



Inspira's Medical Centers Nationally Recognized for Keeping Patients Safe

By John DiAngelo, Inspira Health Network President and CEO

When someone in your family needs care, sometimes it's hard to know where to turn. Maintaining your own health can be stressful enough, and you don't need the additional burden of looking outside of your community to access quality care. That's why Inspira Health Network has made a promise to our community: to provide you with great customer service, offer care that is distinguished by clinical excellence, and most importantly—to keep you safe when you need care.

This dedication to patient safety is a part of our culture. All of our physicians, leadership and staff are working together to keep our patients safe at every location, every time.

We don't foster this culture of safety for the acclaim, but it certainly is rewarding when our team is recognized for the excellent work that they do. My hope is that these awards will assure you that you have access to excellent care in your community. I'd like to share some of our recent achievements that demonstrate Inspira's commitment to patient safety and excellent care.

Last month, Inspira Medical Center Elmer and Inspira Medical Center Woodbury were ranked among the safest hospitals in the country by the Leapfrog Group. Our medical centers were two of only 798 hospitals nationwide to receive an "A" Hospital Safety Score in their latest report. To award these grades, Leapfrog reviews publicly available safety data from 2,500 hospitals

nationwide that includes the prevention of errors, injuries, accidents, and infections.

I'm proud that our medical centers have achieved these high marks from the Leapfrog Group. What this means for your family is that you can rest assured knowing that you have access to excellent health care right here in your neighborhood. In fact, in recent months we've received several awards and recognitions for the quality care we provide to our community.

Last year, Inspira Medical Center Vineland was named one of the "Ten Best Hospitals in New Jersey" by US News & World Report. Their survey ranked nearly 5,000 hospitals across the nation on a variety of indicators including reputation, mortality data, patient safety and technology. We're very proud to be recognized as a top performer for the care of heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients. These conditions are responsible for nearly 1.5 million hospitalizations each year, which makes it very important for us to provide these patients with quality outcomes.

At Inspira we focus on providing quality outcomes for every patient, every time. Our staff demonstrated this commitment to excellence in January when Inspira Medical Center Elmer became the first hospital in New Jersey to receive the PRISM Award from the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses. This award, which stands for "Premier Recognition in the Specialty

of Med-Surg," is the first of its kind honoring acute care medical-surgical departments. Elmer's unit is one of a few in the nation to receive this designation for exceptional nursing practice, leadership and patient outcomes.

Recognition and awards for clinical and service excellence give us, and our communities, an objective measure of the services we provide. Together with our own internal measures of clinical quality and the patient experience, they help us monitor and communicate our strengths while reminding us that we must constantly strive to provide the safest, most effective, and patient-focused care possible.

I feel it's important for us to share the accomplishments of our doctors and staff with everyone in our community. It's their dedication to providing you with excellent, safe health care that allows us to receive these acknowledgements. And most of all, it gives you peace of mind knowing that you have top-notch care available for your loved ones here in your community.

For a complete listing of Inspira's awards and achievements, please visit our website at InspiraHealthNetwork.org.



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