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PALOMAR MEDICAL CENTER POWAY RECEIVES “A” SAFETY GRADE

“A” grade achieved for consecutive terms

Palomar Medical Center Poway has received an “A” grade for protecting patients from harm and providing safer health care for the second grading period in a row from the Leapfrog Group, a national watchdog organization. Leapfrog tracks 27 performance measures collected by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

“Our staff at Palomar Medical Center Poway provide the safest and highest level of patient care possible,” said Palomar Health Chief Operations Officer Sheila Brown. “Our physicians, nurses, technicians, environmental services workers and other support staff strives for excellence every day.”

Safe, high-quality care is especially magnified during the COVID-19 pandemic. The public does not see all the heroic work that goes on behind the scenes to make Palomar Medical Center Poway an “A” hospital.

“Hospitals’ commitment to the fundamentals have saved lives too, like preventing infection, ensuring universal hand hygiene, and double and triple checking everything to avoid errors,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group.

Palomar Medical Center Poway was one of just 34% of the more than 2,600 acute care hospitals tracked to receive an “A” grade.

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About Palomar Health

Established in 1948, the award-winning team at Palomar Health provides the most comprehensive health care in North San Diego County through its two medical centers and more than 900 affiliated medical providers serving more than half a million people. Palomar Health is San Diego County’s only member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network and is nationally recognized as operating one of America’s 250 Best Hospitals; a Best 100 Hospital for joint replacement and orthopedic surgery; a Best Hospital for stroke care, heart care and bariatric surgery; a Diabetes and Stroke Center of Excellence; and a Blue Distinction Center for spine surgery, cardiac care and maternity. Through its network of providers, Palomar Health offers medical services in virtually all fields of medicine including primary care, cardiovascular care, emergency services, trauma, cancer, orthopedics, women’s health, behavioral health, rehabilitation, robotic surgery and bariatric surgery at offices strategically located throughout the North San Diego County region. For more information please visit www.PalomarHealth.org. You can also follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).