Spring 2026

Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade Town Hall Call

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What is the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade?

- The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is an A, B, C, D, or F letter grade reflecting how safe hospitals are for patients.

- The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade launched in June 2012.

- The Grade is issued two times per year: Spring and Fall. This spring will be the 29th release.

- More information is available at www.HospitalSafetyGrade.org

Who is eligible for a Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade?

General acute care hospitals with enough publicly reported data

- Hospitals missing measure scores for more than **6** process/structural measures OR more than **5** outcome measures or **PSI 90** do not receive a grade. A measure score for PSI 90 is required.

The Leapfrog Group is unable to calculate a Hospital Safety Grade for certain types of hospitals due to missing CMS data:

- Critical Access Hospitals (CAH)
- Rural Emergency Hospitals (REH)
- PPS-exempt hospitals (i.e., cancer)
- VA Hospitals
- Indian Health Services
- Some specialty hospitals

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Measures used in the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade

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Measure Selection Criteria

- Measures are publicly-reported from national data sources:
  - Leapfrog Hospital Survey
  - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services data sets
- Measures are endorsed or in use by a national measurement entity
- Measures are linked to patient safety ("freedom from harm")
  - Directly quantifying patient safety events
  - Assessing processes that lead to better outcomes
  - Identified by experts as important to patient safety

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Process and Structural Measures (12)

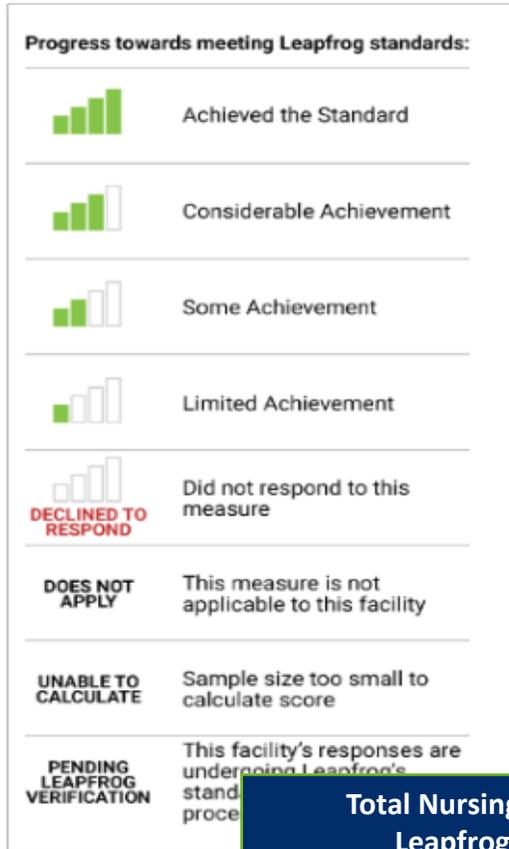| Measure Name	Primary Data Source	Reporting Period	Secondary Data Source	Reporting Period
Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE)	2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey	2025	Imputation Model (Previous Survey) or Imputation Model (Score Assigned)	2024 or N/A
Bar Code Medication Administration (BCMA)	2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey	2025	Imputation Model (Previous Survey) or Imputation Model (Score Assigned)	2024 or N/A
ICU Physician Staffing (IPS)	2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey	2025	Imputation Model (Previous Survey) or Imputation Model (Score Assigned)	2024 or N/A
Safe Practice 1: Culture of Leadership Structures and Systems	2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey	2025	N/A	N/A
Safe Practice 2: Culture Measurement, Feedback & Intervention	2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey	2025	N/A	N/A
Total Nursing Care Hours per Patient Day	2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024 or 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025	N/A	N/A
Hand Hygiene	2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey	2025	Imputation Model (Previous Survey) or Imputation Model (Score Assigned)	2024 or N/A
H-COMP-1: Nurse Communication	CMS	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	N/A	N/A
H-COMP-2: Doctor Communication	CMS	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	N/A	N/A
H-COMP-3: Staff Responsiveness	CMS	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	N/A	N/A
H-COMP-5: Communication about Medicines	CMS	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	N/A	N/A
H-COMP-6: Discharge Information	CMS	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	N/A	N/A

