

**December 14, 2022****Immediate Release****Contact:** JoAnn Cavanaugh, Director Public Relations**Office:** (716) 706-2061 | **Cell:** (716) 228-4886 | **Email:** [jcav@chsbuffalo.org](mailto:jcav@chsbuffalo.org)

## **Kenmore Mercy Hospital Receives 18<sup>th</sup> Straight “A” in Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade Report as Catholic Health Receives Highest Overall Score in WNY**

Kenmore Mercy Hospital received the Buffalo-Niagara region’s only “A” Safety Grade in the Leapfrog Group’s fall 2022 Hospital Safety Grade Report, which rates hospitals on how well they protect patients from preventable harm. It is the 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive “A” for Kenmore Mercy, which is the most of any hospital in New York State.

“We are extremely proud of our entire care team at Kenmore Mercy, who continue to raise the bar on quality and patient safety,” said Hospital President Walt Ludwig. “Through their hard work and focus on providing exceptional care, they have achieved a consistent level of excellence held by few hospitals.”

Catholic Health received the region’s highest overall safety score with Mercy Hospital of Buffalo and Sisters of Charity Hospital receiving the only “B” Safety Grades in Erie County. Mount St. Mary’s Hospital in Niagara County received a “C” grade, as did most other local hospitals.

“Through a culture of continuous improvement, we work every day to provide patients throughout our system with safe, high quality care,” said Hans Cassagnol, MD, MMM, Executive Vice President & Chief Physician Executive for Catholic Health. “Our Quality & Patient Safety teams and caregivers continue to look for opportunities to improve our grades with each new Leapfrog report.”

Founded more than 20 years ago by large employers and other major purchasers of healthcare, The Leapfrog Group is a national watchdog organization that collects and reports safety data for nearly 3,000 hospitals, giving consumers the information they need to make more informed healthcare decisions. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Safety Grade Report, which is updated twice annually, in the spring and fall. The grades, ranging from A – F, are based on how well a hospital protects patients from preventable medical errors, injuries, accidents, and infections.

“Never in history have we seen across-the-board improvement in patient safety until this last decade, coinciding with the history of the Hospital Safety Grade,” said Leah Binder, President and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “We salute hospitals for this milestone and encourage them to accelerate their hard work saving patient lives.”

To see the full list on Hospital Safety Grades and learn how to stay safe in the hospital, visit [HospitalSafetyGrade.org](https://HospitalSafetyGrade.org).





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*From delivering thousands of babies each year; to offering the area's widest network of comprehensive cardiac, stroke, vascular, orthopedic and women's services; to providing a broad range of home care, skilled nursing and other post-acute services, Catholic Health cares for hundreds of thousands of Western New Yorkers at dozens of locations in the Buffalo-Niagara region. As the area's quality, safety and patient satisfaction leader, its network includes Kenmore Mercy Hospital, Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, Mount St. Mary's Hospital, Sisters of Charity Hospital and its St. Joseph Campus; and a wide range of Home & Community Based Care services. Trinity Medical WNY, a multi-specialty practice with locations throughout the region; and Catholic Medical Partners, the area's largest independent Practice Association, make up its physician enterprise, consisting of more than 1,500 providers. Together, with its nearly 9,000 associates, Catholic Health is part of a healing ministry dating back more than 170 years. Today, as one of the largest providers of healthcare in Western New York, Catholic Health is continuing to transform care across the region.*

#### **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 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 and Facebook, and sign up for our newsletter.*