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Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend nationally recognized with an ‘A’ for the spring 2023 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. – PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend received an ‘A’ in the [spring 2023 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade.](https://www.hospitalsafetygrade.org/) This distinction recognizes PeaceHealth RiverBend’s achievements in protecting patients from harm and providing safer health care.

The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization committed to health care quality and safety. The group assigns an ‘A,’ ‘B,’ ‘C,’ ‘D’ or ‘F’ grade to general hospitals across the country based on over 30 national performance measures. The grade reflects the hospital’s performance in preventing errors, accidents, injuries and infections, and the systems a hospital has in place to prevent harm.

“This grade is a testament to the commitment of our providers and caregivers to ensure safety and quality with every interaction,” said Todd Salnas, chief executive for the PeaceHealth Oregon network.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harm to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice a year, in the fall and spring.

To see PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend’s full grade details and access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit [hospitalsafetygrade.org](https://www.hospitalsafetygrade.org/).

*\*Please note that PeaceHealth’s three other hospitals in Lane County did not receive letter grades in spring 2023 because they do not meet the minimum data volume requirements to qualify.*

About PeaceHealth: PeaceHealth, based in Vancouver, Wash., is a not-for-profit Catholic health system offering care to communities in Washington, Oregon and Alaska. PeaceHealth has approximately 16,000 caregivers, a group practice with more than 1,200 providers and 10 medical centers serving both urban and rural communities throughout the Northwest. In 1890, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace founded what has become PeaceHealth. The Sisters shared expertise and transferred wisdom from one medical center to another, always finding the best way to serve the unmet need for healthcare in their communities. Today, PeaceHealth is the legacy of the founding Sisters and continues with a spirit of respect, stewardship, collaboration and social justice in fulfilling its Mission. Visit us online at [peacehealth.org](http://www.peacehealth.org).

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