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

ATTLEBORO, MA, November 6, 2015 – Sturdy Memorial Hospital was honored with an “A” grade in The Leapfrog Group’s Hospital Safety Score for Fall 2015. Leapfrog also cited hospitals that received an “A” grade for safety since the launch in 2012, and labeled them with the “Straight ‘A’s” logo. Sturdy has upheld its “A” for the eighth consecutive reporting period and was among 133 unique hospitals nationwide to receive this declaration. The Hospital Safety Score rates how well hospitals protect patients from errors, injuries, and infections.

“It’s an honor to be recognized with an “A” score once again 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, in each of the twice-annual updates, is a real accomplishment. Performance like this is only possible with the type of excellent staff that we have caring for our patients. The entire organization is committed to providing high-quality care and ensuring a safe environment for the people we serve.”

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 fall 2015, 773 earned an “A” grade, and only five percent were honored with “Straight ‘A’s”. 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](http://www.hospitalsafetyscore.org) for more information.

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

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