Clinic Rochester – Rochester Methodist	n/a	n/a	n/a	++	n/a	+	n/a	n/a	n/a	+++	n/a
Mayo Clinic Rochester – St. Mary's	+++	++	++	++	+++	n/a	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++
Mercy Hospital	++	++	?	?	n/a	?	n/a	?	+++	?	?
New Ulm Medical Center	n/a	n/a	n/a	+++	n/a	+	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Owatonna Hospital	n/a	n/a	n/a	+++	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital	+	+++	+++	++	n/a	+++	+++	++	+++	?	+++
Paynesville Area Hospital	n/a	n/a	n/a	++	n/a	++	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Regions Hospital	+++	+++	+++	+++	n/a	?	n/a	++	+++	+	+++
Ridgeview Medical Center	n/a	n/a	++	+++	n/a	++	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
St. Cloud Hospital	++	++	++	++	?	?	?	?	+++	?	++
United Hospital	++	++	?	?	+++	?	+++	++	+++	+	++
Unity Hospital	n/a	n/a	?	?	n/a	?	?	n/a	+++	n/a	n/a
University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview	+	++	++	+	++	++	+++	?	+++	+++	+++
Woodwinds Health Campus	n/a	n/a	++	+++	n/a	+++	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Note: Due to lower patient volume and more scarce resources, some measures endorsed by The Leapfrog Group are harder for rural hospitals to implement. As a result, the survey is more applicable to hospitals in urban areas.

Not all of the results from the Leapfrog Group's Hospital Quality and Patient Safety Survey are shown in the following tables. You should also know that survey results are frequently updated. To view the most complete, up-to-date information visit [www.LeapfrogGroup.org](http://www.LeapfrogGroup.org).

+++ Fully meets standards
 ++ Substantial progress toward meeting standards
 + Some progress toward meeting standards

n/a Hospital does not perform procedure
 ? Little progress toward meeting standards or no information submitted

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