Outcome Measures (10)

Measure Name	Primary Data Source	Reporting Period	Secondary Data Source	Reporting Period
Foreign Object Retained	CMS	07/01/2022 - 06/30/2024	N/A	N/A
Air Embolism	CMS	07/01/2022 - 06/30/2024	N/A	N/A
Falls and Trauma	CMS	07/01/2022 - 06/30/2024	N/A	N/A
CLABSI	2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey	07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025	CMS	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024
CAUTI	2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey	07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025	CMS	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024
SSI: Colon	2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey	07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025	CMS	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024
MRSA	2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey	07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025	CMS	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024
C. Diff.	2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey	07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025	CMS	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024
PSI 4: Death rate among surgical inpatients with serious treatable conditions	CMS	07/01/2022 - 06/30/2024	N/A	N/A
CMS Medicare PSI 90: Patient safety and adverse events composite*	CMS	07/01/2022 - 06/30/2024	N/A	N/A

*Note: CMS calculates PSI 90 using the ten (10) component PSIs listed above. While scores for each of the 10 component PSIs will NOT be used to directly calculate spring 2026 Hospital Safety Grades, they will be publicly reported on the Hospital Safety Grade website.

Leapfrog Hospital Survey Measures

- The Leapfrog Group works with <u>national experts</u> to establish standards to which all participating hospitals are measured against.

- Leapfrog sets standards using peer-reviewed literature and expert opinion, peer comparisons, and alignment with existing national standards or performance targets.

- For the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade program, these performance categories are converted to measure scores for 7 measures.

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Progress towards meeting Leapfrog standards:

Icon	Category
▮▮▮▮	Achieved the Standard
▮▮▮▯	Considerable Achievement
▮▮▯▯	Some Achievement
▮▯▯▯	Limited Achievement
DECLINED TO RESPOND	Did not respond to this measure
DOES NOT APPLY	This measure is not applicable to this facility
UNABLE TO CALCULATE	Sample size too small to calculate score
PENDING LEAPFROG VERIFICATION	This facility's responses are undergoing Leapfrog's standard... proce...

Survey Results are publicly reported at <u>Ratings.Leapfroggroup.org</u>

A selection of Survey measures are used in the Safety Grade program

Total Nursing Care Hours Per Patient Day Leapfrog Performance Categories	Measure Score
Achieved the Standard	100
Considerable Achievement	70
Some Achievement	40
Limited Achievement	15
Did Not Measure	15
Unable to Calculate Score	Not Available
Does Not Apply	Not Available

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Spring 2026 Data Sources and Reporting Periods

For Hospitals that Submitted a <u>2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey</u> by November 30, 2025:

Leapfrog Hospital Survey Measures

- ❑ CPOE, BCMA, IPS, 2 NQF Safe Practices, and Hand Hygiene displayed as "2025"
- ❑ Total Nursing Care Hours per Patient Day displayed as 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024 or 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025

Infection Measures
CLABSI, CAUTI, MRSA, C. Diff, and SSI Colon

- ❑ 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025
- ❑ Downloaded December 18
- ❑ Hospitals must have also joined Leapfrog's NHSN group and provided a valid NHSN ID in the Profile by the download date

Spring 2026 Data Sources and Reporting Periods

For measures with CMS as the primary data source:

HCAHPS Measures (Patient Experience)
H-COMP-1, H-COMP-2, H-COMP-3, H-COMP-5, & H-COMP-6

- ❑ 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024
- ❑ October 2025 CMS Care Compare Refresh

Infection Measures
CLABSI, CAUTI, MRSA, C. Diff, and SSI Colon

- ❑ For hospitals where 2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey data was not available
- ❑ 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024
- ❑ October 2025 CMS Care Compare Refresh

