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Area Hospitals Honored for Patient Care and Safety by Northeast Business Group on Health

*Montefiore, Vassar Brothers Medical Centers and Harlem Hospital Center
receive nationally-recognized seal of approval for healthcare quality, safety*

New York, NY – The [Northeast Business Group on Health \(NEBGH\)](#) today honored [Montefiore Medical Center](#), [Vassar Brothers Medical Centers](#) and the [Harlem Hospital Center](#) for outstanding patient safety and quality of care.

“For area businesses, healthcare quality and safety issues impact employee costs, productivity and retention,” said [NEBGH President and CEO Laurel Pickering](#). “The advances made by these hospitals contribute to the wellness of millions of people and drive the competitiveness of the region’s businesses.”

Montefiore and Vassar Brothers Medical Centers were recognized for quality, resource use and value. Harlem Hospital Center was honored for its advances in patient care and safety.

The honorees were rated by The Leapfrog Group, the gold standard in hospital rankings, which assesses hospitals on a range of measures, including:

- Use of Computerized Physician Order Entry to prevent prescribing errors.
- Frequency of Evidence-Based Hospital Referrals that allow consumers and healthcare purchasers to select hospitals with the best track records.
- Utilization of ICU Physician Staffing approaches that reduce the risk of ICU mortality by 40%.

Leapfrog also benchmarks hospitals on 34 practices that reduce the risk of harm in certain processes, systems, or environments of care. This data-driven approach, endorsed by the National Quality Foundation, is widely recognized as the industry’s best measure of hospital quality.

“Every year, more people die in hospitals from preventable mistakes than from vehicle accidents, breast cancer, and AIDS,” said Leah Binder, CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “These hospitals are regional and national leaders in their commitment to patient safety and better health for employees, retirees and their families.”

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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 in 1982 as New York Business Group on Health, the organization has spearheaded important initiatives, conducted breakthrough research and launched innovative programs that have brought meaningful change to the healthcare marketplace for employers in the New York-metropolitan area. In November 2010, the organization changed its name to the Northeast Business Group on Health and expanded its mission to serve employers across the region. For more information, visit www.nebgh.org or call (212) 252-7440 x223.

About The Leapfrog Group

The Leapfrog Group uses 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 Leapfrog Group was founded in November 2000 by the Business Roundtable and is now independently operated with support from its members. Visit www.leapfroggroup.org for more information.