

The HARI *Perspective*

Congratulations, and Thank You!

This week, hospitals in Rhode Island were recognized by The Leapfrog Group for their ongoing commitment to patient safety. Our state was ranked #1 for the percentage of hospitals that earned an “A” in the Fall 2017 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades. This distinction is a testament to the hard work and perseverance of the professionals working in our hospitals.

Hospitals in Rhode Island have had steadfast commitment to quality improvement and patient safety. This report shows participation in national initiatives aimed at reducing hospital-acquired conditions and infections is making a difference. Our dedicated workforce is implementing nationally-recognized best practices identified through work with the Hospital Engagement Network, Hospital Improvement Innovation Network, high reliability initiatives and many other local, regional and national efforts to improve patient safety.

The Leapfrog Group assigns A, B, C, D and F letter grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals based on the prevalence of preventable medical errors, accidents, injuries and infections. Since 2012, Leapfrog has issued Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades on a bi-annual basis nationally. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is calculated by top patient safety experts, peer reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

To our dedicated workforce I say, congratulations and thank you. Your dedication to Rhode Island’s patients does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated.

- Teresa Paiva Weed, HARI president