# Leapfrog ASC Survey Town Hall Call

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# **About The Leapfrog Group**



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- National nonprofit founded by large, self-insured purchasers in 2000 in response to 1999 IOM Report *To Err is Human*
- Mission: Trigger giant leaps forward in the safety, quality, and affordability of U.S. health care by using transparency to support informed decision-making and value-based purchasing
- The data we collect and publicly report is used by consumers, purchasers and employers, national and regional health plans, transparency vendors, researchers, and others











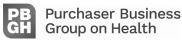


## Regional Leaders: National Network of Purchasers and Employers



























































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#### **Other Employer/Purchaser Initiatives**

<u>National Panel of Employer Benefit Innovators</u> – Will be piloting projects that include Leapfrog Hospital and ASC Survey Results. Members include:

- CBS Corporation
- Comcast NBCUniversal
- General Motors
- H-E-B
- State of Delaware
- State of Maine
- State of Tennessee
- Techtronic Industries North America, Inc.
- University of Michigan
- U. S. Steel
- Walmart

Partnership with <u>Health Transformation</u>
Alliance, <u>ERIC</u>, <u>Purchaser Business Group on</u>
<u>Health</u>, and <u>National Alliance of Healthcare</u>
<u>Purchaser Coalitions</u> – Sent joint letter to all
ASCs on Leapfrog's roster urging them to
submit a 2022 ASC Survey. Together, these
groups represent 12,000 employers with more
than 55 million lives.



#### **Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Advisory Committee**

The ASC Advisory Committee advises Leapfrog on key issues related to ASC safety, quality, and efficiency to ensure that employers have the best available data for decision-making. While the Committee does not discuss the design or execution of the current Leapfrog ASC Survey, their deliberations do impact Leapfrog's long-term plans as the annual Survey evolves over time.

Find the list of current members on our website.





## Why participate?



## Prominent positioning with employers, purchasers, and health plans

"Leapfrog gives us critical data on quality and safety that employers cannot get anywhere else."

Lee Lewis, chief strategy officer and GM of medical solutions at the Health Transformation Alliance (HTA), a cooperative of 58 leading employers in the U.S.

Many employers are now working directly with ASCs to inform benefits designs and contracting, and they expect transparent data on safety and quality. Others contracting in more traditional ways, through third-party administrators and health plans, expect that data as well. However, they are finding that there is a lack of valuable information they can use.



#### Peer benchmarks for competitiveness

"The Survey is a check and balance for us. Before participating, I didn't have good insight into what other ASCs were doing nationally. It's helped me see what's important and if we are on the right track."

Stephaie Jaross, ASC Director for the Center for Spine and Joint Replacement Surgery

While internal reporting and benchmarking can provide valuable insight to an ASC, being able to compare performance with similar ASCs across the country is critical for competitiveness and growth.



#### Why Participate?

#### Educate patients about your facility:

"There's a drive across the ASC industry to show patients that we deliver the same, if not better, level of care that hospitals provide."

Stephaie Jaross, ASC Director for the Center for Spine and Joint Replacement Surgery

Most patients have a choice in where to seek care for an elective procedure. Providing essential data on safety and quality, such as surgical volumes, infections and patient experience, to potential patients on an accessible platform like Leapfrog allows patients to compare facilities.



#### Why Participate?

#### Galvanize improvement:

## "If I could summarize what Leapfrog does for us, it's credibility through accountability."

Dr. Mike Crovetti, Owner and Medical Director at Coronado Surgery Center

Abundant evidence suggests that transparency galvanizes change, and that public reporting provides ASC leaders with an actionable tool to get their team on board. This accountability builds and sustains momentum.





