COMING CLEAN:
How Hospital Transparency Will Transform Patient Safety
Reaching the Oz of Safety and Quality

During his first year in college, Peter Pronovost’s parents visited him with terrible news: his father’s cancer diagnosis. Over his undergraduate years, Pronovost stood by his father’s side for the treatments and services involved in the final years of his life. But as Pronovost describes in his book, *Safe Patients, Smart Hospitals: How One Doctor’s Checklist Can Help Us Change Health Care from the Inside Out*, medical errors intensified his father’s suffering and likely cut short the few weeks or years he had left.

Subsequently, Pronovost attended one of the best medical schools in the United States, Johns Hopkins. His promising future in medicine lay ahead like the yellow brick road, with every opportunity to achieve the heights of success in medicine. And like Dorothy, when his pathway in life finally brought him before the Wizard, he did something unexpected: He paid attention to that man behind the curtain. Pronovost chose to dedicate his career to ending the errors, accidents, and infections that happen behind the scenes, and too often hurt the patients clinicians are trying to help.

Today Dr. Peter Pronovost is one of the most respected and influential physician leaders in the United States, head of the Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality at Johns Hopkins Medicine. His contributions to healthcare are disarmingly simple yet profound. Surgeons should run through checklists before putting knife to skin. Hospitals should enforce rigid protocols for inserting central lines to prevent infections. Today there is a significant body of research on how hospitals and clinicians can avert common mistakes and problems.

Unfortunately, thousands of people are still suffering and dying from preventable errors and infections every day in American hospitals. Why? It’s not for lack of knowledge; the research gives clear instructions on keeping patients safe, and according to Leapfrog data and our Hospital Safety Score, hundreds of hospitals demonstrate it can be done. It’s not for lack of resources either. Many Leapfrog Top Hospitals and high-performing Hospital Safety Score hospitals serve indigent populations and watch every penny, while more hazardous hospitals bask in large endowments. The highest-scoring hospitals come in all sizes and shapes, rural and urban, teaching and community, large and small.
The problem is motivation; heart and courage to apply the knowledge we already possess. Some hospitals simply don’t make safety or quality their priority. Patients themselves don’t often create a market for safety, mostly because they don’t know to discern the relative safety of a hospital or insist on precautions once they are admitted. Few health plans base contracts with hospitals primarily on safety performance, though that is changing. Even though employers and other purchasers created Leapfrog and hundreds use it ever year, still they do not yet exert adequate market pressure for safety.

But the facts are revealed in the data: Some hospitals are much safer than others, and some are higher quality. Patients deserve to know which is which, so they can protect themselves and their families and at the same time drive a market for safety. That is why this year Leapfrog sought the advice of Peter Pronovost and eight other leading national researchers to create the Hospital Safety Score, a letter grade rating the safety of general hospitals across the country. It’s designed to be accessible to consumers.

Today we are pleased that Dr. Pronovost is the closing keynote for The Leapfrog Group Annual Meeting, where he will remind us that the highest standards of patient safety are achievable by motivated hospitals.

We also welcome keynote speaker Regina Holliday. Like Peter, Regina’s journey in health care was transformed by tragedy, the suffering and death of her late husband. Her vision for Oz: a world where hospital transparency is the norm. She will share that inspiring vision with us and encourage us to join her on her yellow brick road.

The Leapfrog Annual Meeting brings together our top hospitals and our purchaser members to celebrate excellence in hospital quality and safety, and rededicate ourselves to elevating the standards for healthcare in every community in America. Our board and membership are always inspired by the example of our Top Hospitals, which remind us that purchasers can and should expect the best for our employees and the public.

The problems in hospital quality and safety are significant. The good news is they are solvable. Like Dorothy’s three traveling companions in Oz, we already have the brains, heart and courage to make a difference—we just have to apply them all together for optimal effect.
Keynote Speakers

Regina Holliday became an expert in American healthcare in the worst way possible: She experienced errors, accidents, and needless harm suffered by her husband, who died of kidney cancer in 2009. Since then, she has emerged as one of the nation’s most articulate champions of patient- and family-centered healthcare, and transparency that gives people control and dignity as patients.

Peter Pronovost, M.D., is the Senior Vice President for Patient Safety and Quality and Director of the Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality at Johns Hopkins Medicine. In addition to his myriad accomplishments in patient safety initiatives, Dr. Pronovost is a member of Leapfrog’s Blue Ribbon Expert Panel on the Hospital Safety Score. His presentation will touch on patient safety topics important to hospitals, purchasers, and all health industry stakeholders.

