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**JUPITER MEDICAL CENTER EARNS ‘A’ GRADE FOR PATIENT SAFETY  
IN HOSPITAL SAFETY SCORE**

*Attains Highest National Rating*

**JUPITER, FLA. (May 5, 2016)** – Jupiter Medical Center was one of only **two** hospitals in Palm Beach and Martin Counties to receive the coveted “A” grade from [The Leapfrog Group](#), a national patient safety watchdog, ranking it among the safest hospitals in not only South Florida and the Treasure Coast but in the United States. The [Hospital Safety Scores](#), a service provided by the Leapfrog Group, assign A, B, C, D and F letter grades to hospitals nationwide, and offer the most complete picture of patient safety in the U.S. health care system.

“The cornerstone of reimagining health care in our community starts with patient safety,” said Jupiter Medical Center’s President and Chief Executive Officer John Couris. “I’m so proud of our entire team – from the frontline, clinical staff to our world-class physicians, for earning the highest rating for patient safety. It’s yet another example of the fact that Jupiter Medical Center meets the highest standards and it shows in everything we do.”

“Avoidable deaths in hospitals should be the number one concern of our health care leaders. Hospitals that earn an “A” from Leapfrog are leaders in saving lives, and we commend them and urge their continued vigilance,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group.

The pursuit of safety and clinical excellence is ingrained in the culture at Jupiter Medical Center. The hospital recently hired Ron Riner, MD, to serve as its chief quality officer.

Dr. Riner works with the administration, medical staff, nursing and risk management to implement and monitor quality initiatives, design quality measurement systems, enhance safety efforts and oversee regulatory compliance.

“Jupiter Medical Center has always made quality and patient safety a priority, and actively looks for ways to promote a safer environment and provide a higher level of quality care to our patients,” said Couris. “This latest rating is a testament to the good work the team has done over the years.”

The Hospital Safety Score provides data and research to help the public make informed decisions about a critical aspect of their health – the safety of their local hospitals. The goal of the Hospital Safety Score is to reduce deaths or injury from hospital errors and infections by shining a light on leaders in patient safety. Leapfrog’s Hospital Safety Score uses publicly available hospital safety data to assign A, B, C, D and F grades to more than 2,500 U.S. hospitals twice per year. Hospitals are assessed on 30 different measures from prevention of common hospital-acquired infections like C.diff and MRSA to patient reports of their experiences during their hospital stay. To see Jupiter Medical Center’s full score or those of other local facilities, visit [www.hospitalsafetyscore.org](http://www.hospitalsafetyscore.org).

### **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. [Hospital Safety Score](#), 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 Jupiter Medical Center**

A not-for-profit 327-bed regional medical center consisting of 207 private acute-care hospital beds and 120 long-term care, sub-acute rehabilitation and Hospice beds, Jupiter Medical Center is reimagining how to restore the community's health and wellness. Award-winning physicians, world-class partnerships and innovative techniques and technology enable Jupiter Medical Center to provide a broad range of services with specialty concentrations in cardiology, oncology, imaging, orthopedics & spine, digestive health, emergency services, lung & thoracic, women's health, weight management and men's health.

Founded in 1979, Jupiter Medical Center has approximately 1,600 team members, 600 physicians and 640 volunteers. Jupiter Medical Center continues to perform in the top 10 percent of hospitals for patient quality and satisfaction. For more information on Jupiter Medical Center, please call [561-263-2234](tel:561-263-2234) or visit [Jupitermed.com](http://Jupitermed.com).

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