

THE LEAPFROG GROUP

For Patient Safety Rewarding Higher Standards

Summary of Organization

Origins

- Founded by The Business Roundtable, the nation's association of Fortune 500 CEO's believe patient safety is an issue that demands attention.
- The Leapfrog Group is a growing consortium of more than 110 Fortune 500 companies, and many more private and public health care purchasers which provide health benefits to approximately 32 million Americans; Leapfrog members and their employees spend more than \$55 billion on health care annually.
- Total Leapfrog covered lives (employees, dependents and retirees) in Wisconsin number over 577,000 presently.

What does it mean to join Leapfrog?

- **The Leapfrog Group is not another membership association, and there are no mandatory dues.**
- With the help of The Leapfrog Group Steering Committee and Staff, it means working with other health care purchasers nationally and regionally in your community to meet common goals for improving safety.
- It means providing information proactively in a compelling and understandable way to all enrollees, and to recognize (and reward) hospitals and other health care providers that meet the Standards.

What are the "safety leaps" that have been identified?

- **Computer Physician Order Entry (CPOE)** – Physician order entry in hospitals is computerized. CPOE has been shown to reduce prescribing errors in hospitals by **more than 50%**.
- **Evidence-Based Hospital Referral** – Research indicates that a patient's risk of dying could be reduced by **more than 30%** by referring patients needing certain complex medical procedures to hospitals offering the best survival odds based on scientifically valid criteria - such as the number of times a hospital performs these procedures each year.
- **ICU Physician Staffing** – Staffing ICUs with physicians who have credentials in critical care medicine has been shown to reduce the risk of patients dying in the ICU by **more than 10%**.

How does my organization join?

- Applicants are asked to complete all of the following sections of the packet to be considered for membership: Statement of participation, purchaser participation checklist, covered lives worksheet.
- You will find each of these enclosed in this packet, or available from your presenter today.