UC Davis Medical Center Selected as Leapfrog Group Top Hospital

Two events will celebrate UC Davis Medical Center's selection as one of the Leapfrog Group's top hospitals for 2010.

Both events will celebrate the Leapfrog selection and recognize those who contributed to it. The first celebration will take place on Tuesday, March 22nd at 9:00 p.m. in the Ambulatory Care Surgical Unit (ACSU) Auditorium. The second celebration will be on Wednesday, March 23rd at 2:00 p.m. in the Ellison Ambulatory Care Center (ACC) cafeteria. Brownies, cookies, coffee, hot chocolate and hot tea will be served at the events by Food and Nutrition Services.

"Our highest priority is providing high-quality, compassionate care to our patients, and our Leapfrog ranking would not have been possible without the excellent teamwork performed by our dedicated physicians, nurses, staff and students," said Ann Madden Rice, CEO of UC Davis Medical Center.

The medical center's Leapfrog ranking 2010 is a distinction that recognizes hospital performance in crucial areas of patient safety and quality, including mortality rates for certain common procedures, infection rates, safety practices and measures of efficiency. UC Davis Medical Center is one of 65 top hospitals and one of 53 urban hospitals recognized by the Leapfrog Group. The selection, based on Leapfrog's national survey of 1,200 hospitals that volunteer to publicly report their performance, includes university and other teaching hospitals, children's hospitals and community hospitals in rural, suburban and urban settings.

The Leapfrog Group is a nonprofit coalition of some of the nation's largest employers and health-care purchasers who are working for improvements in health-care safety, quality and affordability for their employees and dependents. Initially organized by the Business Roundtable, it is now an independent advocacy group working with a broad range of partners, including hospitals and insurers.