# About the Leapfrog ASC Survey



#### **Goals for the ASC Survey**

- Collect data that is meaningful to purchasers and consumers
  - Use evidence-based, nationally standardized measures of patient safety and quality
  - Ensure proper risk adjustment, when appropriate
  - Run a top-notch Help Desk to provide technical assistance
- Publicly report data to inform purchasing and care decisions
  - Highlight performance gaps where choice really matters
  - Make Survey Results available on a free public website and searchable by procedure

- Build on our work with purchasers, employers, health plans, and others to incorporate Survey Results into member tools, benefit design, direct contracting decisions, and value-based purchasing strategies
  - Initiate pilots designed by the Employer Innovation Panel
  - Continue to leverage Regional Leaders, members, partners, and data licensees
- Maintain the highest level of data integrity by implementing rigorous data verification protocols
  - CEO affirmation
  - Online data warnings
  - Extensive monthly data verification
  - Monthly documentation requirements
  - On-site verification



#### **Survey Content Overview**

- Annual Open from April 1 to November 30
- Always free to participate and results are available on a free public website at ratings.leapfroggroup.org
- Measures on the Survey are nationally standardized and evidence-based many are endorsed by the National Quality Forum, which means they've been tested for reliability and validity and been approved of use in public reporting and payment programs
- Several of the measures are aligned with other national agencies and organizations such as AAAHC, The Joint Commission (TJC), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

More information is available in the **Survey Overview** on our website.



#### Aligned with other national organizations

Survey Section	Measure	Endorsed or Aligned with other National Reporting Entities	Applicable to Pediatric Facilities?	Reported on by HOPDs via the Leapfrog Hospital Survey	How responses will be publicly reported at https://ratings.leapfroggroup.org/		
1	Basic Facility Information						
	General Information	NHSN OPC Annual Facility Survey	✓				
	Accreditation	NHSN OPC Annual Facility Survey	✓		Not scored but details will be publicly report		
	Transfer Agreements	AAAHC	✓	✓			
	Person-Centered Care: Billing Ethics and Monitoring Health Care Inequity (New and Optional in 2021)		~	✓	Not scored or publicly reported		
2	Medical, Surgical, and Clinical Staff						
	Certified Clinicians Present While Patients Are Recovering	AAAHC	~	<b>√</b>	Elective Outpatient Surgery Recovery Staffing  – Adult: Summary score publicly reported Elective Outpatient Surgery Recovery Staffing  – Pediatric: Summary score publicly reported		
	Board Certification		✓	✓	Not scored but details will be publicly reported		
3	Volume and Safety of Procedures						
	Volume of Procedures  Volume of commonly performed adult and pediatric outpatient surgeries and procedures in the following specialties:  Gastroenterology General Surgery Ophthalmology Orthopedics Otolaryngology Urology		~	<b>√</b>	Elective Outpatient Surgery for Adults and Children: Not scored but details will be publicly reported		



## Helps to fulfill CMS requirements for an ongoing quality program

Survey Section	Measure	Endorsed or Aligned with other National Reporting Entities	Applicable to Pediatric Facilities?	Reported on by HOPDs via the Leapfrog Hospital Survey	How responses will be publicly reported at https://ratings.leapfroggroup.org/
	Dermatology**     Neurological Surgery**     Obstetrics and Gynecology**     Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery**  **Adult procedures only				
	Facility and Surgeon Volume (Total Knee and Total Hip Replacement Surgery)				Not scored or publicly reported
	Patient Follow-up		✓	✓	Not scored or publicly reported
	Patient Selection and Consent to Treat	AAAHC, TJC	✓	✓	Not scored but details will be publicly reported
	Safe Surgery Checklist	WHO, AORN, TJC	✓	✓	Safety Surgery Checklist – Elective Outpatient Surgery: Summary score publicly reported
4	Patient Safety Practices				
	Medication Safety				
	Medication and Allergy Documentation	NQF #0019 and #0020, TJC, AAAHC	<b>✓</b>	✓	Medication Documentation for Elective Outpatient Surgery Patients: Summary score plus detail publicly reported
	Opioid Prescribing		✓	✓	Not scored or publicly reported
	NHSN Outpatient Procedure Component Module	CDC/NHSN, NQF #3025 (SSI Breast only)	(SDOM only)		Tracking and Reporting Accidents and Infections: Summary score plus detail publicly reported
	Hand Hygiene Practices	AAAHC	✓	✓	Handwashing: Summary score plus detail publicly reported
	NQF Safe Practice 1: Culture of Safety Leadership Structures and Systems	NQF Safe Practice	✓	✓	Effective Leadership to Prevent Errors: Summary score plus detail publicly reported



