

12 LI Hospitals Get 'A' Rating On New Safety Grades: See Full List

See if your local hospital got an "A" grade in The Leapfrog Group's fall 2024 hospital safety grades.



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Twelve hospitals on Long Island were given top marks in The Leapfrog Group's fall 2024 hospital safety grades released Friday. (Shutterstock)

LONG ISLAND — Twelve hospitals on Long Island were given top marks in The Leapfrog Group's fall 2024 hospital safety grades released Friday.

The Leapfrog Group, a nonprofit health care watchdog group that grades hospitals twice a year, assigns letter grades ranging from "A" to "F" for 3,000 general hospitals on how well they prevent medical errors, accidents and infections.

Overall, hospitals have made great strides since the pandemic years, when the risk of contracting deadly infections was elevated nationwide, but more work needs to be done, the Leapfrog Group said in a news release.

Long Island had 12 hospitals that achieved an "A grade." They are:

- South Shore University in Bay Shore. Also achieved an "A" in spring 2024.
- Glen Cove Hospital in Glen Cove. Also achieved an "A" in spring 2024.
- Huntington Hospital in Huntington. Also achieved an "A" in spring 2024.
- NYU Langone Hospital — Long Island in Mineola. Also achieved an "A" in spring 2024.
- Plainview Hospital in Plainview. Also achieved an "A" in spring 2024.
- Mather Hospital in Port Jefferson. Also achieved an "A" in spring 2024.
- St. Charles Hospital in Port Jefferson. Also achieved an "A" in spring 2024.
- Peconic Bay Medical Center in Riverhead. Also achieved an "A" in spring 2024.
- St. Francis Hospital & Heart Center in Roslyn. Also achieved an "A" in spring 2024.
- Stony Brook Southampton Hospital. Also achieved an "A" in spring 2024.
- Stony Brook University Hospital in Stony Brook. Upgraded from "B" in spring 2024.
- Syosset Hospital in Syosset. Upgraded from "B" in spring 2024.

Overall, Long Island had:

- Six hospitals that earned "B" grades;
- Five hospitals that earned "C" grades;
- Zero hospitals that earned "D" grades; and
- Zero hospitals that earned "F" grades

For the third grading cycle, Utah tops the list with the highest percentage of "A" hospitals, followed, respectively, by Virginia, Connecticut, North Carolina, New Jersey, California, Rhode Island, Idaho, Pennsylvania, Colorado and South Carolina. California ranked in the top 10 for the first time since the fall of 2014.

The fall 2024 ratings show improvement in patient safety across several performance measures, including notable improvements on health care-associated infections, hand hygiene and medication safety. Preventable deaths and harm in hospitals has long been a major policy focus for The Leapfrog Group.

While noting the gains hospitals have made in patient safety have saved "countless lives," Leapfrog Group president and CEO Leah Binder said in a news release that medical centers nationwide need to accelerate their progress "because no one should have to die from a preventable error in a hospital."

Binder said significant variation in performance continues across U.S. hospitals. For example, four states — Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Vermont — had no "A" hospitals.

"That's why it's so important for people to consult grades when making decisions about seeking care," Binder said. "All hospitals are not the same."

Nationally, health care-acquired infections reached their highest peak since 2016 in the fall 2022 safety grades, but they have since declined dramatically, according to the report.

Also, central line-associated bloodstream infections were down 38 percent, catheter-associated urinary tract infections were down 36 and MRSA (methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*) infections decreased by 34 percent.

For more information on the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades, visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org.