DRA HAC Measures
Foreign Object Retained, Air Embolism, & Falls and Trauma

- ❑ 07/01/2022 - 06/30/2024
- ❑ 24-months
- ❑ Same data as fall 2025

PSI Measures
PSI 4 & PSI 90 (and publicly reported PSI 90 component measures)

- ❑ 07/01/2022 - 06/30/2024
- ❑ 24-months
- ❑ Refreshed since fall 2025

Imputation Model
CPOE, BCMA, Hand Hygiene, and IPS

- **STEP 1:** Use a Hospital's Most Recent Score on the Measure

  - If the hospital completed the previous Leapfrog Hospital Survey (i.e., the 2024 Leapfrog Hospital Survey), their most recent Safety Grade measure score will be used

  - On the public website, the reporting period will be displayed as "2024" and the data source as "Imputation Model (Previous Survey)"

- **STEP 2:** Use Imputation Point Assignment

  - **If Step 1 is not available,** a point value equivalent to receiving "Limited Achievement" on the Leapfrog Hospital Survey will be assigned

  - On the public website, the score will be displayed with an asterisk, the reporting period as "Not Applicable", and the data source as "Imputation Model (Score Assigned)"

  - **Note about IPS**: Only hospitals that operate an adult or pediatric medical and/or surgical ICU or neuro ICU are eligible for Step 2 Imputation of the IPS measure.

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Scoring Overview

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Z-Score Methodology

- Standardizes data from individual measures with different scales to allow for comparisons (e.g., a linear mean score of 90 on H-COMP-1: Nurse Communication and a CLABSI SIR of 0.870).

- Counts how many standard deviations a hospital's score on the measure is away from the mean

Negative z-score → worse than the mean

Zero z-score → performance is at the mean

Positive z-score → better than the mean

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Calculating Z-Scores

Z-Scores can indicate to a hospital whether their measure score is above, below, or equal to the average hospital.

Process and Structural Measures:

$$\text{Z-Score} = \frac{\text{Hospital's Measure Score} - \text{Mean}}{\text{Standard Deviation}}$$

Outcome Measures:

$$\text{Z-Score} = \frac{\text{Mean} - \text{Hospital's Measure Score}}{\text{Standard Deviation}}$$

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Weighting Individual Measures

Each measure included in the Safety Grade is assigned a standard measure weight using four criteria:

- Strength of evidence (rating of 1 or 2)
- Opportunity (rating of 1-3), based on coefficient of variation
- Impact (rating of 1, 2, 3) based on:
  - number of patients possibly affected by the event (0, 1, 2, 3)
  - severity of harm to individual patients (1, 2, 3)
- Number of measures (number of measures equals 1 for all measures except for PSI 90 where the number of measures equals 10)

Measure Weight=
Evidence + (Opportunity x Impact x Number of Measures)

Calculating Standard Weights

- Standard measure weights are reported as a percentage and represent the contribution of one measure to the overall numerical score

- Each domain contributes to 50% of the overall letter grade, so each measure weight must also be multiplied by .5

$$\text{Standard Measure Weight} = \frac{\text{Measure Weight}}{\text{Sum of all Measure Weights in the Domain}} \times 50\%$$

Dealing with Missing Data

If a hospital is missing a measure score for any measure, the standard weight of that measure is redistributed to the other measures in the same measure domain. The new weight for each measure within the domain is calculated by re-apportioning the standard weight assigned to the measure with the missing score to other measures within the same domain.

