



THE LEAPFROG GROUP

Informing Choices. Rewarding Excellence.
Getting Health Care Right.

Update from the Pond

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The Leapfrog Group's Mission

Trigger giant leaps forward in the safety, quality and affordability of health care by:

- Supporting informed health care decisions by those who use and pay for health care***
- Promoting high-value health care through incentives and rewards***

Why the Leapfrog Group?

- How did Leapfrog begin?
- Our purchaser members want their employees to receive high quality and safe care

Review of our Leaps

1. An Rx for Rx

- Computer Physician Order Entry (CPOE)
 - Up to 8 in 10 serious drug errors prevented

2. Sick People Need Special Care

- ICU Daytime Staffing with CCM Trained M.D. live or via tele-monitoring, or risk-adjusted outcomes comparison

Review of our Leaps cont.

3. The Best of the Best

- Evidence-based Hospital Referral (EHR) *or* risk-adjusted outcomes comparison
 - > 30% mortality reduction for 7 complex treatments

4. Leapfrog Safe Practices Score

- Rolled-up score of the remaining 27 of the 30 NQF-endorsed Safe Practices

2006 Performance of VA Hospitals (10/31/06)

	Virginia	National
Percentage of targeted hospitals reporting	42%	57%
Fully Implemented:		
CPOE	2.7%	7.1%
IPS	16.7%	28%
CABG	22.2%	11.9%
PCI	38.5%	20.2%
AAA	N/A	4.4%
Pancr.	8.3%	20.8%
Esoph.	6.7%	13.3%
NICU	23.1%	30.7%
NQF	47.2%	50.4%

Changes/Additions for 2007 Survey

- Align with Revised NQF Safe Practices
- Addition of Surgeon Volume questions to EHR Leap
- Addition of Bariatric Surgery and Aortic Valve Surgeries to High Risk Procedures
- Addition of Transparency Indicator
- Recognition given for participating in the Leapfrog Hospital Rewards Program™

Leapfrog and NQF Alignment

- The Board of the National Quality Forum (NQF) endorsed the measures recommended by the NQF Safe Practices Maintenance Committee
- Leapfrog is committed to aligning with the NQF and will be updating our survey questions in this section of the Survey to reflect changes to the safe practice measures

Transparency Indicator

The survey will now recognize other reporting initiatives that are:

- reported publicly beyond just a hospital web site
- in the AHRQ compendium
- are available at no cost and without use of a password
- require unique data submissions

LHRP Reporting Recognition

- Leapfrog's Consumer Report page will now indicate if a hospital is participating in the LHRP program

2007 Timeline

- March 1, 2007—Leapfrog Launches 2007 Survey
- May 31, 2007- RRO Leaders target hospitals to report or be listed on Leapfrog's Web site as Did Not Disclose

Hospital Recognition Programs

- Leapfrog recently issued its first ever Top Hospitals List
- 59 hospitals were recognized nationwide
- **Similar and Additional Recognition programs/initiatives will be done in 2007 beginning as early as August**

Addition of Surgeon Volume

Purpose of Change:

To incorporate accumulated new scientific evidence of surgeon volume effects on outcomes

Approach:

- Leapfrog will request hospitals provide the total number of surgeons electively performing the specific procedure for the same period of time used for hospital volume
- Leapfrog will ask how many of the surgeons who electively perform the procedure, perform the recommended number of procedures/ year based on clinical evidence.
- This will be incorporated into overall score for each relevant EHR procedure or treatment

Leapfrog 2007 Town Hall Calls

- We've just finished our comment period for the 1st three leaps
- We will be considering the feedback and updating the question format/content based on suggestions received.
- FOUR Town Hall Calls will take place during the spring (March/April) for hospitals to learn about the updated survey and to ask questions directly to our Director of Leaps and Measures
- If you have additional questions or comments, please e-mail me:
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