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Using up to 22 evidence-based measures of patient safety, including CMS Medicare PSI 90 Patient Safety and Adverse Events composite which includes 10 component measures, The Leapfrog Group calculated a numerical score for all eligible hospitals in the U.S. The numerical score was then converted into one of five letter grades. "A" represents the best Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, followed in order by "B," "C," "D," and "F."

The grade cut-points for "A" and "B" grades used in the spring 2024 Safety Grade have been maintained for the fall 2024 Safety Grade. Cut-points for the other grades were recalculated using the current distribution of numerical scores. Numerical scores range between approximately 1.4 and 4.0, with an average score of approximately 3.0.

For more information about the Hospital Safety Grade and a detailed explanation of the scoring methodology, please visit www.HospitalSafetyGrade.org.

Please note: Numerical scores are displayed for hospitals on the [Safety Grade Review Website](#) to four decimal places (i.e. n.nnnn). For the purposes of assigning a letter grade, the numerical score is not rounded. For example, a numerical score displayed as 3.2019 would be assigned a B.

In implementing this letter grade methodology, the distribution of letter grades is detailed below:

Grade	Safety Grade Criteria (at or above cut point)	Count of Hospitals	Percentage of Hospitals
A	≥ 3.202	912	32%
B	≥ 2.991	689	24%
C	≥ 2.401	1029	36%
D	≥ 1.837	199	7%
F	< 1.837	14	<1%

