

# MATERNITY CARE



**HAVING A BABY IS ONE OF LIFE'S MOST EXCITING EXPERIENCES, BUT THE TYPE OF CARE RECEIVED IN THE HOSPITAL CAN VARY GREATLY.**

## 5 KEY MEASURES LEAPFROG REPORTS ON

- Cesarean Sections
- Episiotomy
- Screening newborns for jaundice before discharge
- Preventing blood clots in women undergoing cesarean section
- High-risk deliveries

## CONSIDERATIONS WHEN CHOOSING A HOSPITAL TO GIVE BIRTH IN

In addition to the five measures that Leapfrog scores and publicly reports, Leapfrog believes additional information about the maternity care services that a hospital offers may be helpful for patient decision-making. To help inform those that will be delivering a baby, Leapfrog publicly reports on whether a hospital offers the following maternity care services:

1. Certified nurse-midwives for delivery
2. Doulas for labor and delivery
3. Breastfeeding/lactation consultants
4. Vaginal birth after cesarean section (VBAC)
5. Postpartum tubal ligation during the labor and delivery admission

Leapfrog also publicly reports on whether a hospital has a policy in place to protect women and newborns from early elective deliveries, which are scheduled cesarean sections or medical inductions prior to 39 completed weeks of gestation, which are known to cause serious complications.

## GUIDE TO COMPARING FACILITIES

- Visit [www.ratings.leapfroggroup.org](http://www.ratings.leapfroggroup.org)
- Select the Maternity Care tab
- Select desired Services and Meets the Standard For along with your city or zip code
- Choose up to three facilities and hit the green 'Compare Selected Facilities' at the top
- Review and compare the facilities' progress for various measures

# COMPARE FACILITIES

Measure	Facility Name				
	Facility 1:	Facility 2:	Facility 3:	Facility 4:	Facility 5:
High-Risk Deliveries					
Cesarean Section					
Early Elective Deliveries					
Episiotomies					
Screening Newborns for Jaundice Before Discharge					
Preventing Blood Clots in Women Undergoing Cesarean Section					
Number of Live Births					
Midwives					
Doulas					
Lactation Services					
Vaginal Delivery After Cesarean Section (VBAC)					
Tubal Ligation					

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