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

ATTLEBORO, MA, May 11, 2016 – Sturdy Memorial Hospital was honored with an “A” grade in The Leapfrog Group’s Hospital Safety Score for spring 2016. Leapfrog also cited hospitals that received an “A” grade for safety since the launch, and labeled them with the “Straight ‘A’s” logo. Sturdy has upheld its “A” for three consecutive years and was among 153 unique hospitals nationwide to receive this declaration. The Hospital Safety Score rates how well hospitals protect patients from errors, injuries, and infections.

The April 2016 update highlights newly-added patient experience measures shown in the research to have a relationship to improved patient safety outcomes. These include results of patient surveys regarding: communication about medicines, communication about discharge, nurse communication, doctor communication, and responsiveness of hospital staff. “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 is a real accomplishment. Performance like this is only possible with the type of outstanding staff that we have caring for our patients. The entire organization is committed to providing high-quality care and ensuring a safe environment.”

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 2016, 798 earned an “A” grade”. Visit 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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