To calculate the new weight, hospitals can use the formula below or use the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade Calculator©, which can be found on the Safety Grade Review Website.

$$\text{Final Measure Weight} = \frac{\textit{Measure Weight}}{\textit{Sum of Remaining Measure Weights in the Domain}} \times 50\%$$

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Note About Extreme Values

- For hospitals that have an "extreme" value for an outcome measure, Leapfrog "trims" the reported value to the 99th percentile.
  - For example, a rate of 0.500 per 1,000 patient discharges for Foreign Object Retained after Surgery is "trimmed" to 0.261 (e.g., the 99th percentile)
  - Only "trimmed" rates are used in scoring and displayed on the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade website
  - Not applicable to PSI 90

- Leapfrog also caps negative z-scores at -5.0 to ensure a single measure does not disproportionately impact the overall Safety Grade

Calculating the Overall Numerical Score

1. Multiply the z-score for each measure by the final measure weight to calculate the weighted measure score

2. Sum all weighted measure scores from Step 1

3. Add 3.0 to the final numerical (this step helps to avoid possible confusion with interpreting negative scores)

Overall Numerical Score=

CPOE z-score $\times$ CPOE final weight   +
BCMA z-score $\times$ BCMA final weight   +
IPS z-score $\times$ IPS final weight   +
. . .
+ 3.0

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Hospital Safety Grade Calculator

Measure Domain	Measure	Enter Your Hospital's Score Here (Do NOT Leave Blanks)	Mean	Standard Deviation	Z-Score[1]		Inputs to Weighting Individual Measures[2]				Weight[3]		Weighted Measure Score (Modified Z-Score x Final Weight)
					Original Z-Score	Modified Z-Score	Evidence	Opportunity	Impact	Number of Component Measures	Standard Weight	Final Weight (N/A redistributes)	
Process/Structural Measures	Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE)		85.73	22.55	-3.8022	-3.8022	2	1.26	3	1	5.9%	5.9%	-0.2226
	Bar Code Medication Administration (BCMA)		83.21	21.58	-3.8553	-3.8553	2	1.26	3	1	5.8%	5.8%	-0.2253
	ICU Physician Staffing (IPS)		62.75	43.31	-1.4488	-1.4488	2	1.69	3	1	7.2%	7.2%	-0.1036
	Safe Practice 1: Culture of Leadership Structures and Systems		116.84	7.46	-15.6601	-5.0000	1	1.06	2	1	3.2%	3.2%	-0.1582
	Safe Practice 2: Culture Measurement, Feedback, & Intervention		116.54	12.74	-9.1489	-5.0000	1	1.11	2	1	3.3%	3.3%	-0.1628
	Safe Practice 9: Nursing Workforce		98.18	7.06	-13.9022	-5.0000	1	1.07	3	1	4.3%	4.3%	-0.2132
	Hand Hygiene		74.37	32.80	-2.2677	-2.2677	2	1.44	2	2	4.9%	4.9%	-0.1120
	H-COMP-1: Nurse Communication		91.11	2.22	-40.9906	-5.0000	1	1.02	2	2	3.1%	3.1%	-0.1542
	H-COMP-2: Doctor Communication		91.00	2.11	-43.0334	-5.0000	1	1.02	2	2	3.1%	3.1%	-0.1541
	H-COMP-3: Staff Responsiveness		84.38	3.59	-23.4927	-5.0000	1	1.04	2	2	3.1%	3.1%	-0.1560
	H-COMP-5: Communication about Medicines		77.67	3.58	-21.6805	-5.0000	1	1.05	2	2	3.1%	3.1%	-0.1564
	H-COMP-6: Discharge Information		86.52	3.30	-26.1921	-5.0000	1	1.04	2	2	3.1%	3.1%	-0.1556
Outcome Measures	Foreign Object Retained		0.02	0.06	0.2977	0.2977	1	3.00	2	1	4.3%	4.3%	0.0128
	Air Embolism		0.0004	0.004	0.1071	0.1071	1	3.00	1	1	2.5%	2.5%	0.0026
	Falls and Trauma		0.42	0.38	1.1045	1.1045	2	1.91	3	1	4.7%	4.7%	0.0523
	CLABSI		0.81	0.67	1.2035	1.2035	2	1.83	3	1	4.6%	4.6%	0.0553
	CAUTI		0.75	0.57	1.3160	1.3160	2	1.76	3	1	4.5%	4.5%	0.0587
	SSI: Colon		0.80	0.65	1.2292	1.2292	2	1.81	2	1	3.4%	3.4%	0.0424
	MRSA		0.84	0.65	1.2856	1.2856	2	1.78	3	1	4.5%	4.5%	0.0578
	C. Diff.		0.54	0.36	1.4799	1.4799	2	1.68	3	1	4.3%	4.3%	0.0638
	PSI 4: Death rate among surgical inpatients with serious treatable conditions		159.71	18.33	8.7137	8.7137	1	1.11	2	1	2.0%	2.0%	0.1725
	CMS Medicare PSI 90: Patient safety and adverse events composite		1.00	0.19	5.1983	5.1983	1	1.19	2	10	15.2%	15.2%	0.7919

