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Mary Bridge Children's Hospital earns 2022 Top Children's Hospital award from the Leapfrog Group

Mary Bridge Children's is one of only 12 children's hospitals in the nation to receive this award that recognizes outstanding quality and safety

Tacoma, Wash. – [Mary Bridge Children's Hospital](#), the only Level II Pediatric Trauma Center in Western Washington, was named a Top Children's Hospital nationally by [The Leapfrog Group](#). Announced today, the Leapfrog Top Hospital award is widely acknowledged as one of the most competitive awards American hospitals can receive. Mary Bridge Children's will be recognized with other Top Hospital winners tonight at the Leapfrog Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner in Washington, D.C.

"Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and Health Network's goal is to advance as a Highly Reliable Organization, using data to continually improve pediatric care and workflows throughout our system," said Jeff Poltawsky, president and market leader of Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and Health Network. "The recognition as Top Children's Hospital from The Leapfrog Group is a testament to the tireless efforts of our staff and providers in the care they provide to every child and family."

More than 2,200 hospitals were considered for the award. Among those, Mary Bridge Children's received a Top Children's Hospital distinction, and was one of only 12 in the country to do so. A total of 115 hospitals were selected as Top Hospitals, including:

- 12 children's hospitals
- 32 general hospitals
- 13 rural hospitals
- 58 teaching hospitals

The quality of patient care across many areas of hospital performance 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 honored to recognize Mary Bridge Children’s as Top Hospital this year,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “Mary Bridge Children’s has demonstrated that they truly put patients first. We congratulate the board, staff and clinicians whose efforts made this honor possible.”

To qualify for the Top Hospitals distinction, hospitals must rank top among peers on the Leapfrog Hospital Survey, which assesses hospital performance on the highest standards for quality and patient safety and achieve top performance in its category. To see the full list of institutions honored as 2022 Top Hospitals, visit www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals.

About Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital

Founded in 1955, Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital is the state-designated Level II Pediatric Trauma Center for Western Washington, offering comprehensive care and resources for critically ill and injured children, and is the only pediatric hospital in Southwest Washington. Mary Bridge Children’s also provides primary, specialty and urgent care services at its outpatient centers and clinics across the South Sound, including Tacoma, Puyallup, Gig Harbor, Olympia, Auburn, Covington, Maple Valley, Federal Way, Bonney Lake and Silverdale.

Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital & Health Network is more than a place for children to heal. It’s a place for them to grow and thrive. A place for families to come for solutions and support. A place where medical expertise and passion for children and families work together in perfect balance. Mary Bridge Children’s serves children and families, regardless of ability to pay, thanks to generous contributions to the Mary Bridge Children’s Foundation.

Mary Bridge Children’s is a part of MultiCare Health System, a community-focused, not-for-profit health system based in Tacoma, Wash. For more information about Mary Bridge Children’s, visit marybridge.org or follow on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) or our [Kite Strings](#) blog.

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 for patient safety. 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. For more, follow us on Twitter and Facebook, and sign up for our newsletter.

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