#### In some cases, allows surgery centers to utilize existing data

Survey Section	Measure	Endorsed or Aligned with other National Reporting Entities	Applicable to Pediatric Facilities?	Reported on by HOPDs via the Leapfrog Hospital Survey	How responses will be publicly reported at https://ratings.leapfroggroup.org/
	NQF Safe Practice 2: Culture Measurement, Feedback, and Intervention	NQF Safe Practice	✓	✓	Staff Work Together to Prevent Errors: Summary score plus detail publicly reported
	Never Events Policy		<b>✓</b>	✓	Responding to Never Events: Summary score plus detail publicly reported
	Nursing Workforce (New and Optional in 2021)		✓	✓	Not scored or publicly reported
5	Patient Experience				
	Patient Experience (OAS CAHPS)	NQF #1741, ASCQR, OQR		✓	Experience of Patients Undergoing Elective Outpatient Surgery: Summary score plus detail publicly reported





#### **Content Overview**



#### **Survey Content Organization**

Each section of the Survey is organized in the same format in the hard copy of the Survey and the Online Survey Tool:

**General information** about The Leapfrog Group standard (included in the hard copy only).

**Reporting periods** to provide facilities with specific periods of time for each set of questions.

<u>Survey questions</u> which may include references to endnotes. The Survey questions and endnotes match the Online ASC Survey Tool exactly.

<u>Affirmation of accuracy</u> by your facility's administrator or by an individual that has been designated by your facility's administrator. These statements affirm the accuracy of your ASC's responses.

<u>Reference information</u> which includes 'What's New' and 'Change Summaries,' important measure specifications, answers to frequently asked questions, and other notes that must be carefully reviewed before providing responses to any of the Survey questions (included in the hard copy only).



#### 1: Basic Facility Information

Includes questions on general facility information, such as:

- Number of operating rooms
- Number of endoscopic procedure rooms
- Number of adult and pediatric discharges
- Teaching status
- Ownership
- Accreditation
- Transfer agreements

As well as questions on efforts to ensure health equity and billing practices, such as:

- What pricing information is displayed on your facility's website for commonly performed procedures?
- Which of the following patient selfidentified demographic data does your facility collect directly from its patients (or patient's legal guardian) during patient registration prior to or during the facility visit?



#### 2: Medical, Surgical, and Clinical Staff

Includes questions pertaining to the training and education of medical, surgical, and clinical staff, including proper resuscitation training and board certification:

- Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) certification
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certification
- Board certification for physicians, anesthesiologists, and certified nurse anesthetists



#### **3: Volume and Safety of Procedures**

Includes questions on the volume of procedures performed in the facility, as well as questions on patient follow-up, patient selection, informed consent (*optional in 2022*), and the implementation of a Safe Surgery Checklist.

For patient follow-up, Leapfrog obtains data for two CMS Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) measures

directly from CMS' website:

- ASC-11: Percentage of Patients Who Had Cataract Surgery and Had Improvement in Visual Function within 90 Days Following the Surgery
- ASC-12: Rate of Unplanned Hospital Visits After an Outpatient Colonoscopy

For Leapfrog to obtain the data for each applicable ASCQR measure, facilities must provide a valid CMS Certification Number (CCN) and National Provider Identifier (NPI) in the Profile Section of the Online Survey Tool and submit the Leapfrog ASC Survey.

Facilities that do not perform cataract surgery or colonoscopy procedures will be scored and publicly reported as "Does Not Apply."