Process Measure Domain Score:	Will populate after entering all data.
Outcome Measure Domain Score:	Will populate after entering all data.
Process/Outcome Domains - Combined Score:	Will populate after entering all data.
Normalized Numerical Score:	Will populate after entering all data.
Hospital Safety Grade (Letter Grade):	Will not be calculated until after the Safety Grade Review Period. Hospitals will be notified via email when the letter grades are posted.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade Timeline

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The Data Snapshot Date

January 31 (Spring Safety Grade) and **August 31** (Fall Safety Grade)

- The date that Leapfrog will extract public data (i.e., download data published by CMS and/or Leapfrog Hospital Survey Results) to calculate Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades

- All data, including Leapfrog Hospital Survey Results, must be <u>finalized</u> by this date.

- **New in Spring 2026:** If CMS publicly publishes updated data within seven (7) business days of the Data Snapshot Date, Leapfrog will utilize the updated data to calculate the Safety Grade.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade relies on publicly available data that hospitals have had the opportunity to review for accuracy. Therefore, Leapfrog **does not allow hospitals to make updates to their data following the Data Snapshot Date**

Important Dates for Reviewing/Correcting Data

- **Review your <u>Leapfrog Hospital Survey Results</u> after every (re)submission and every <u>NHSN download date</u> (There are 4 NHSN download dates)**
  - The Survey is open from April 1 to November 30. The Submission Deadline is June 30. Survey results are published starting July 12 and refreshed in the first 7 business days of every month to allow for corrections and performance improvements.
  - More information is available at https://www.leapfroggroup.org/survey-materials/deadlines
  - Hospitals that identify any data entry or reporting errors are instructed to log back into the Survey to submit a correction before the Data Snapshot Date

- **Utilize CMS preview periods**
  - CMS provides hospitals with a 30-day confidential preview period **before** publishing performance data at https://data.cms.gov/provider-data. More information is available at https://qualitynet.org.

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Safety Grade Timeline

Following each Data Snapshot Date:

- **Courtesy Review Period**

  - The Review Period is an opportunity for hospitals to review the data for accuracy (i.e., identify recording errors, hospital name and address changes, etc.) on a secure website and review changes to the scoring algorithm.

- **Free Town Hall Call**

- **Letter Grade Embargo Period**

  - Following the close of the Courtesy Safety Grade Review Period, Leapfrog finalizes the data and establishes letter grade cut-points. The Safety Grade Review website is refreshed, and hospitals can participate in a Letter Grade Embargo Period in which they can preview their letter grade prior to the public announcement.

- **Public Announcement**

  - Safety Grades are published on Leapfrog's public website

The Data Review Website

Used during the Courtesy Review Period and Letter Grade Embargo Period

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Accessing the Data Review Website

- A secure website for hospitals to preview their Safety Grade data

- Go to http://www.HospitalSafetyGrade.org/data-review

- Usernames and passwords are:

  - Emailed to the primary Survey contact and CEO for Leapfrog Hospital Survey participants

  - Mailed to hospital CEOs for hospitals that did not complete the most recent Leapfrog Hospital Survey

- You can also retrieve your username and password via the Help Desk.

