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## **Jacobi & NCBH Get A Rating for Results in Patient Safety** ***Awarded by Independent Non-Profit for High Standards in Keeping Patients Secure***

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**Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 2012** – Jacobi Medical Center (Jacobi) and North Bronx Hospital (NCBH) were honored with an “A” Hospital Safety Score by The Leapfrog Group, an independent national nonprofit run by employers and other large purchasers of health benefits. The A score was awarded in the latest update to the [Hospital Safety Score](http://www.hospitalsafetyscore.org)<sup>SM</sup>, the A, B, C, D or F scores assigned to U.S. hospitals based on preventable medical errors, injuries accidents, and infections. The Hospital Safety Score was compiled under the guidance of the nation’s leading experts on patient safety and is designed to give the public information they can use to protect themselves and their families.

“This rating is a high honor for our institution” said Senior Vice President Bill Walsh of the North Bronx Healthcare Network, which includes both hospitals. “It’s also recognition of the dedicated staff we have at both Jacobi and NCBH who work together day-in day-out in keeping our focus where it should be, on the patients we care for.”

“Hospitals like these that earn an A have demonstrated their commitment to their patients and their community,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “I congratulate Jacobi and NCBH for their safety excellence, and look forward to the day when all hospitals will match this standard.”

To see Jacobi and NCBH’s scores as they compare nationally and locally, visit the Hospital Safety Score website at [www.hospitalsafetyscore.org](http://www.hospitalsafetyscore.org), which also provides information on how the public can protect themselves and loved ones during a hospital stay. People can also check their local hospital’s score on the free mobile app, available at [www.hospitalsafetyscore.org](http://www.hospitalsafetyscore.org).

Calculated under the guidance of The Leapfrog Group’s nine-member Blue Ribbon Expert Panel, the Hospital Safety Score uses 26 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to produce a single score representing a hospital’s overall capacity to keep patients safe from infections, injuries, and medical and medication errors. The panel includes: John Birkmeyer (University of Michigan), Ashish Jha (Harvard University), Lucian Leape (Harvard University), Arnold Millstein (Stanford University), Peter Pronovost (Johns Hopkins University), Patrick Romano (University of California, Davis), Sara Singer (Harvard University), Tim Vogus (Vanderbilt University), and Robert Wachter (University of California, San Francisco).

### **About The Leapfrog Group**

The Leapfrog Group ([www.leapfroggroup.org](http://www.leapfroggroup.org)) is a national nonprofit organization using the collective leverage of large purchasers of health care to initiate breakthrough improvements in the safety, quality, and affordability of health care for Americans. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey allows purchasers to structure their contracts and purchasing to reward the highest performing hospitals. The Leapfrog Group was founded in November 2000 with support from the Business Roundtable and national funders, and is now independently operated with

support from its purchaser and other members.

**About Jacobi Medical Center**

Jacobi Medical Center is part of HHC's North Bronx Healthcare Network, which includes North Central Bronx Hospital. 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 is a stunning complement to its recently constructed inpatient facility and allows staff to provide outpatients with high-quality care in a modern, state-of-the-art environment.

**About North Central Bronx Hospital**

North Central Bronx Hospital (NCBH) is part of HHC's North Bronx Healthcare Network, which includes Jacobi Medical Center. A 215-bed community hospital, NCBH specializes in women's and children's services. Its renowned outpatient department has led the way in community-based care that is delivered in a compassionate and culturally-appropriate manner. As member facilities of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, Jacobi and NCBH are committed to providing safe, high quality medical care, for any and all in need.

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