

Two OSF Hospitals Among Tops in the Nation

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(December 17, 2019/ Peoria, IL)-OSF HealthCare's Holy Family Medical Center in Monmouth, Illinois and St. Francis Hospital and Medical Group in Escanaba, Michigan have been recognized for quality and safety by once again making The Leapfrog Group's Top Rural Hospital list.

The *Top Rural Hospital Award* is widely acknowledged as one of the most competitive honors American hospitals can receive.

After hearing the news about the Top Hospital recognition, St. Francis President Dave Lord responded, "We are especially honored for our community hospital to be among the elite hospitals in the United States for the **seventh** time!"

This is the third year in a row OSF Holy Family Medical Center has achieved the recognition.

"Serving our patients and their families with the greatest care and love in the safest possible setting is a challenge our Mission Partners (employees) embrace every day. This recognition is a rewarding reflection of our hyper vigilance to safety protocols and the high bar we set for the quality experience we strive for every day, with every patient."

-Jackie Kernan, RN, MSN, president OSF Saint Luke Medical Center and OSF Holy Family Medical Center

Nearly 2,100 hospitals were considered for the award. Among those, OSF St. Francis Hospital and OSF Holy Family Medical Center received one of 18 Top Rural Hospital distinctions awarded in the United States. Four hospitals were awarded in Michigan and eight were given the distinction in Illinois. Nationally, there are 120 *Top Hospitals* in four categories from 28 different states:

- 18 Top Rural Hospitals
- 10 Top Children's Hospitals
- 37 Top General Hospitals
- 55 Top Teaching Hospitals

Performance across many areas of hospital care is considered in establishing the qualifications for the award, including infection rates, practices for safer surgery, maternity care, and the hospital's capacity to prevent medication errors. The rigorous standards are defined in each year's Top Hospital Methodology.

"We are pleased to recognize these OSF HealthCare Hospitals," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "This demonstrates extraordinary dedication to patients and to the communities they serve. We congratulate the board, staff and clinicians whose efforts made this honor possible and know they share pride in this achievement."

To qualify for the Top Hospitals distinction, hospitals must rank top among peers in the 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Survey, which assesses hospital performance on the highest known standards for quality and patient safety, and achieve top performance in its category. To see the full list of institutions honored as 2019 Top Hospitals, visit www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals.

About OSF HealthCare St. Francis Medical Center and Medical Group

OSF St. Francis Hospital & Medical Group is a Medicare designated critical access hospital in Escanaba, Michigan, providing care for more than 45,000 patients and their families in Delta County and surrounding communities. As a part of OSF HealthCare based in Peoria, Ill., OSF St. Francis employs more than 600 individuals, with more than 100 physicians and advanced practice providers on its medical staff. It offers hospital, physician and home care services. For more information about OSF or its Top Hospital status, visit www.osfstfrancis.org.

About OSF HealthCare Holy Family Medical Center

OSF HealthCare Holy Family Medical Center is a 23-bed acute/intermediate care, critical access hospital located in the rural farming community of Monmouth, IL. OSF Holy Family provides a broad range of acute care and outpatient services including a variety of specialist, emergency, rehabilitation, and diagnostic imaging services. The Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN) has recognized the hospital for excellence in quality of care. For more information about OSF HealthCare Holy Family Medical Center, visit www.osfholyfamily.org.

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.