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## 2021 Hospital of the Year

### *5-Star Overall Performance in Evidence-based Metrics*

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, USA, Dec 30, 2021 /SafeCareMagazine.com/-- [SafeCare](#) magazine announced today release of its 2021 Hospital of the Year. The selection is based on 5-Star overall performance in timeliness of care, low infections and complications, and low rates of readmissions and deaths in all four quarters of 2021.

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“We looked beyond artificially high ratings from unscientific and subjective criteria like reputation, and incomplete and conjecture like complications alone,” stated Yisrael M. Safeek, MD, MBA, CEO of The SafeCare Group. “We selected the one hospital that consistently outperformed with evidence-based metrics of timely care, low infections rates and complications, and low rates of readmissions and mortality.”

**Timely Care:** According to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, timely care refers to a hospital’s ability to quickly provide care after recognizing a need. The timelier the care, the better their patients' health outcomes - and levels of engagement. Delays before getting care in the emergency department can reduce the quality of care and increase risks and discomfort for patients with serious illnesses or injuries. Waiting times at different hospitals can vary widely, depending on the number of patients seen, staffing levels, efficiency, admitting procedures, or the availability of inpatient beds. 100 SafeCare Hospitals rate hospital performance in six metrics of timely care in hospital emergency departments, which are essential for good patient outcomes.

**Hospital Acquired Infections:** Modern healthcare employs many types of invasive devices and procedures to treat patients and to help them recover. Hospital acquired infections are infections people get while they are receiving health care for another condition. Infections can be associated with the devices used in medical procedures, such as catheters or ventilators. 100 SafeCare Hospitals rate hospital performance in six infections that occurred in intensive care units (ICUs), neonatal ICUs, and medical, surgical, and medical/surgical ward locations.

**Serious Complications:** Serious complications are serious injuries known as hospital acquired complications that affect patients following initial hospital admission. Most commonly, these injuries are caused by healthcare-associated issues resulting as side effects from primary treatments and procedures. Serious complications are avoidable safety events (medical errors). 100 SafeCare Hospitals rate hospital performance in about a dozen such complications following surgeries, procedures, and childbirth.

**Unplanned Rehospitalizations:** Also known as readmissions, these rehospitalizations show how often patients who are hospitalized for certain conditions or procedures were hospitalized again within 30 days. The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, a nonpartisan legislative branch agency, reported that about 75 % of such readmissions can and should be avoided. 100 SafeCare Hospitals rate hospital performance on hospital-specific readmissions rates for all causes.

**Death Rates:** Death (mortality) rates show how often patients who are hospitalized for certain conditions or procedures die in the 30 days after treatments. There are an estimated 715,000 to 776,000 hospital deaths each year in the United States. Hospital deaths can be for any reason, including preventable medical errors, and can occur in the hospital or after discharge. Estimates of preventable hospital deaths from medical errors range from 250,000 to 440,000 each year. 100 SafeCare Hospitals rate hospital performance in six areas that occurred in intensive care units (ICUs), medical, surgical, and medical/surgical ward locations.

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The SafeCare Group is focused on helping patients by extending our products across their healthcare journey - everything from finding a hospital, writing reviews, and staying connected afterwards. In 2019, The SafeCare Group launched RateAHospital.com to allow patients to share care experiences, and in 2013, the 100SafeCare Hospitals.com rankings were created to empower healthcare consumers. Since 2016, The SafeCare Group invested heavily into Artificial Intelligence (AI) platforms known as Intelligent Healthcare™ PaaS by leveraging machine learning and deep-learning capabilities. SafeCare AI® Suite fosters a new generation of AI applications, which are able to sense, reason, act and adapt, to address a range of healthcare challenges in areas such readmissions, medical errors, infections, cost, and outpatient utilization. Since 2014, SafeCareSoft® SaaS solutions enable hospitals to take advantage of disruptive healthcare software known as Softwaring Healthcare Excellence® that optimize hospital ratings and regulatory accreditation. The SafeCare Group® was founded in 2010 and is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

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