

PRESS RELEASE

GPBCH Recognizes Hospitals for Record-breaking Participation in 2015 Leapfrog Hospital Survey Hospital Quality and Safety Reporting Increased Ten-fold Since 2012

PHILADELPHIA, PA— (January 19, 2016)— A record 30 hospitals (out of 55) participated in the 2015 Leapfrog Group Hospital Survey in southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, where the Greater Philadelphia Business Coalition on Health (GPBCH) serves as a Leapfrog "regional roll-out" in partnership with the Delaware Valley Health Care Coalition (DVHCC). This is a ten-fold increase since 2012 when only three hospitals were reporting in the Leapfrog survey — a national initiative that encourages hospitals to voluntarily disclose data on safety practices and outcomes. Nationwide, a grand total of 1,750 out of 2,500 hospitals completed the Leapfrog Hospital Survey in 2015, a 17% increase over 2014. Through the Leapfrog Group efforts, transparency on hospital quality and safety continues to increase in our region and across the country. This is good news for purchasers and consumers, who can make valid comparisons and use information to select a provider. Studies have shown that hospitals that publicly report their data are more likely to improve on the reported measures.

According to Neil Goldfarb, President and CEO of GPBCH, "Over the last four years, we have been able to make considerable impact on the number of hospitals reporting their data to the Leapfrog Survey because the Greater Philadelphia Business Coalition on Health has employer members that represent over 750,000 lives in this region. That is a significant portion of the population who utilize our region's hospitals."

GPBCH would like to recognize the following southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware hospitals in its "regional roll-out" area for their willingness to disclose their performance information in the 2015 Leapfrog Hospital Survey:

- Abington Health Lansdale Hospital and Abington Memorial Hospital
- Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children
- Aria Health Bucks County, Frankford and Torresdale Divisions
- Beebe Healthcare
- Cancer Treatment Centers of America at Eastern Regional Medical Center
- Christiana Care Health System Christiana Hospital, Wilmington Hospital
- Crozer Keystone Health System Crozer Chester Medical Center, Delaware County Memorial Hospital, Springfield Hospital, Taylor Hospital
- Doylestown Hospital
- Grand View Hospital
- Hahnemann University Hospital
- Jeanes Hospital
- Lower Bucks Hospital
- Mercy Health System Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital, Mercy Suburban Hospital, Nazareth Hospital, Mercy Philadelphia Hospital
- Nanticoke Memorial Hospital

- Roxborough Memorial Hospital
- St. Christopher's Hospital for Children
- St. Mary Medical Center
- Temple University Hospital
- Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Center City and Methodist Hospital Campuses

Under the "regional roll-out" efforts of the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute, the following 14 hospitals (out of 17) located in Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties in southern New Jersey also participated in the 2015 Leapfrog Hospital Survey:

- Cape Regional Medical Center
- Cooper University Health Care
- Inspira Medical Center Elmer, Vineland, and Woodbury Campuses
- Kennedy University Hospital Cherry Hill, Stratford, and Washington Township
- Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center, and Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington
- Shore Medical Center
- Virtua Hospital Virtua Memorial Hospital, and Marlton and Voorhees Campuses

About Greater Philadelphia Business Coalition on Health

The <u>Greater Philadelphia Business Coalition on Health</u> (GPBCH) is an employer-led non-profit membership organization focused on working with health plans, health care providers, and other system stakeholders to improve the value of health benefit spending for its members, by improving healthcare quality and safety and reducing health care costs. The Coalition is committed to maintaining and improving the health and productivity of the region's workforce, and to ensuring that when health care is needed it is accessible, affordable, high-quality, and safe. The Coalition's service area includes the Philadelphia five-county region (Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, and Delaware Counties), the state of Delaware (New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Counties), and southern New Jersey (Camden, Burlington, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, Atlantic and Cape May Counties). GPBCH currently represents over 750,000 lives in the region and 1.4 million lives nationally, and is a member of the National Business Coalition on Health that represents over 50 healthcare business coalitions in the United States.

About Delaware Valley Health Care Coalition

The <u>Delaware Valley Health Care Coalition, Inc.</u> (DVHCC) is a non-profit, voluntary association comprised of Taft Hartley funds, municipalities, governmental entities, schools and school districts. The DVHCC mission is to control and reduce health care costs for its members through deep discount mass purchasing. The DVHCC strives to ensure the availability of innovative, quality health care, insurance and financial products tailored to meet the needs of its membership while respecting each plan's total autonomy.

About Leapfrog Group

Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, the <u>Leapfrog Group</u> 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. Hospital Safety Score, 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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