Pratt Regional Medical Center Earns Third Straight "A" Grade for Patient Safety in Fall 2017 - Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade

New Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades, which assign A, B, C, D and F letter grades to hospitals nationwide and provide the most complete picture of patient safety in the

U.S., were announced today by The Leapfrog Group, a national patient safety watchdog. Pratt Regional Medical Center was one of 832 hospitals to receive an

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"A", ranking among the safest hospitals in the United States, only 12 hospitals in Kansas received an "A" grade.

"The Leapfrog Group is considered the Gold standard when it comes to ranking hospitals for Patient Safety. Achieving our third straight "A" is truly a wonderful accomplishment! Our physicians and other providers, staff and quality leadership team are to be commended for their efforts. I couldn't be more proud" said Susan Page, President and CEO.

"It takes consistent, unwavering dedication to patients to achieve the highest standards of patient safety. An 'A' Safety Grade recognizes hospitals for this accomplishment," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We congratulate the clinicians, Board, management and staff of Pratt Regional Medical Center for showing the country what it means to put patient safety first."

guidance of an Expert

Testosterone is a

Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 30 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign A, B, C, D and F grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is calculated by top patient safety experts, peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

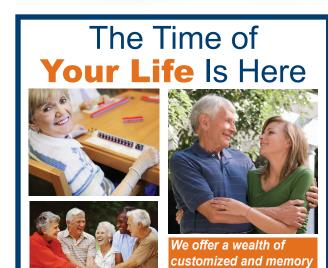
To see Pratt Regional Medical Center's full grade, and to access consumer-friendly patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit www. hospitalsafetygrade.org or follow The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade on Twitter or Facebook. Consumers can also download the free Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade mobile app for Apple and Android devices.

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.







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hormone that is produced in the human body. Although testosterone is largely associated with males, females produce it as well. Testosterone is responsible for stimulating sperm production and giving men their reproductive drive. Testosterone also helps build bone and muscle mass and causes hair to grow on a man's chest and elsewhere. WebMD says that, after age 30, most men begin to experience a gradual decline in testosterone production. Some men may even exhibit symptoms that suggest that their testosterone levels have dropped considerably. The

American Urological Association says roughly two

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than 60 have low testosterone, often referred to as "low T." Signs of low T include reduced sex drive, difficulty achieving or maintaining an erection, low semen volume, hair loss, fatigue, and increased body fat. Men can have their testosterone levels checked by taking a blood test to see if their levels are normal.

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