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**Coliseum Northside Hospital Earns an 'A' Grade
For Patient Safety in Leapfrog's Spring 2017 Hospital Safety Score**

(MACON, GA) New [Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades](#), which assign A, B, C, D and F letter grades to hospitals nationwide and provide the most complete picture of patient safety in the U.S., were announced today by [The Leapfrog Group](#), a national patient safety watchdog. **Coliseum Northside Hospital** was one of 823 hospitals to receive an "A" ranking for its commitment to reducing errors, infections and accidents that can harm patients. This is the **fourth cycle in a row** that Coliseum Northside Hospital has received an "A" Leapfrog score.

Stephen J. Daugherty, Chief Executive Officer of Coliseum Northside Hospital, said, "This sustained grade 'A' for Spring 2017 demonstrates the extraordinary passion and level of commitment that the physicians, leadership, board and our entire staff have to quality and excellence of care for our patients and our community."

Developed under the guidance of an Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 30 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign A, B, C, D and F grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is calculated by top patient safety experts, peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

"Hospitals that earn top marks nationally in the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade have achieved the highest safety standards in the country," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "That takes commitment from every member of the hospital staff, who all deserve thanks and congratulations when their hospitals achieve an 'A' Safety Grade."

To see the full grade, and to access consumer-friendly patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit www.hospitalsafetygrade.org or follow the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#). Consumers can also download the free Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade mobile app for [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices.

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.

About Coliseum Northside Hospital

Coliseum Northside Hospital is a full-service, medical-surgical facility with 103 beds. It is owned by Hospital Corporation of America and is one of two local hospitals in the Coliseum Health System. Coliseum Northside Hospital operates a full-service 24-hour emergency room and offers inpatient and outpatient surgery options, diagnostic services, and an orthopedic and spine center. Additionally, Coliseum Northside Hospital offers the Georgia Bariatric Center, an outpatient rehabilitation center, a sleep lab, and a wound healing center. Learn more about Coliseum Northside Hospital at www.coliseumhealthsystem.com.

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