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**Bakersfield Heart Hospital Nationally Recognized with an 'A' Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade**

Bakersfield Heart Hospital received an "A" [Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade](#) for fall 2021. This national distinction recognizes Bakersfield Heart Hospital's achievements in protecting patients from harm and error in the hospital.

The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization, assigns an "A," "B," "C," "D," or "F" grade to general hospitals across the country based on over thirty national performance measures reflecting errors, injuries, accidents and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

"These past two years have been extremely challenging for all of us, but we have never lost sight of our commitment to high-quality, safe, patient-centered care," said Michelle Oxford, Chief Executive Officer. "It is very rewarding to see our dedication reflected in Leapfrog's safety scores."

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harms to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

"An 'A' Safety Grade is a tremendous achievement, of which this community should be extremely proud," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "I thank the leadership and workforce of Bakersfield Heart Hospital for its commitment to prioritizing patients and their safety, especially during these trying times."

To see Bakersfield Heart Hospital's full grade details, visit [HospitalSafetyGrade.org](https://HospitalSafetyGrade.org).

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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 forward in the quality and safety of American health care. 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.

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