#### **Types of Procedures**

Leapfrog focuses on a small number of adult and pediatric procedures selected using the following criteria:

- High volume in both ambulatory surgery centers and hospital outpatient departments based on an analysis of commercial claims
- Requires moderate to general anesthesia or a nerve block

#### Specialties Include:

- Gastroenterology
- General surgery
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedic
- Otolaryngology
- Urology
- Neurological surgery
- Obstetrics and gynecology
- Plastic and reconstructive surgery



#### **Types of Procedures included in 2022**

Specialty	# of Adult Procedures	# of Pediatric Procedures		
Gastroenterology	3	3		
General Surgery	7	2		
Ophthalmology	3	3		
Orthopedic	7	5		
Otolaryngology	3	4		
Urology	5	0		
Neurological Surgery	1	0		
Obstetrics & Gynecology	3	0		
Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery	2	0		



#### **4: Patient Safety Practices**

#### **Medication Safety**

Medication and allergy documentation

NHSN Outpatient Procedure Component (OPC) Module

Surgical site infections and same day outcomes measures

Hand Hygiene

Select NQF Safe Practices

- Culture of Safety Leadership Structures and Systems
- Culture Measurement, Feedback, and Intervention
- Risks and Hazards (optional in 2022)

Policies related to Never Events

Nursing Workforce (optional in 2022)

Facilities that are not yet participating in the OPC or administering a culture of Safety Survey can still report to the Leapfrog ASC Survey. They will simply answer "no" to the corresponding questions and/or leave the practice unselected.



#### 5: Patient Experience (OAS CAHPS)

- ASCs will be asked to report domain scores and selected aggregated question responses from the Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery (OAS) CAHPS Survey
  - Leapfrog will accept responses from ASCs administering the OAS CAHPS Survey regardless of whether they are submitting the data to CMS
  - Leapfrog will accept responses from ASCs administering the OAS CAHPS Survey using modes not yet approved by CMS, such as electronic administration
- Only applicable for facilities with at least 300 eligible discharges (adult patients who had both medically and non-medically necessary surgeries and/or procedures) and at least 100 returned surveys during a 12-month reporting period

Facilities that are not yet administering the OAS CAHPS Survey can still report to the Leapfrog ASC Survey. They will simply answer "no" to the corresponding questions.



#### **Ensuring Data Accuracy**

Leapfrog ASC Survey Results are publicly reported on Leapfrog's <u>website</u> and used by purchasers and consumers, regional and national health plans, transparency vendors, and researchers. The accuracy of the data we publish and distribute is of utmost importance. Leapfrog has several protocols in place to verify the accuracy of our results:

- Affirmation of Accuracy
- Warnings in the Online ASC Survey Tool
- Extensive Monthly Data Verification
- Monthly Documentation Requirements
- Virtual Data Verification (instead of on-site visits in response to COVID-19)





#### **Submission Overview**



### Pre-Submission Checklist

On page 11 in the hard copy of the Survey.

Download the Survey on our website.



