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Kenmore Mercy Earns 2024 Leapfrog Top Hospital Award for Outstanding Quality and Patient Safety

Kenmore Mercy Hospital was named a Top General Hospital by the Leapfrog Group, a national industry watchdog organization that collects and reports safety data for hospitals across the country to help consumers make more informed healthcare decisions. The Leapfrog Top Hospital award is widely acknowledged as one of the most competitive awards American hospitals can receive.

"We are extremely proud of our entire care team at Kenmore Mercy, who have consistently shown their dedication to the health and safety of the patients we care for," said Kenmore Mercy Hospital President Walt Ludwig. "We are honored to once again be named a Top General Hospital, and to have these efforts recognized by The Leapfrog Group."

Nearly 2,400 hospitals were considered for Leapfrog's Top Hospitals award. Kenmore Mercy was one of only 36 hospitals in the country, and one of two in New York State to receive the Top General Hospital award. A total of 134 Top Hospitals were named in the following categories: 36 Top General Hospitals, 75 Top Teaching Hospitals, 15 Top Rural Hospitals and 8 Top Children's Hospitals.

This recognition follows Leapfrog's Hospital Safety Grade Report released last month. In the fall report, Kenmore Mercy received its 22nd consecutive "A" Safety Grade, making it one of only 26 hospitals in the country, and the only one in New York State, to earn this distinction.

"Protecting patients from preventable harm is central to The Leapfrog Group's mission," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "Kenmore Mercy has set the standard for patient safety, earning the prestigious distinction of a Top Hospital. This elite honor reflects the exceptional efforts of the entire team and places Kenmore Mercy among the nation's elite in health care."

To qualify for this distinction, hospitals must achieve top performance in their category on the Leapfrog Hospital Survey, which assesses hospital performance on the highest standards for quality and patient safety. To see the full list of institutions honored as 2024 Top Hospitals, visit www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals.

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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 for patient safety. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey and new Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Survey collect and transparently report hospital and ASC 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. For more, follow us on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn and sign up for our newsletter.

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