



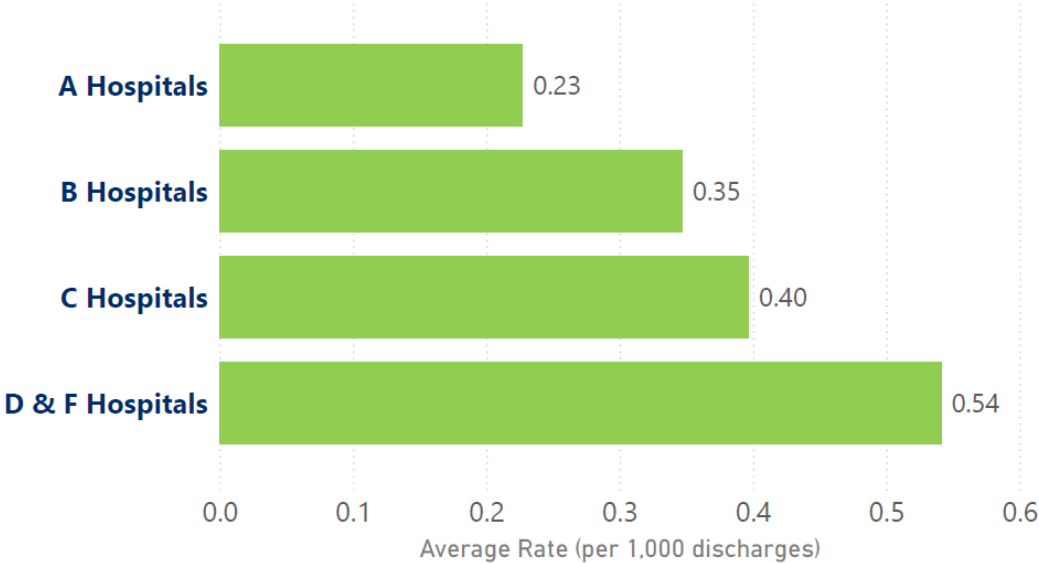
The Leapfrog Group's May Market Insights Report

The spring 2026 [Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades](#), released on May 6, provide updated insights into hospital performance on key measures of patient safety across letter grades. The Safety Grade consists of two domains: Process/Structural and Outcome. The Outcome domain, which represents 50% of the Safety Grade, includes three measures of hospital-acquired conditions, five measures of healthcare-associated infections, and a collection of patient safety indicators (PSI).

Scores among the outcome measures vary widely between A, B, C, and D/F graded hospitals. In spring 2026, two measures showed substantial gaps in performance by letter grades.

Falls and Trauma by Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade

Measure includes fractures, dislocations, intracranial injuries, crushing injuries, burns, and other injuries



Data Source: The spring 2026 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade
A publicly reported Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) Hospital-Acquired
Condition (HAC) Measure

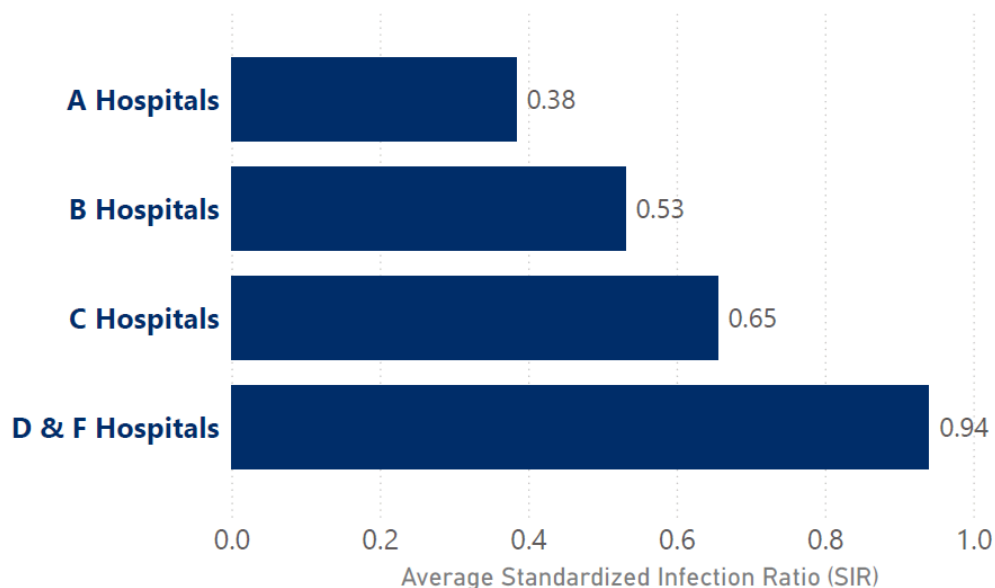


The Falls and Trauma measure is a publicly reported CMS measure that utilizes claims from Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) discharges. It is reported as the observed rate per 1,000 discharges over a 2-year period. The spring 2026 Safety Grade included data from July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2024. The measure includes a range of ICD-10 codes for various types of fractures, dislocations, intracranial injuries, crushing injuries, burns, and other injuries.

Falls can happen when patients who can't walk on their own try getting out of bed, often to go to the restroom. Patient falls increase time in the hospital, require additional care, and can result in permanent disability. Among A graded hospitals, the average rate is .23 (23 events per 100,000 discharges). In D and F hospitals, the average rate is more than double (54 events per 100,000 discharges).

Bloodstream Infections by Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade

Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections collected through the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)



Data Source: The spring 2026 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade
A SIR of 1 indicates that a hospital had the expected number of infections given their patient volume and hospital characteristics, while a SIR that is less than 1 indicates they performed better than expected.



Patients with a central line are at high risk for developing a dangerous infection in the blood. These serious infections can lead to other complications, increase recovery time, and can often lead to death. Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections (CLABSI) are a common healthcare-associated infection (HAI). To comply with CMS quality programs, hospitals are required to complete regular surveillance and report results to CDC through the National Healthcare Safety Network ([NHSN](#)).

To monitor and compare the prevalence of HAIs between hospitals, CDC utilizes a measure called the standardized infection ratio (SIR). SIRs are calculated by dividing the observed number of infections by the expected number of infections over the reporting period. Leapfrog and CMS use 1-year reporting periods for the public reporting of HAIs. The spring 2026 Safety Grade included HAI data from July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025.

While the national prevalence of CLABSI has decreased in recent years and most hospitals have achieved a SIR that is less than 1 (the national benchmark in 2015),

a major gap still exists. In A graded hospitals, the average SIR was .38, while the SIR in D/F graded hospitals was more than double at .94.

CDC has recently recalibrated the national benchmark using 2022 data, but hospital performance using these new benchmarks has not yet been publicly assessed. CMS announced that they do not [plan](#) to publicly report data that uses NHSN HAI 2022 national baseline until the 2026 October Care Compare data refresh. As a result, the spring 2027 Safety Grade, which has a Data Snapshot Date of January 31, will likely be the first Safety Grade round to include data with the new baseline.

Explore Full Results

To view the complete spring 2026 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades, visit Leapfrog's Hospital Safety Grade website:

Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade

[Contact Leapfrog](#) for information about licensing this data, which will be available starting in July.

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