



## **LEAPFROG GROUP'S TOP HOSPITALS EXCEL AT PATIENT SAFETY 2008**

### **Best Hospitals in California**

- ❖ California Pacific Medical Center (California, Davies, Pacific Campuses); San Francisco, CA
- ❖ Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Medical Center; Bellflower, CA
- ❖ Kaiser Permanente Harbor City Medical Center, Harbor City, CA
- ❖ University of California UCI Medical Center, Orange, CA

**WASHINGTON**, Sept. 24, 2008 – Twenty-six hospitals and seven children's hospitals have been named 2008 Top Hospitals, based on results of the Leapfrog Hospital Survey. The survey is the nation's premier hospital patient safety evaluation tool and provides consumers and health care purchasers with up-to-date assessments of 1,220 participating hospitals' quality and safety at its Web site, [www.leapfroggroup.org](http://www.leapfroggroup.org).

The voluntary survey provides the most complete picture of hospital quality and safety available in the U.S., and asks hospitals about their performance in four crucial areas, or "leaps":

- Do physicians enter prescriptions and other orders into computers linked to medication error prevention software? And are those systems tested to assure that users are warned about serious prescribing errors?
- How well do hospitals perform seven complex high-risk procedures\* and care for high-risk deliveries? (\*Coronary artery bypass graft, percutaneous coronary intervention, abdominal aortic aneurysm repair, aortic valve replacement, pancreatic resection, esophagectomy, bariatric surgery)
- Are hospital intensive care units (ICU) staffed by qualified specialists?
- Do hospitals have safety practices and policies advocated by the National Quality Forum to reduce harm and errors?