

## McLeod Health Cheraw Earns 'A' Grade for Patient Safety

### Cheraw Hospital highlighted as one of the safest hospitals in the country

New Hospital Safety Scores, which assign A, B, C, D and F letter grades to hospitals nationwide and provide the most complete picture of patient safety in the U.S. health care system, were announced today by The Leapfrog Group, a national patient safety watchdog. McLeod Health Cheraw was one of 798 hospitals to receive an A, ranking among the safest hospitals in the United States.

"We are so pleased to have been awarded an 'A' grade for delivering outstanding results in patient safety by Leapfrog," said Mibb Scoggins, the Administrator of McLeod Health Cheraw. "Our goal is to always provide the best experience for each and every one of our patients and their family members. We think of our patients as our family, so therefore, everyone here at McLeod Health Cheraw puts the patient first," she continued. "It is my hope that residents of Chesterfield, Marlboro and neighboring counties feel this special care and attention we bring to their hospital experience."

"Avoidable deaths in hospitals should be the number one concern of our health care leaders. Hospitals that earn an 'A' from Leapfrog are leaders in saving lives, and we commend them and urge their continued vigilance," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group.

Developed under the guidance of Leapfrog's Blue Ribbon Expert Panel, the Hospital Safety Score uses 30 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign A, B, C, D and F grades to more than 2,500 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is calculated by top patient safety experts, peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

For the first time, the Hospital Safety Score includes five measures of patient-reported experience with the hospital as well as two of the most common infections, C.diff and MRSA. To see McLeod Health Cheraw's full score, and to access consumer-friendly tips for patients and loved ones visiting the hospital, visit [www.hospitalsafetyscore.org](http://www.hospitalsafetyscore.org) or follow The Hospital Safety Score on Twitter or Facebook. Consumers can also download the free Hospital Safety Score mobile app for Apple and Android devices.

About The Leapfrog Group - Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps forward in the quality and safety of American health care. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey collects and transparently reports hospital performance, empowering purchasers to find the highest-value care and giving consumers the life-saving information they need to make informed decisions. Hospital Safety Score, Leapfrog's other main initiative, assigns letter grades to hospitals based on their record of patient safety, helping consumers protect themselves and their families from errors, injuries, accidents, and infections.

About McLeod Health Cheraw - With a strong history in the Chesterfield community since 1958, McLeod Health Cheraw, formerly Chesterfield General Hospital, serves residents of Chesterfield, Marlboro and neighboring counties with excellence in patient care. As part of McLeod Health, patients receive access to specialized services, improved technology, an outstanding physician network and enhanced facilities. Services available at McLeod Health Cheraw include: cardiac care, diagnostic imaging, laboratory, rehabilitation, surgery, orthopedics, and women's health. The 59-bed hospital also provides an Emergency Department, an Intensive Care Unit, a Medical Surgical Unit and a Sleep Disorder Center. McLeod Health Cheraw is accredited by The Joint Commission.

### Anson County Veterans Council Requesting Donations

The Anson County Veterans Council is pleased to announce we are moving forward with the new Veterans Memorial to be located inside the Wadesboro City Park. The Veterans Council wants to show our appreciation to all our veterans for their service to our country.

The memorial will be concreted, with a granite marker with the emblems of the five branches of services and flags along with the American flag on a 30 foot pole. The Memorial will also have the North Carolina flag and the Anson County flag on each side at 25 feet. The memorial will have a box for used American flags. Flags that are placed inside the box will be collected and disposed of properly.

To make a contribution, please make checks payable to the Anson County Veterans Council, PO Box 791, Wadesboro, NC 28170. For more information on this project please contact Ed Parker at (704) 694-6770.

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On the third Tuesday of each month the Connections Family Support Program holds a group meeting for parents, grandparents and foster parents serving children with emotional, learning or behavioral challenges. These meetings are free and include brunch.

The meetings take place at the Hampton B. Allen Library, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more information contact Suzanne Maness, Family Advocate, at 877-211-5995 (toll free) or email [connectionsfsp@gmail.com](mailto:connectionsfsp@gmail.com).

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