Jeffrey A. Rivest is President & CEO of the University of Maryland Medical Center. At UMMC, he has led the organization through an aggressive expansion strategy, increasing volumes, expanding market share, and producing consistently strong financial results. Under his leadership, UMMC has elevated its national profile and received numerous prestigious awards, including national recognition as one of The Leapfrog Group’s Top Hospitals of the Decade for Quality and Patient Safety.
The Leapfrog Group
Annual Meeting & Top Hospitals Awards
December 4, 2012 from 1:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Hyatt Regency Baltimore on the Inner Harbor, Baltimore, Maryland

COMING CLEAN: HOW HOSPITAL TRANSPARENCY WILL TRANSFORM PATIENT SAFETY

AGENDA

1:00 PM  Welcome
Leah Binder, President and CEO, The Leapfrog Group

1:05 PM  Opening Keynote
Regina Holliday

2:00 PM  The Hospital Safety Score: Turbo-Charging Transparency
Hospital Safety Score Committee of the Leapfrog Board of Directors

3:30 PM  Break

3:45 PM  Every Hospital on the A List: Yes, We Can Get There
Dr. Peter Pronovost, Senior Vice President for Patient Safety and Quality, Director of the Armstrong Institute of Patient Safety and Quality at Johns Hopkins Medicine

4:45 PM  Closing Remarks
Leah Binder, President and CEO, The Leapfrog Group
Keith Reissaus, Chairman, Leapfrog Board of Directors

5:00 PM  Adjourn

5:30 PM  Top Hospitals Reception
Cocktails & hors d’oeuvres

6:30 PM  Top Hospitals Awards Keynote
Jeffrey A. Rivest, President and CEO, University of Maryland Medical Center

6:45 PM  Top Hospitals Awards Ceremony and Press Photos
Leah Binder, President and CEO, The Leapfrog Group
Keith Reissaus, Chairman, Leapfrog Board of Directors

8:30 PM  Conclusion
The Leapfrog Group’s employer and purchaser members set the toughest standards for patient safety, quality, and transparency in the country. We applaud every hospital that publicly reports to Leapfrog’s annual hospital survey. Tonight, we recognize a distinguished group whose commitment and attainment of excellence is unmatched: 2012 Leapfrog Top Hospitals.

Congratulations.
2012 Leapfrog Top Hospitals

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Kaiser Permanente Richmond Medical Center (CA)
Kaiser Permanente Riverside Medical Center (CA)
Kaiser Permanente Roseville Medical Center (CA)
Kaiser Permanente San Diego Medical Center (CA)
Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center (CA)
Kaiser Permanente South Bay Medical Center (CA)
Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento Medical Center (CA)
Kaiser Permanente Vacaville Medical Center (CA)
Kaiser Permanente Vallejo Medical Center (CA)
Kaiser Permanente Walnut Creek Medical Center (CA)
Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles Medical Center (CA)
Kaiser Permanente Woodland Hills Medical Center (CA)
Stanford Hospital & Clinics (CA)
Sutter Maternity & Surgery Center (CA)
University of California David Medical Center (CA)
Mayo Clinic Hospital, Jacksonville (FL)
The Queen's Medical Center (HI)
Central DuPage Hospital, a member of Cadence Health (IL)
NorthShore University Health System Evanston Hospital (IL)
NorthShore University Health System Glenbrook Hospital (IL)
Northwest Community Healthcare (IL)
Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital (IL)
Northwestern Memorial Hospital (IL)
Rush University Medical Center (IL)
St. Vincent Indianapolis Hospital (IN)
Baystate Medical Center (MA)
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (MA)
Boston Medical Center (MA)
Brigham and Women's Hospital (MA)
Cooley Dickinson Hospital (MA)
Sturdy Memorial Hospital (MA)
Anne Arundel Medical Center (MD)
Sinai Hospital of Baltimore (MD)
University of Maryland Medical Center (MD)
Central Maine Medical Center (ME)
Pen Bay Medical Center (ME)
DMC Detroit Receiving Hospital (MI)
DMC Harper University Hospital (MI)
DMC Sinai-Grace Hospital (MI)
Spectrum Health Blodgett Hospital (MI)
Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital (MI)
St. Joseph Mercy Oakland (MI)

2011 Leapfrog Top Hospitals (con’t)

University of Michigan Health System (MI)
Regions Hospital (MN)
Mayo Clinic - Saint Marys Hospital, Rochester (MN)
Duke University Hospital (NC)
Hackensack University Medical Center (NJ)
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital (NJ)
The Valley Hospital (NJ)
Roswell Park Cancer Institute (NY)
OhioHealth Dublin Methodist Hospital (OH)
The Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute (OH)
The Christ Hospital (OH)
University Hospitals Case Medical Center (OH)
Lehigh Valley Hospital (PA)
Vanderbilt University Hospital (TN)
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Swedish Medical Center/First Hill (WA)
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2012 Leapfrog Top Rural Hospitals

Florida Hospital Wauchula (FL)
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Blessing Hospital (IL)
Fairview Hospital (MA)
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Inland Hospital (ME)
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Rumford Hospital (ME)
Sebasticook Valley Hospital (ME)
OSF St. Francis Hospital & Medical Group (MI)
Takoma Regional Hospital (TN)

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Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CA)
Children’s National Medical Center (DC)
Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children (DE)
Children’s Mercy Hospital South Campus (KS)
Children’s Hospital Boston (MA)
Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota - St. Paul (MN)
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center (OH)
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Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt (TN)
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