#### **Pre-Submission Checklist**

Before you complete and submit the Survey via the Online ASC Survey Tool, there are a number of steps you should complete: ☐ Ensure that your facility is currently performing procedures in one or more of the specialties listed in Important Notes about the 2022 Leapfrog ASC Survey. ☐ Visit the ASC Survey website pages at http://www.leapfroggroup.org/asc. Make sure you have a 16-digit security code. If you do not, download a Security Code Request Download a hard copy of the Survey on the Survey Materials webpage. Then, read through the entire Survey document to ensure that you understand what information is required. Review the reference information in each section of the Survey document and download other supporting materials for each section. These documents and tools contain information that you will need to accurately respond to the Survey questions. ASCs must download the CPT code Excel workbook on the Survey Dashboard prior to completing Section 3 of the 2022 Leapfrog ASC Survey. Join Leapfrog's NHSN Group, Joining Leapfrog's NHSN Group for ASCs is one of two options for authenticating your facility for the purposes of requesting a security code to access to Online ASC Survey Tool, Additionally, Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs) are required to join Leapfrog's NHSN Group (The Leapfrog Group - ASCs Group ID: 57193) for Leapfrog to download data that we collect in Section 4B: NHSN Outpatient Procedure Component Module. Download the instructions and review information about deadlines on the Join NHSN Group webpage. Identify individuals from your ASC to help you gather the data you will need to complete the various sections of the Survey. ☐ Complete a hard copy of the Survey before you log in to the Online ASC Survey Tool. This will expedite the online completion and help to avoid the Online ASC Survey Tool from "timing out" after 20 minutes of idle time (a security precaution). Once all the information has been collected and recorded in the hard copy of the Survey, the Administrator or the Administrator's designee can typically complete the Survey online in less than 60 minutes from the hard copy record. Please note. responses can only be submitted using the Online ASC Survey Tool. Download and review a copy of the Online Survey Tool Guide on the Get Started webpage. This document includes important instructions on how to navigate the Online ASC Survey Tool. Check Survey deadlines. Carefully review Survey deadlines before you begin. Ensure that you have enough time to collect the data, complete a hard copy of the Survey, and complete and submit via the Online ASC Survey Tool, Make sure you have joined Leapfrog's NHSN Group by the appropriate deadline. □ Download and review the 2022 Leapfrog ASC Survey Scoring Algorithms. Review Leapfrog's policies and procedures regarding data accuracy. Detailed information can be found on the Data Accuracy webpage.

#### **How to Request a Security Code**

Each ASC will need a 16-digit security code in order to access the Online ASC Survey Tool.

In order to ensure that only authorized individuals have access to the 2022 Leapfrog ASC Survey for each facility, a <u>Security Code Request Form</u> must be completed. There are two options for requesting a security code:

- Option 1
  - Join Leapfrog's NHSN Group
  - Have the individual listed as the "NHSN Administrator" complete and sign the Security Code Request Form
  - Print the Security Code Request Form on letterhead and submit it to the <u>Help Desk</u>.
- Option 2
  - Obtain a copy of the facility's national accreditation letter or certificate, or the facility's county or state business license
  - Have the Facility Administrator complete and sign the Security Code Request Form
  - Print the Security Code Request Form on letterhead and submit it with the required documentation to the <u>Help Desk</u>.

Note: In addition to the Facility Administrator referenced above, the Nurse Manager, Medical Director, or CEO may also submit a Security Code Request Form on behalf of their facility.





# Scoring and Public Reporting



## Review the Scoring Algorithms that will be used for Public Reporting of your 2022 Survey Results

Once a facility submits a Leapfrog ASC Survey via the Online ASC Survey Tool, the submitted responses will be scored using the algorithms detailed on our <u>website</u>.

Only those responses that have been submitted will be scored and publicly reported; saved responses will not be scored or publicly reported.

Leapfrog publicly reports Survey Results beginning on July 25 for facilities that submit by June 30, and these facilities are able to preview their Survey Results on the ASC Details Page on July 12.

ASCs should review their Survey Results following their submission to ensure accuracy and completeness on our website at <a href="https://ratings.leapfroggroup.org">https://ratings.leapfroggroup.org</a>.



#### **Two Places to View Survey Results**

#### **ASC Details Page**

- Link on the Survey Dashboard
- Only available to surgery centers that submit a Survey
- <u>Includes intermediate scoring information for</u> <u>surgery centers that may NOT be included on the</u> <u>public reporting website</u>
- Starting on July 12, then refreshed monthly within the first 5 business days of the month to reflect new and updated Survey Submissions

#### **Public Reporting Website**

- Public and free to view by anyone at https://ratings.leapfroggroup.org
- Staring on July 25, then refreshed monthly within the first 5 business days of the month to reflect new and updated Survey Submissions



#### **Performance Categories Used in Scoring and Public Reporting**

For the purposes of public reporting, performance on each measure on the Leapfrog ASC Survey is placed into one of four performance categories:

