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**STURDY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL RECEIVES “STRAIGHT ‘A’S”
HONOR IN HOSPITAL SAFETY SCORE**

ATTLEBORO, MA, May 8, 2015 – Sturdy Memorial Hospital was honored with an “A” grade in The Leapfrog Group’s Spring 2015 Hospital Safety Score, which rates how well hospitals protect patients from errors, injuries, and infections. Leapfrog also cited hospitals that received an “A” grade for safety for the past six grading periods, and labeled them with the new “Straight ‘A’s” logo; Sturdy was among the 182 unique hospitals nationwide to receive this declaration.

“It’s an honor to be recognized by The Leapfrog Group,” says Dr. Bruce Auerbach, President & CEO of Sturdy. “Leapfrog holds hospitals to the highest of standards, and to have reached the top of its Hospital Safety Score rankings every year since 2012 is a real accomplishment for the entire organization – including physicians, nurses, other clinicians, ancillary and support staff, and the entire leadership team. Ensuring safe, optimum-quality care for the people we serve is a clear priority.”

Developed under the guidance of Leapfrog’s Blue Ribbon Expert Panel, the Hospital Safety Score uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to produce a single “A,” “B,” “C,” “D,” or “F” score representing a hospital’s overall capacity to keep patients safe from preventable harm. More than 2,500 U.S. general hospitals were assigned scores in spring 2015, about 31 percent received an “A” grade, and only about 7 percent were honored with the “Straight ‘A’s” logo. The Hospital Safety Score is fully transparent, with a full analysis of the data and methodology used in determining grades available online. Visit www.hospitalsafetyscore.org for more information.

Sturdy Memorial Hospital (www.sturdymemorial.org) is a full-service, independent, financially stable, not-for-profit acute care community hospital located in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

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