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**Press Release:**

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## **UMC GETS AN ‘A’ IN LATEST HOSPITAL SAFETY RATINGS**

**EL PASO, Texas** – University Medical Center of El Paso (UMC) is now among the safest hospitals in the nation, according to the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade system. This marks the first time that UMC achieved an “A” grade through the system.

“This achievement is testament to the hard work and diligence of our nurses, techs and physicians throughout our hospital to ensure that patient safety and satisfaction are our priorities,” said Jacob Cintron, UMC President & CEO. “We looked at every area of patient

care and sought ways to not only meet safety standards but to exceed them. I am happy that Leapfrog has recognized our work toward improvement.



Heading up UMC’s safety standards improvement while ensuring data was accurate and reflective of the care UMC provides was UMC’s Quality Management team. “The Leapfrog Group is a nationwide organization that serves as a voice for health care safety,” said Roxanne Weisendanger, UMC’s Chief Nursing Officer. “Our Quality Management team, nurses and everyone throughout the healthcare delivery process were focused on making everything we do as safe as possible for all patients. Every one of our providers, techs, assistants and other Associates can share in this success. Most of all, our patients can count on the safest of care at UMC.”

Hospitals receive a letter grade of A through F based on their overall safety performance every Spring and Fall.

UMC’s Spring 2019 Grade of an “A,” makes it among the safest hospitals in the nation. Safety data is compiled from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and Leapfrog Hospital Survey.

Virtually all acute care hospitals are measured and assessed through the Leapfrog system.

There are 28 national performance measures that are looked at through the system. This includes 13 Process/Structural Measures and 15 Patient Outcome Measures. These measures assess hospital safety, quality and efficiency based on national performance measures that are specific to health care.

For more information about UMC, logon to [UMCelpaso.org](http://UMCelpaso.org).

**About UMC:** For 104 years, University Medical Center of El Paso (UMC) has been providing exceptional, high quality care for the entire El Paso region. UMC is home to the region's only Level I Comprehensive Stroke Center and only Level I Trauma Center. UMC's mission is to enhance the health and wellness of the El Paso community by making high quality, affordable healthcare services accessible to all, while providing healthcare-related education, research and innovation.

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