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**Willamette Valley Medical Center continues to earn “A’s” for Patient Safety
-Spring 2017 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades-**

McMinnville, OR, April 14, 2017 – [The Leapfrog Group](#), a nonprofit organization committed to driving quality, safety, and transparency in the U.S. health care system, today released new [Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades](#), which assign A, B, C, D and F letter grades to hospitals nationwide. Willamette Valley Medical Center (WVMC) was **one of 823** hospitals to receive an “**A**” for its commitment to **reducing errors, infections, and accidents that can harm patients.**

WVMC is dedicated to patient satisfaction and patient safety by adhering to the national medical guidelines from the different specialty organizations for safe patient care. “In the past few years, the dedication to patient safety has been proven in the implementation of a dedicated employee who oversees the patient experience program for the entire hospital. Also an initiative was passed to have a nursing leader visit every inpatient prior to discharge to confirm that WVMC have met the patient expectations.” Carolyn Lash, Chief Quality Officer said about the strides WVMC has made.

“The steps taken to improve patient safety and satisfaction are seen every day at WVMC. The hard work our leadership and employees have done to ensure that every patient who comes to our hospital is provided the highest quality care is exceptional. We are so happy to be able to reinforce our efforts with this great recognition. It is fantastic for our community to know that we are what we preach and that the ‘You Mater. Amazing Care every time’ motto is more than a tagline, it is a mission we fulfill daily.” Peter Hofstetter, CEO said.

“Hospitals that earn top marks nationally in the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, ‘have achieved the highest safety standards in the country,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “That takes commitment from every member of the hospital staff, who all deserve thanks and congratulations when their hospitals achieve an ‘A’ Safety Grade.”

Developed under the guidance of an Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 30 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign A, B, C, D and F grades to

more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is calculated by top patient safety experts, peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

To see WVMC's full grade, and to access consumer-friendly patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit www.hospitalsafetygrade.org.

About Willamette Valley Medical Center-

Located in McMinnville, Oregon, Willamette Valley Medical Center (WVMC) is an 88-bed acute-care, full-service facility, fully accredited by The Joint Commission. The hospital employs more than 600 people at its modern facility, which was built in 1996. Nationally recognized for its quality of care, WVMC is one of only 117 hospitals in the nation to be named a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures for five consecutive years by The Joint Commission. WVMC features a 24-hour Emergency Department with round-the-clock imaging and laboratory services, the Joint Replacement Institute, a Critical Care Unit and a Senior Behavioral Health Services unit. WVMC also provides a host of other services including a full spectrum of inpatient and outpatient Surgical Services, a Family Birthing Center, Endoscopy, Cardiac Catheterization Lab, Cardio Pulmonary Services, Breast Center, and Therapy Services. In addition, the hospital offers specialty services in the H. R. Hoover, MD, Cancer Center and the Wound Care Center. For more information, visit www.WillametteValleyMedical.com



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.

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