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Jacobi Medical Center Receives Distinguished Award for Advances in Quality Care

*2nd Recognition for Transparency & Advances in Key Year-Over-Year Metrics by
The Northeast Business Group on Health*



SVP William P. Walsh of Jacobi with Kathy Sakraida, Director of the Quality Initiatives of North East Business Group

January 8th– The Northeast Business Group on Health honored Jacobi Medical Center yesterday with the Greatest Leaps in Patient Safety and Quality Leapfrog award for its continued efforts in improving hospital care and patient safety. This is the second time Jacobi Medical Center has been honored with this award.

“Our commitment to patient safety is a constant and dedicated effort to provide a secure world-class experience” said William P. Walsh, Senior Vice President of Jacobi Medical Center “We appreciate this recognition by the Leapfrog Group which is an important validation of our efforts by our peers in this same industry of care.”

The award was based on a rigorous review of participating area hospitals conducted by The Leapfrog Group, a coalition of public and private purchasers of employee health coverage dedicated to improving healthcare safety, quality and affordability. Leapfrog measures hospitals against practices that reduce the risk of medical errors and hospital-acquired infections, and improve patient outcomes. The results are publically reported at www.leapfroggroup.org.

Jacobi Medical center received an “**A**” **rating**, a strong indication of their consistent efforts to improve patient safety. This includes:

- Proper staffing of the Intensive Care Units, **receiving a perfect 100 score**, which has been shown to have a direct effect on patients’ quality of care as well as decreasing mortality rates.
- Additional Jacobi achieved strong rankings in its Leadership Structures and Systems, receiving the **highest possible score of 120**, which uphold accountability and investment in performance improvement measures.
- Finally, earning consistently high marks with respect to timely and proper delivery of antibiotics to prevent infections after surgery **receiving scores between 95 and 98 in all fields**.

“Jacobi Medical Center has demonstrated its commitment to patient safety, transparency and accountability not only by completing the Leapfrog survey, but improving their scores year over year,” said Laurel Pickering, President and CEO of NEBGH. “NEBGH and its members recognize these efforts by presenting the Northeast Business Group on Health’s Leapfrog Award -Greatest Leaps in Patient Safety and Quality to Jacobi Medical Center.”

“The Leapfrog Hospital Survey is the gold standard in measuring hospital quality and safety performance,” said Leah Binder, CEO, The Leapfrog Group. “Jacobi’s outstanding performance shows their commitment to the patients and community they serve, and is an example of the best in hospital care in the metro New York City area. We thank Jacobi for their commitment to transparency by reporting to the Leapfrog Hospital Survey.”

This is Jacobi’s second such honor from this organization. In 2010, The Leapfrog Group honored Jacobi with an award for “Most Improved Performance in Patient Safety and Quality”.

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About Northeast Business Group on Health

Northeast Business Group on Health is a network of employers, providers, insurers, and other organizations working together to improve the quality and reduce the cost of health care in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts. Since its inception, Northeast Business Group on Health, has spearheaded important initiatives, conducted breakthrough research and launched innovative programs that have brought meaningful change to the healthcare marketplace for purchasers. For more information, visit www.nebgh.org or call (212) 252-7440 x223.

About Jacobi Medical Center

Jacobi Medical Center is a 457-bed teaching hospital affiliated with the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Jacobi offers numerous centers of excellence including its renowned trauma center, multi-person hyperbaric unit, burn center, surgical intensive care unit, stroke center and regional perinatal center. Jacobi’s new Ambulatory Care Pavilion (delivering over 600,000 ambulatory visits) is a stunning complement to its recently constructed inpatient facility (over 20,000 acute discharges & 100,000 ER visits) and allows staff to provide high-quality care in a modern, state-of-the-art environment. Jacobi Medical Center aspires to be one of the nation’s safest hospitals. Jacobi Medical Center is part of the New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation’s North Bronx Healthcare Network, which includes North Central Bronx Hospital and two community health centers.