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Using up to 22 evidence-based measures of patient safety, including CMS Medicare PSI 90 Patient Safety and Adverse Events composite which includes 10 component measures, The Leapfrog Group calculated a numerical score for all eligible hospitals in the U.S. The numerical score was then converted into one of five letter grades. "A" represents the best Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, followed in order by "B," "C," "D," and "F."

All five letter grade cut-points used in the spring 2023 Safety Grade (A-F) have been maintained for the fall 2023 Safety Grade. Numerical scores range between approximately 1.3 and 4.0, with an average score of approximately 3.0.

For more information about the Hospital Safety Grade and a detailed explanation of the scoring methodology, please visit www.HospitalSafetyGrade.org.

Please note: Numerical scores are displayed for hospitals on the [Safety Grade Review Website](#) to four decimal places (i.e. n.nnnn). For the purposes of assigning a letter grade, the numerical score is not rounded. For example, a numerical score displayed as 3.2019 would be assigned a B.

In implementing this letter grade methodology, the distribution of letter grades is detailed below:

Grade	Safety Grade Criteria (at or above cut point)	Count of Hospitals	Percentage of Hospitals
A	≥ 3.202	838	30%
B	≥ 2.991	682	24%
C	≥ 2.464	1115	39%
D	≥ 1.938	188	7%
F	< 1.938	11	<1%