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Step 1. Review Hospital Information

*Is the hospital name and address displayed above correct?
- ● Info above is correct
- ○ Info above is NOT correct

*Is the hospital's CMS Certification Number (CCN) **01-0118** correct?
- ○ CCN is correct
- ○ CCN is NOT correct (*If the CCN is not correct, please contact the Help Desk immediately.*)

CEO First Name*

CEO Last Name*

CEO Email Address*

1. Confirm your hospital's name & address

2. Confirm your hospital's CCN

3. Enter your CEO's contact information

   - We will notify them via email when the Letter Grade Embargo Period opens, along with other important deadlines. Ensure that the email address is accurate to avoid missing important notifications.

   - **If your hospital submitted a 2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey, please note:** that we do not add their information to our database. If your CEO has changed, please update your hospital's Profile in the Leapfrog Hospital Survey.

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Step 2. Review Source Data

- If your hospital is eligible for a Safety Grade, the updated methodology document and calculator will be available for download on this page

- The first table contains results for each of the 22 measures used in the Hospital Safety Grade, along with links to the data source and the reporting period

Name of the Measure	Type of Measure	Data Source/Links	Reporting Period	Measure Score
Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE)	Structure/Process	2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey	2025	100
Bar Code Medication Administration (BCMA)	Structure/Process	2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey	2025	100
ICU Physician Staffing (IPS)	Structure/Process	2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey	2025	50

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Note about Source Data Tables

Footnotes indicate if imputation was used, values were trimmed, or an extraordinary footnote will appear on the public website with your data

Air Embolism	Outcome	CMS	07/01/2022 - 06/30/2024	0.000
Falls and Trauma	Outcome	CMS	07/01/2022 - 06/30/2024	1.777*

*Trim value: The measure score has been trimmed to the 99th percentile. Refer to A Note About Extreme Values in the Scoring Methodology document above.

**Imputed score: The measure score has been imputed using historical data or by assigning a score to reflect the lack of information available. Refer to Using Secondary Data Sources in the Scoring Methodology document above.

#Extraordinary Circumstances Footnote: This measure score will be publicly reported with the following footnote, "Results are based on limited data due to a reported cybersecurity event, natural disaster, or a CMS Extraordinary Circumstance."

Note about Source Data Tables

The second table contains PSI 90 component measures that are not directly used to calculate the Hospital Safety Grade but will be publicly reported on the website

PSI 90 Components

CMS calculates PSI 90 using the ten (10) component PSIs that are listed in the table below. While the scores for each of the component PSIs will NOT be used to calculate the Hospital Safety Grades, they will be publicly reported on the Hospital Safety Grade website. To verify your hospital's PSI 90 Component scores, use the text links in the Data Source/Links column.

Component PSI	Data Source/Links	Reporting Period	Component Score (not used in numerical score)
PSI 3: Pressure ulcer rate	CMS	07/01/2022 - 06/30/2024	0.44
PSI 6: Iatrogenic pneumothorax rate	CMS	07/01/2022 - 06/30/2024	0.20
PSI 8: In-hospital fall with hip fracture rate	CMS	07/01/2022 - 06/30/2024	0.39

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Step 3. Enter Your Information

Reviewer Information

Please note you will be added to our hospital newsletter and receive all future announcements related to the Hospital Safety Grade program. Sign others up for our hospital newsletter here.

Reviewer First Name*

Reviewer Last Name*

Reviewer Title*

Reviewer Email Address*

Reviewer Phone Number*

Step 4. View Numerical Score

- Remember that the numerical scores posted during the Safety Grade Review Period are **preliminary** as changes do occur during the Safety Grade Review Period.

- Final numerical scores will be posted, along with the letter grade, at least two weeks prior to the public announcement.

- Hospitals will be alerted via an email sent to the addresses provided in the Contact and Reviewer Information fields.

