



**THE QUEEN'S  
MEDICAL CENTER**

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**The Queen's Medical Center and The Queen's Medical Center  
– West O'ahu Receive "A" Grades for Patient Safety in Fall  
2017 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades**

**HONOLULU** – The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit health care ratings organization, today released new Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades. The Safety Grade assigns letter grades of A, B, C, D and F to hospitals nationwide based on their performance in preventing medical errors, infections and other harms.

The Queen's Medical Center and The Queen's Medical Center – West O'ahu were two of 823 hospitals to receive an "A" for its commitment to keeping patients safe and meeting the highest safety standards in the United States.

"We prioritize placing our Patients First at The Queen's Medical Center and The Queen's Medical Center-West O'ahu," said Art Ushijima, President of The Queen's Medical Center. "Our Queen's team is proud to receive the distinction of an A grade hospital, and believe this recognition is a tribute to our dedicated physicians, nurses and staff who are committed to providing the highest quality of health care to the people of Hawaii."

"It takes consistent, unwavering dedication to patients to achieve the highest standards of patient safety. An 'A' Safety Grade recognizes hospitals for this accomplishment," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We congratulate the clinicians, Board, management and staff of The Queen's Medical Center and The Queen's Medical Center – West O'ahu for showing the country what it means to put patient safety first."

Developed under the guidance of a Blue Ribbon National Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 27 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.

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To see The Queen's Medical Center and The Queen's Medical Center – West O'ahu's full grade, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit [www.hospitalsafetygrade.org](http://www.hospitalsafetygrade.org) and follow the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade 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.

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The Queen's Medical Center (Queen's), a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation established in 1859 by Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV, is an acute care medical facility accredited by The Joint Commission. The facility is licensed for 575 acute beds and serves as the major tertiary and quaternary referral center for cancer, cardiovascular disease, neuroscience, orthopaedics, surgery, emergency medicine and behavioral health medicine. It is the state's designated trauma center verified as Level I by the American College of Surgeons. It has the only organ transplantation program in Hawaii. Queen's is a major teaching hospital, serving as a clinical training site for the residency programs sponsored by the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii. Queen's is the only hospital in Hawaii to achieve Magnet® status – the highest institutional honor for hospital excellence – from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.