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## **Leapfrog Announces 2018 Top Hospital Award for North Texas Area Hospitals**

*Five DFW area hospitals receive coveted national distinction on safety & quality practices*

**DALLAS – Dec. 4, 2018 –** [The Leapfrog Group](#) announced five North Texas hospitals have been named to its 2018 national list of Top Hospitals. The elite award is one of the most competitive honors American hospitals can receive in safety and quality. The winning facilities will be officially recognized at Leapfrog’s Annual Top Hospitals Ceremony tonight in Washington, DC.

DFWBGH is Leapfrog Group’s Regional Leader for North Texas and a non-profit organization representing employer purchasers of health care. The Top Hospitals in North Texas:

- Children’s Medical Center Dallas
- Children's Medical Center Plano
- Medical City Denton
- Methodist Charlton Medical Center
- Methodist Richardson Medical Center

“DFWBGH has been advocating improvements in patient safety and health care quality since 2001 when we first brought the Leapfrog Group’s publicly reported patient safety measures to the attention of local hospitals,” said Marianne Fazen, DFWBGH executive director. “We’re proud of these five hospitals in our region that went the extra mile to achieve Leapfrog Group’s Top Hospital rating this year and encourage all other area hospitals to demonstrate the same commitment to patient safety and quality care.”

Leapfrog is a national nonprofit watchdog organization that rates hospitals on how well they protect patients from errors and infections, as well as the effectiveness of procedures and other care they provide. This year, Leapfrog recognized 118 Top Hospitals across the country. Of those, 13 were Top Children’s Hospitals, 35 Top General Hospitals, 17 Top Rural Hospitals and 53 Top Teaching Hospitals.

“Leapfrog Top Hospitals have demonstrated excellence in providing safe and high quality care,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “We congratulate the leadership, boards, clinicians, staff and volunteers whose dedication contributed to their hospital’s success.”

The Top Hospital award is given to teaching, general, rural and children's hospitals that publicly report their performance through the Leapfrog Hospital Survey and meet the high standards defined in [the Top Hospitals Methodology](#). This includes infection rates, maternity care and a hospital’s ability to prevent medication errors, among other standards. To see the full national list of institutions honored as 2018 Top Hospitals, please visit [www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals](http://www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals).

### **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.

#### **About DFWBGH**

The [Dallas-Fort Worth Business Group on Health](#) (DFWBGH) is a regional coalition of Dallas and Fort Worth employers dedicated to improving health care quality, cost-effectiveness, transparency and accountability. Representing over 93 allied and 75 corporate members with 750,000 local individuals spending over \$4 billion in healthcare annually, members include American Airlines, Brinker International, City of Fort Worth, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, DynCorp International, Greyhound Lines, Inc., JC Penney, The Neiman Marcus Group, Sabre, Southwest Airlines, Texas Instruments and Vistra Energy. A member of the Texas Business Group on Health and the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions, DFWBGH's goals are to educate and empower employers and their employees to make informed health care-related decisions and to encourage health care providers to continuously improve their performance. Follow on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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