

Baylor Scott & White Heart and Vascular Hospital – Dallas Receives an “A” for Patient Safety in Fall 2018 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade

Dallas, Texas, November 12, 2018 – Baylor Scott & White Heart and Vascular Hospital – Dallas, formerly known as Baylor Jack and Jane Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital, received notice from [The Leapfrog Group](#), a nonprofit organization committed to driving quality, safety, and transparency in the U.S. healthcare system, regarding the latest [Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades](#). The Leapfrog Group assigns A, B, C, D and F letter grades to hospitals nationwide. Baylor Scott & White Heart and Vascular Hospital – Dallas was one of less than 832 hospitals nationwide to receive an “A” for this time period for its commitment to reducing errors, infections, and accidents that can harm patients. This is the seventh consecutive “A” grade for the hospital.

“Receiving this recognition again, as we did for the past several reporting seasons, continues to be a testimony of our medical staff and entire hospital team’s focus on patient safety,” says Nancy Vish, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, President and Chief Nursing Officer. “This ‘A’ Safety Grade may help provide informed healthcare consumers with outcomes data to help make choices about care and treatment. We know that the ‘A’ rating takes commitment from every member of the hospital staff, who all deserve thanks and congratulations.”

According to the Leapfrog Group’s information, “Hospitals that earn top marks nationally in the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, have achieved the highest safety standards in the country,”

Developed under the guidance of an Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign A, B, C, D and F grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is calculated by top patient safety experts, peer-reviewed, fully transparent and the results are free to the public.

To view Baylor Scott & White Heart and Vascular Hospital – Dallas’ full grade, and to access consumer-friendly patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit www.hospitalsafetygrade.org or follow the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#). Consumers can also download the free Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade mobile app for [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices.

About Baylor Scott & White Heart and Vascular Hospital – Dallas

Founded in a tradition of research and innovation, formerly known as Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital†, the specialty hospital opened in 2002 as the region’s first and only dedicated hospital to heart and vascular care. Baylor Scott & White Heart and Vascular Hospital – Dallas is located on the main campus of Baylor University Medical Center, part of Baylor Scott & White Health with services also available at Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center – Fort Worth. With more than 40,000 patient registrations annually, a broad array of advanced cardiac interventional procedures and vascular surgeries are available, as well as diagnostic imaging and cardiac rehabilitative services. Programs on wellness and prevention are offered for the community. To learn more, visit: www.BaylorHeartHospital.com

About Baylor Scott & White Health

Formed from the 2013 merger between Baylor Health Care System and Scott & White Healthcare, the system referred to as Baylor Scott & White Health is the largest not-for-profit healthcare system in the state of Texas. With total assets of \$10.8 billion** and serving a population larger than the state of Georgia, Baylor Scott & White Health has the vision and resources to provide its patients continued quality care while creating a model system for a dramatically changing healthcare environment. The system now includes 48 hospitals, more than 1,000 access points, 5,500 active physicians, and 44,000 employees, plus the Scott & White Health Plan, Baylor Scott & White Research Institute and Baylor Scott & White Quality Alliance – a network of clinical providers and facilities focused on improving quality, managing the health of patient populations and reducing the overall cost of care. For more information visit, BSWHealth.com.

† Joint ownership with physicians.

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** Based on unaudited 2016 fiscal year statements

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 in the quality and safety of American health care. The flagship [Leapfrog Hospital Survey](#) collects and transparently reports hospital 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.

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