

UM Charles Regional receives 'A' in hospital safety

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LA PLATA, Md. - University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center (UM CRMC) was awarded an 'A' from The Leapfrog Group's Fall 2018 Hospital Safety Grade. The designation recognizes UM CRMC's efforts in protecting patients from harm and meeting the highest safety standards in the United States.

"This achievement for UM CRMC is a result of the collective hard work and dedication to patient safety by our entire medical and staff team. Our successful initiatives such as hand hygiene, fall prevention, and sepsis protocol programs, are integral to our culture of safety and lead us to the ultimate goal of zero patient harm," said UM Charles Regional Chief Medical Officer, Joseph Moser, MD. "Since we received our last biannual results this past spring, our rating increased two letter grades. This is a significant accomplishment, especially considering only 32% of acute care hospitals nationwide earned an A grade."

The Leapfrog Group is a national organization committed to improving health care quality and safety for consumers and purchasers. The Safety Grade assigns an A, B, C, D or F grade to hospitals across the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, infections and other harms among patients in their care.

"Leapfrog's Hospital Safety Grades recognize hospitals like UM CRMC that focus on advancing patient safety. This ranking provides an important resource for patients, and a benchmark for hospitals, to determine how care at one hospital compares to others in a region," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "Hospitals that earn an A Hospital Safety Grade deserve to be recognized for their efforts in preventing medical harm and errors."

Developed under the guidance of a National Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade's methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

UM CRMC was one of 855 acute care hospitals across the United States awarded an A in the Fall 2018 update of grades. To see UM CRMC's full grade details, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit www.hospitalsafetygrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on Twitter and Facebook.

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 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. 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.

About UM Charles Regional Medical Center

UM Charles Regional Medical Center is a member of the University of Maryland Medical System and serves as a regional, not-for-profit, integrated health system serving Charles County and the surrounding areas of Southern Maryland. Our mission is to always provide excellent patient care as measured by the population's health, clinical outcomes, patient satisfaction, and cost effectiveness. UM Charles Regional Medical Center continues to be the premier place to receive and provide care in the region.

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