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Eight Ardent Health Facilities Earn ‘A’ Hospital Safety Grades from The Leapfrog Group for Fall 2026 Grading Period

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BRENTWOOD, Tenn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **Ardent Health** (NYSE: ARDT), a leading provider of healthcare in growing mid-sized urban communities across the U.S., today announced that eight of its facilities earned an “A” **Hospital Safety Grade** from The Leapfrog Group, an independent national nonprofit watchdog focused on patient safety. Leapfrog assigns an “A”, “B”, “C”, “D” or “F” grade to general hospitals across the country using evidence-based measures of patient safety focused exclusively on errors, accidents, injuries and infections.

“These ‘A’ grades reflect the work our clinicians and care teams do every day to keep patients safe,” said FJ Campbell, MD, chief medical officer of Ardent Health. “Patient safety is the foundation of clinical excellence, and it guides how we design and deliver care, measure performance and continuously improve. We’re proud of this recognition, and we remain focused on earning our patients’ trust with every interaction.”

For fall 2026, 73% of Ardent’s eligible facilities earned an “A” or “B” Hospital Safety Grade compared to 60% of eligible hospitals nationally. The Ardent facilities that earned an “A” grade include:

- Hackensack Meridian Mountainside Medical Center (Montclair, New Jersey)
- Hillcrest Hospital Claremore (Claremore, Oklahoma)
- Hillcrest Medical Center (Tulsa, Oklahoma)
- Lovelace Women's Hospital (Albuquerque, New Mexico)
- Seton Medical Center Harker Heights (Harker Heights, Texas)
- UT Health Athens (Athens, Texas)
- UT Health Jacksonville (Jacksonville, Texas)

- University of Kansas Health System St. Francis Campus (Topeka, Kansas)

“Earning multiple ‘A’ Hospital Safety Grade reflects Ardent Health’s commitment to putting patient safety first,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “This recognition is a testament to the dedication of their hospital leadership teams, clinicians and staff who work every day to prevent medical errors and protect patients from harm.”

Among this fall’s honorees, Lovelace Women’s Hospital in Albuquerque stands apart as the only hospital in New Mexico to earn an “A” Hospital Safety Grade, a distinction that reflects its team’s steadfast commitment to safe, high-quality care for the women and families it serves. Two other Ardent facilities extended long-running records of safety excellence, with Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa earning its 11th consecutive “A” and Seton Medical Center Harker Heights earning its 13th consecutive “A.”

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade stands as the only hospital ratings program focused solely on preventable medical errors, infections and injuries that kill more than 500 patients a day in the United States. This program is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

To explore full grade details and to find valuable tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit **hospitalsafetygrade.org**.

About Ardent Health

Ardent Health (NYSE: ARDT) is a leading provider of healthcare in growing mid-sized urban communities across the U.S. The Company delivers care through its subsidiaries, which include 30 acute care hospitals and more than 280 sites of care with over 2,000 employed and affiliated providers across six states. Anchored by a shared operating model and a commitment to investing in innovative services and technologies that improve quality, access and experience, Ardent is focused on delivering strong clinical outcomes and improving the health of the patients and communities it serves.

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 for patient safety. 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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