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Using up to 22 evidence-based measures of patient safety, including the 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 for hospitals that participated in the 2024 or 2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey. "A" represents the best Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, followed in order by "B," "C," "D," and "F." Hospital Safety Grades were not assigned to 450 hospitals that did not participate in the 2024 or 2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey (reported as "GNA" = Grade Not Assigned). For more information, [click here](#).

The grade cut-points used in the fall 2025 Safety Grade have been maintained for the spring 2026 Safety Grade. Numerical scores range between approximately 1.2 and 3.9, 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](http://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	917	33%
B	≥ 2.991	740	26%
C	≥ 2.401	646	23%
D	≥ 1.837	55	2%
F	< 1.837	5	<1%
<b>Total Graded</b>		<b>2,363</b>	
<b>GNA</b>		<b>450</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>2,813</b>	

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