My Score	My Letter Grade
2.7453	TBD

More Information

Review Instructions and Scoring Methodology

Hospital Safety Grade Calculator

Changes in Measure Weights

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What if the Measure Score Doesn't Match the Public Report?

- Hospitals should double check the following information before contacting the Help Desk:
  - **Data source** - the data source listed on the Safety Grade Review Website is what you are referring to when verifying your measure score. You should be using the direct links provided in your Source Data table. For example, if Leapfrog Hospital Survey is listed as the data source for the HAI measures, and you are referring to the CMS HAI data when verifying your measure score, it will not match because that data was not used.
  - **Measure** - the measure listed on the Safety Grade Review Website is what you are referring to when verifying your measure score.
  - **Reporting period** - the reporting period listed on the Safety Grade Review Website is what you are referring to when verifying your measure score.

- When you contact the Help Desk about a potential discrepancy, you must include a copy of the public report or a screenshot that shows a different score for the measure. Please be sure the data source, measure name, and reporting period are visible in the screenshot. If we find a recording error, we will update the measure score and numerical score before assigning a Letter Grade. You will see an updated numerical score during the Letter Grade Embargo Period.

- Discrepancies must be reported during the Courtesy Review Period.

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Public Reporting

Screenshots taken from Safety Grade website reflect fall 2025 Safety Grades

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Hospital Safety Grade Public Website

hospitalsafetygrade.org

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Hospital Grades and Measure Scores

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Detailed Table View

This Hospital's Grade

STRAIGHT
A
FALL 2025

Virginia Mason Medical Center

1100 Ninth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101-2756
Map and Directions

Outcomes measures include errors, accidents, and injuries that this hospital has publicly reported.

Measure	The Hospital's Score	Worst Performing Hospital	Avg. Performing Hospital	Best Performing Hospital	Data Source	Time Period Covered
Dangerous object left in patient's body What's This?	0.122	0.256	0.011	0.000	CMS	07/01/2022 - 06/30/2024
Air or gas bubble in the blood What's This?	0.000	0.050	0.001	0.000	CMS	07/01/2022 - 06/30/2024
Patient falls and injuries What's This?	0.245	1.748	0.338	0.000	CMS	07/01/2022 - 06/30/2024
Infection in the blood What's This?	0.124	2.362	0.586	0.000	2025 Leapfrog Hospital Survey	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024

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Hospitals Not Graded

Hospitals that were not graded this round, but were in the previous round, will appear in the search results with a "Not Graded" icon.

Planned Updates to the 2026 and 2027 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade Methodology

On August 14, 2025, Leapfrog published planned updates to the Hospital Safety Grade methodology and held a public comment period through October 14, 2025. We received a variety of thoughtful comments from different perspectives, which were helpful in finalizing the methodology. We thank all the commenters for their insights.

Please note that due to a delay in the January CMS data refresh, the planned update for spring 2026 will not take effect until fall 2026. Click here to review the final updates to the methodology.

Summary

- **Fall 2026**
  - CMS has paused the public reporting of the H-COMP-3 domain on Care Compare. In response to the pause, Leapfrog will temporarily remove Staff Responsiveness (H-COMP-3) and increase the weight of Nurse Communication (H-COMP-1).

- **Starting Spring 2027:**
  - **CMS' permanent removal of PSI 4**: Leapfrog will remove PSI 4 and add Failure-to-Rescue to the Safety Grade Methodology
  - **NHSN update to the SIR model**: HAI measures will likely be calculated using the NHSN 2022 baseline
  - **Planned updates to the weighting methodology:** Leapfrog's national expert panel has convened a subcommittee to review the weighting methodology used in the Hospital Safety Grade. If a new weighting methodology is proposed, changes will be released for public comment in 2026 and not incorporated into the Safety Grade until spring 2027.

More Information

Leapfrog Help Desk: https://leapfroghelpdesk.zendesk.com

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