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Southeast Hospital has received an “A” [for the sixth consecutive time in the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade](#) for fall 2022. This national distinction recognizes Southeast’s achievements in protecting patients from preventable harm and error in the hospital.

“Patient safety is always top of mind,” said President and CEO Ken Bateman. “Our team of healthcare professionals does incredible work toward ensuring a safe, friendly environment for patients while delivering high quality outcomes. It is an honor to receive this recognition once again.”

For the state of Missouri, Southeast Hospital is one out of 14 hospitals to have received this achievement for fall 2022, and Southeast is one out of just four Missouri hospitals to earn this distinction six times in a row.

The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization, assigns an “A,” “B,” “C,” “D” or “F” grade to general hospitals across the country based on over 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harms to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

“I applaud Southeast Hospital leadership and the workforce for their strong commitment to safety and transparency,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “An ‘A’ Safety Grade is a sign that hospitals are continuously evaluating their performance, so that they can best protect patients. Your hospital team should be extremely proud of this achievement.”

To see Southeast Hospital’s full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit [HospitalSafetyGrade.org](https://HospitalSafetyGrade.org) and follow [The Leapfrog Group](#) on Twitter, Facebook, and via its newsletter.

### 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 for patient safety. The flagship [Leapfrog Hospital Survey](#) and new [Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center \(ASC\) Survey](#) collect and [transparently report](#) hospital and ASC 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. For more, [follow us on Twitter and Facebook](#), and [sign up for our newsletter](#).

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