



## Florence Medical Center

### **MUSC Health Florence Medical Center Nationally Recognized with an 'A' for the Spring 2021 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade**

**FLORENCE, SC**– MUSC Health Florence Medical Center received an “A” grade in the spring 2021 [Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade](#), a national distinction recognizing achievements protecting patients from errors, injuries, accidents, and infections. The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization committed to health care quality and safety. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade assigns an “A,” “B,” “C,” “D,” or “F” grade to all general hospitals across the country and is updated every six months. It is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospitals’ prevention of medical errors and other harms to patients in their care.

“This safety rating shows MUSC Health Florence Medical Center is succeeding in providing the safest care possible to the Pee Dee Region,” Dr. Rami Zebian, MUSC Health Florence Division Chief Medical Officer, said. “Despite the pandemic, we have always been dedicated to this effort in preventing patient care errors.”

“One of our top priorities is patient safety, and this Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade further validates our efforts to eliminate patient care errors,” Donna Sullivan, MUSC Health Florence Medical Center Chief Quality Officer, said. This “A” would not have been possible without the extraordinary efforts of our care team members. We are fortunate to have such a caring and engaged team who are laser-focused on delivering safe and compassionate care.”

“An ‘A’ safety grade is an elite designation that your community should be proud of,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “The past year has been extraordinarily difficult for hospitals, but MUSC Health Florence Medical Center shows us it is possible to keep a laser focus on patients and their safety, no matter what it takes.”

Developed under the guidance of a [national Expert Panel](#), the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses up to 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,700 U.S. acute-care hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade’s methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

MUSC Health Florence Medical Center was awarded an “A” grade today when Leapfrog updated grades for spring 2021. To see MUSC Health Florence Medical Center’s full grade details and access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit [hospitalsafetygrade.org](https://hospitalsafetygrade.org) and follow The Leapfrog Group on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

### **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](#) and new [Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center \(ASC\) Survey](#) collect and [transparently report](#) hospital and ASC 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.

### **About MUSC Health**

As the clinical health system of the Medical University of South Carolina, MUSC Health is dedicated to delivering the highest quality patient care available, while training generations of competent, compassionate health care providers to serve the people of South Carolina and beyond. Comprising some 1,600 beds, more than 100 outreach sites, the MUSC College of Medicine, the physicians' practice plan, and nearly 275 telehealth locations, MUSC Health owns and operates eight hospitals situated in Charleston, Chester, Florence, Lancaster and Marion counties. In 2019, for the fifth consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report named MUSC Health the No. 1 hospital in South Carolina. To learn more about clinical patient services, visit [muschealth.org](http://muschealth.org).

MUSC and its affiliates have collective annual budgets of \$3.2 billion. The more than 17,000 MUSC team members include world-class faculty, physicians, specialty providers and scientists who deliver groundbreaking education, research, technology and patient care.

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