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National Hospital Leaders and Major Employer Group To Discuss Health Care Governance

WASHINGTON, August 16, 2007 — The Leapfrog Group will organize and host a national conference designed to address the critical role that hospital and health system boards play in driving quality and value in American health care. **The Leapfrog Conference on the Future of Hospital Governance: *Quality at the Leading Edge*** will take place January 28-29, 2008 at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica CA.

Designed for an audience of hospital and health system trustees, senior executives, and those in the legal, accounting, and insurance industries who support hospital and health system boards, this conference will address a range of interrelated issues germane to the hospital or health system board's role in driving quality. Topics will include how health care quality is defined and measured, the National Quality Forum Call to Responsibility for Healthcare Boards, research on the connection between governance and quality, the effect of board involvement in quality issues on access to capital and D & O insurance, the appropriate role for system and subsidiary boards in assuring quality, and the legal issues associated with quality matters.

Dan Roble, Esq., of Ropes and Gray, and Eric Lister, MD, of Ki Associates will serve as Course Directors. Nationally recognized in the field of health care governance, Mr. Roble and Dr. Lister co-convened the process, which in 2004 resulted in the promulgation of the National Quality Forum "Call to Responsibility for Healthcare Boards." They will be joined by a faculty of national leaders in health care quality and the role of hospital and health system boards.

In addition to the Course Directors, confirmed speakers to date include Carolyn M. Clancy, MD, Director, U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ); Jennifer Daley, Senior Vice President, Tenet Healthcare; Maulik Joshi, President and CEO, the Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement; and Alisa Ray, Executive Director, the Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology.

At the conference, two awards will be given: the Leapfrog Governance for Quality Award and the Leapfrog Patient-Centered Care Award. The first award will be given to a hospital or health system whose board has demonstrated exemplary leadership in health care quality. The second will be granted to a hospital or health system whose board has demonstrated exemplary leadership in patient-centered care.

This conference is supported by a grant from the UniHealth Foundation, and funding from AHRQ. Additional sponsorship comes from Lehman Brothers, the National Business Coalition on Health, and the Texas Medical Institute of Technology. Additional opportunities for sponsorship remain.

For information regarding sponsorship opportunities and award nominations, contact:

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The Leapfrog Group (www.leapfroggroup.org). On behalf of the millions of Americans for whom many of the nation's largest corporations and public agencies buy health benefits, The Leapfrog Group aims to use its members' collective leverage to initiate breakthrough improvements in the safety, quality, and affordability of health care for Americans. The Leapfrog Group was founded in November 2000 by the Business Roundtable and is supported by its members, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, The Commonwealth Fund, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and other sources.

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