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**UAMS Medical Center Only Hospital in Greater Little Rock Area  
to Receive ‘A’ Safety Grade from The Leapfrog Group**

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Medical Center earned an “A” Hospital Safety Grade from The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit that awards letter grades to general hospitals around the country based on more than 30 measures of errors, accidents, injuries and infections as well as the systems that hospitals have in place to prevent them.

UAMS was one of six hospitals in Arkansas to receive an “A” ranking, and it was the only one in the Greater Little Rock region.

“I am personally thrilled by this ranking because it represents the importance that we at UAMS put on safety, which is one of our core values,” said Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA, UAMS chancellor and CEO of UAMS Health. “We are committed to improving the health of all Arkansans, and providing our patients with safe and effective health care is key to fulfilling our mission.”

“Everyone who works at UAMS should be proud of this ‘A’ Hospital Safety Grade,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “It takes complete dedication at every level, and an ironclad commitment to putting patients first. I thank UAMS, its leadership, clinicians, staff and volunteers for caring so deeply for its patients and their safety.”

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program focused exclusively on preventable medical errors, infections and injuries that kill more than 500 patients a day nationally. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

“This ranking is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our Medical Center employees,” said Michelle Krause, M.D., senior vice chancellor of UAMS Health and CEO of the UAMS Medical Center. “There are five categories of scores that make up our

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‘A’ grade, and I’m particularly proud of our score in the Doctors, Nurses and Hospital Staff category, where we are among those who achieved the highest score of all hospitals measured by Leapfrog.”

The full Leapfrog hospital safety rankings can be found at [hospitalsafetygrade.org/](https://hospitalsafetygrade.org/).

UAMS is the state’s only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; a hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and eight institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute, Institute for Digital Health & Innovation and the Institute for Community Health Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS’ clinical enterprise. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. UAMS has 3,275 students, 890 medical residents and fellows, and five dental residents. It is the state’s largest public employer with more than 12,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children’s, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit [www.uams.edu](http://www.uams.edu) or [www.uamshealth.com](http://www.uamshealth.com). Find us on [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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