

## **Tulane Lakeside named a top teaching hospital**

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The Leapfrog Group, a national healthcare quality ratings organization, named Tulane Lakeside Hospital for Women and Children a 2016 Top Teaching Hospital. Widely acknowledged as one of the most prestigious distinctions a hospital can receive in the United States, the recognition showcases Tulane Lakeside's commitment to patient safety and quality.

Tulane Lakeside is the only hospital in the state, and one of just 29 hospitals in the country, to be named a Top Teaching Hospital. It is one of just 115 hospitals nationwide – and one of just two hospitals in Louisiana – to earn a Leapfrog 2016 Top Hospital recognition.

“The Top Teaching Hospital recognition earned by Tulane Lakeside recognizes the extraordinary devotion of our employees and physicians to deliver world-class patient care, education and research,” said Tulane Health System President and CEO Dr. William Lunn. “As one of the nation’s oldest and most respected academic medical centers, we are proud to provide exceptional care to patients while defining the practice of medicine along the way.”

In addition to providing top-quality emergency, pediatric, obstetric, gynecological and orthopedic patient care, Tulane Lakeside’s partnership with Tulane University School of Medicine offers the opportunity to help train the nation’s next generation of physicians while advancing medicine through cutting-edge research projects. Tulane physicians are currently aiding medical advancement in studies ranging from preventing the Zika virus to better understanding the effects of post-traumatic stress disorders in children.

Tulane Lakeside was also recently recognized for its dedication to patient safety by being awarded an “A” grade – the highest available – in The Leapfrog Group’s Fall Hospital Safety Score listing.

The selection of Top Hospitals is based on the results of the 2016 Leapfrog Hospital Survey. Performance across many areas of hospital care is considered in establishing the qualifications for the award, including infection rates, maternity care and a hospital’s ability to prevent medication errors.

“Being acknowledged as a Top Hospital is an incredible feat achieved by less than 3 percent of hospitals nationwide,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “With this honor, Tulane Lakeside Hospital for Women and Children has established its commitment to safer and higher quality care. Providing this level of care to patients in the greater New Orleans area requires motivation and drive from every team member. I congratulate the board, staff and clinicians, whose efforts made this honor possible.”

To see the full list of institutions honored as 2016 Top Hospitals, please visit [www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals](http://www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals).

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