- Achieved the Standard (displayed as four filled bars)
- Considerable Achievement (displayed as three filled bars)
- Some Achievement (displayed as two filled bars)
- Limited Achievement (displayed as one filled bar)

#### Additional scoring terms include:

- Does Not Apply: This term is used for facilities that report not performing a particular procedure or do not have applicable patients and/or units for a particular measure.
- Unable to Calculate Score: This term is used for facilities that report a sample size that does not meet Leapfrog's minimum reporting requirements.
- Declined to Respond: This term is used for facilities that do not submit a Survey.
- Pending Leapfrog Verification: This term is used for facilities who have Survey responses that are undergoing Leapfrog's standard verification process.



#### **Performance Categories Used in Scoring and Public Reporting**

Progress toward	s meeting Leapfrog standards:
-11	Achieved the Standard
	Considerable Achievement
	Some Achievement
<b>-</b> 000	Limited Achievement
NOT AVAILABLE	Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, data for this measure is not available
DOES NOT APPLY	This measure is not applicable to this facility
UNABLE TO CALCULATE	Sample size too small to calculate score
PENDING LEAPFROG VERIFICATION	This facility's responses are undergoing Leapfrog's standard data verification process
DECLINED TO RESPOND	Did not respond to this measure

Measure name	Leapfrog's Standard	Progress Towards Meeting Leapfrog's Standard
Effective Leadership to Prevent Errors	Surgery centers should take meaningful steps to raise awareness about patient safety, hold leadership accountable for reducing unsafe practices, provide resources to implement a patient safety program, and develop systems and structures to support action to improve patient safety.	LIMITED ACHIEVEMENT
	▼ SHOW MORE ON THIS SURGERY CENTER'S PER	CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENT
Staff Work Together to Prevent Errors	Surgery centers should have assessed their culture of safety and held leadership accountable for implementing policies, procedures, and staff education to improve the culture of safety.	CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENT
	▼ SHOW MORE ON THIS SURGERY CENTER'S PER	FORMANCE ▼
Handwashing	Surgery centers should regularly monitor hand hygiene practices for everyone interacting with patients, and give feedback to ensure compliance. Surgery centers foster a culture of good hand hygiene, offers training and education, and have provided equipment, such as paper towels, soap dispensers, and hand more	NOT AVAILABLE  Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, date for this measure is not available
Responding to Never Events	Surgery centers should have a never events policy that includes all nine (9) actions that should occur following a "never event," which includes apologizing to the patient and not charging for costs associated with the never event.	LIMITED ACHIEVEMENT
Tracking and Reporting Accidents and Infections	Surgery centers should track and report all applicable accidents such as burns, falls, errors, hospital admissions and surgical site infections, to a national database.	LIMITED ACHIEVEMENT



#### Public Reporting – <u>ratings.leapfroggroup.org</u>

- Users can search for hospitals and surgery centers by name, location, procedure type, or use the guided search function
- As a reminder, hospitals and ASCs that don't submit a Survey by June 30 will be publicly reported as Declined to Respond starting on July 25





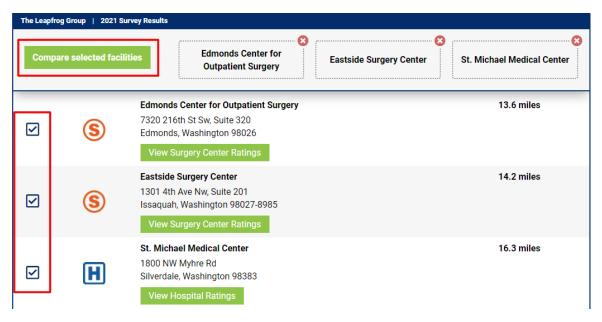
#### **Public Reporting – Procedure Search**

 Users can search for hospitals and/or ASCs that perform the adult and pediatric same day surgeries included on the Surveys

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	Search Leapfrog's Hospital and Surgery Center Ratings									
	Search by:	Facility Name	Location	on	Procedure	Guid	? ed Search			
Leapfrog collects information about certain common same-day surgeries (that do not require an overnight stay) from both hospitals and surgery centers. Search for procedures using the options below.										
	ADULT patients				PEDIATRIC patients					
	Choose One			or	Choose One					
	Do you want to on	ly show facilities near you	?							



