MONEY ANNOUNCES FIRST-EVER BEST HOSPITALS FOR BARIATRIC SURGERY LIST



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DORADO, Puerto Rico, Jan. 30, 2023 /PRNewswire/ -- Money.com, in partnership with The Leapfrog Group, announced today its first-ever <u>Best Hospitals for Bariatric Surgery list</u>. The 101 hospitals that earned this distinction achieve Leapfrog's standards for safety, including performing a high enough number of the procedures to give patients the best odds of a good outcome, and keeping patients safe from errors, infections, and complications.

Studies show that the experience of both the hospital personnel involved in the procedure and recovery, as well as the surgeon, help keep patients safer during and after this high-risk surgery. Hospitals on this prestigious list meet Leapfrog standards for the number of bariatric procedures performed at the hospital and by individual surgeons. The hospitals also utilize a safe surgery checklist, prevent healthcare-associated infections, and perform well on the biannual <u>Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade</u> which assigns a letter grade to all general acute care hospitals in the U.S. based on how well they protect patients from preventable harm.

"This new list features one-of-a-kind selections that gives readers an excellent look at one of the most difficult surgeries to perform," says Money's Executive Editor Mike Ayers.

Visit the Best Hospitals for Bariatric Surgery <u>here</u> and an in-depth look at bariatric surgery in 2023 <u>here</u>. For the complete methodology, click <u>here</u>.

Patients who have bariatric surgery for weight loss performed at a hospital and by a surgeon that have more experience have better, more positive outcomes – including lower mortality rates, lower complication rates and a shorter length of stay at the hospital.

"Bariatric surgery is a complex procedure that over half a million people undergo annually across the world. Certain hospitals are safer than others for this procedure, and thanks to Money, patients have important data to make an informed decision," said Leapfrog President and CEO Leah Binder.

The Best Hospitals for Bariatric Surgery follows Money's previous "Best Of" lists, including the Best Hospitals in America, the Best Hospitals for Maternity Care and the Best Hospitals for Ethical Billing. Upcoming lists include The Best Hospitals for Pediatrics and the Best Ambulatory Surgery Centers.

For press inquiries, please email <u>press@money.com</u>. The Leapfrog Group and Money's Deputy Editor <u>Jill Cornfield</u> are available for interviews.

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