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Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian Earns 2015 Leapfrog Top Hospital Award
Newport Beach and Irvine Hospitals Also Awarded "A" Safety Scores by The Leapfrog Group

**NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., December 2, 2015 ---** For the third year in a row, <u>The Leapfrog Group</u> has named Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian to its annual list of Top Hospitals. This coveted and respected recognition showcases Hoag's commitment to Leapfrog's vision of providing the safest, highest quality health care for consumers and purchasers alike.

Hoag was also awarded a grade "A" Leapfrog Hospital Safety Score in Newport Beach and Irvine, which rates how well hospitals protect patients from accidents, errors, injuries and infections.

"Hoag is honored to be recognized as one of the top hospitals in the nation for patient safety and quality," said Robert T. Braithwaite, Hoag president and chief executive officer. "We pride ourselves on providing the highest quality health care services to the communities we serve and it is a privilege to be acknowledged for that nationally by Leapfrog."

Hoag was one of 98 Top Hospitals recognized and selected from hospitals participating in The Leapfrog Group's annual survey. The list includes:

- 24 Top Rural Hospitals
- 62 Top Urban Hospitals
- 12 Top Children's Hospitals

The selection is based on the results of The Leapfrog Group's annual hospital survey, which measures hospitals' performance on patient safety and quality, focusing on three critical areas of hospital care: how patients fare, resource use and management structures established to prevent errors. Performance across many areas of hospital care is considered in establishing the qualifications for the award, including survival rates for high-risk procedures and a hospital's ability to prevent medication errors.



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"Being named a Leapfrog Top Hospital and receiving "A" Safety Scores are powerful acknowledgments of the hard work and commitment of our entire team to providing the highest quality care to each and every patient," said Allyson Brooks, M.D., Hoag chief quality officer and Ginny Ueberroth Executive Medical Director Endowed Chair, Hoag Women's Health Institute. "We take great pride in the fact that Hoag is a trusted and nationally recognized health care organization."

"Leapfrog's Top Hospital award is widely acknowledged as one of the most prestigious distinctions any hospital can achieve in the United States," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "Top Hospitals have lower infection rates, better outcomes, decreased length of stay and fewer readmissions. By achieving Top Hospital status, Hoag has proven it prioritizes the safety of its patients, is committed to transparency and provides exemplary care for families and patients in Newport Beach. I congratulate the board, staff, and clinicians of Hoag whose efforts achieved these results."

The Top Hospital award is given to urban, rural and children's hospitals that publicly report their performance through the annual Leapfrog Hospital Survey and meet the high standards defined in each year's Top Hospitals Methodology.

To see the full list of institutions honored as a 2015 Top Hospital, please visit <a href="https://www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals">www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals</a>.

## ABOUT HOAG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PRESBYTERIAN

Hoag is an approximately \$1 billion nonprofit, regional health care delivery network in Orange County, California, that treats more than 25,000 inpatients and 369,000 outpatients annually. Hoag consists of two acute-care hospitals – Hoag Hospital Newport Beach, which opened in 1952, and Hoag Hospital Irvine, which opened in 2010 – in addition to six health centers and eight urgent care centers. Hoag is a designated Magnet® hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). Hoag offers a comprehensive blend of health care services that includes five institutes providing specialized services in the following areas: <a href="cancer">cancer</a>, <a href="heart and vascular">heart and vascular</a>, <a href="neurosciences">neurosciences</a>, <a href="women's health">women's health</a>, and orthopedics through Hoag's affiliate, <a href="Hoag Orthopedic Institute">Hoag Orthopedic Institute</a>, which consists of an orthopedic hospital and two ambulatory surgical centers. In 2013, Hoag entered into an alliance with St. Joseph Health to further expand health care services in the Orange County community, known as St. Joseph Hoag Health. Hoag has been named one of the Best Regional Hospitals in the U.S. News & World Report Metro Edition. National Research Corporation has endorsed Hoag as Orange County's most preferred hospital



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for the past 20 consecutive years and, for an unprecedented 20 years, residents of Orange County have chosen Hoag as one of the county's best hospitals in a local newspaper survey. Visit <a href="www.hoag.org">www.hoag.org</a> for more information.

## **ABOUT THE LEAPFROG GROUP**

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