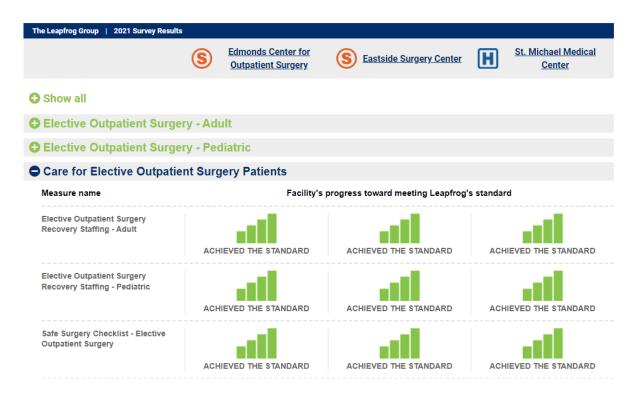
#### **Public Reporting – Select Facilities**



 Users can also compare up to three hospitals and/or ASCs at a time



#### **Public Reporting – Compare Results**







## **How Survey Results** are Used



#### **Public reporting**

- Leapfrog's purchaser and employer members use the Survey Results to:
  - Educate and inform their health plan enrollees
  - Recognize and acknowledge hospitals and ASCs that achieve our national standards
  - Negotiate contracts with their health plans (i.e., ensure Survey Results will be embedded in member tools) and hospitals and ASCs (i.e., direct contracting)
- Consumers use Leapfrog's free public reporting website to compare hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers.
- Health plans, transparency vendors, and others that use Survey Results to design consumer education tools, perform market analysis, or inform contracting decisions, must license the data from The Leapfrog Group for a fee.
- The revenue from data licenses is used to support the ongoing administration of the Leapfrog Surveys and Leapfrog's data dissemination efforts.



#### **Top ASC**

- The highest performing ASCs on the Leapfrog ASC Survey are recognized with the prestigious Leapfrog Top ASC award.
- Top ACSs are publicized in a national press announcement and invited to participate in an awards ceremony.
- Hear from 2021 Top ASC awardees on our website.





- Baptist Medical Park Surgery Center Pensacola, Florida
   Watch highlight video:
- Elmhurst Outpatient Surgery Center Elmhurst, Illinois
   Watch highlight video:





# Deadlines & Resources



#### **Survey Deadlines**

- The Survey opens on April 1. The Submission Deadline is June 30. Survey Results are first publicly reported on July 25.
- After July, results are updated on the fifth business day of the month to reflect Surveys (re)submitted by the end of the previous month.
- Facilities can continue to (re)submit Surveys until the Late Submission Deadline November 30.
- **December and January** are reserved as a corrections period for facilities that submit a Survey by November 30. No new Surveys can be submitted after November 30.

More information about deadlines is available at <a href="https://www.leapfroggroup.org/asc-survey-materials/deadlines">https://www.leapfroggroup.org/asc-survey-materials/deadlines</a>

Deadlines for joining Leapfrog's NHSN Group are separate and different from deadlines listed above and are available at <a href="https://www.leapfroggroup.org/asc-survey-materials/join-asc-nhsn-group">https://www.leapfroggroup.org/asc-survey-materials/join-asc-nhsn-group</a>



#### Free Resources for ASCs

- **Help Desk** The Help Desk is staffed from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET on all regular business days. Help Desk tickets are responded to within 1-2 business days.
- 1:1 Survey Orientation Calls ASCs can contact the Help Desk to schedule a 1:1 30 minute orientation call.
- Case Studies Leapfrog has <u>published</u> a number of case studies featuring examples of how ASCs are using Leapfrog Survey Results.





## **Questions?**

