

Section 4: What's New

The Leapfrog Group Hospital Quality and Safety Survey *What's New in the 2007 Survey (Version 4.0)*

1. The **Evidence Based Hospital Referral Leap** is substantially changed from 2006:
 - **New Procedures:**
Two high-risk procedures have been added: aortic valve replacement and bariatric surgery. Leapfrog measures and criteria for these added procedures parallels those for CABG and PCI.
 - **Surgeon Volume:**
Given additional evidence on the importance of surgeon volume for specific procedures, surgeon volume is now part of the criteria for meeting all of the high-risk surgery Leaps: CABG, PCI, Aortic Valve Replacement (AVR), AAA repair, esophagectomy, pancreatectomy, and bariatric surgery.

Reporting is not surgeon-specific, but the number of surgeons exceeding annual per-surgeon volume thresholds and the total number of procedures for which those surgeons account must be reported.
2. The **National Quality Forum Safe Practices** section 5 of the survey has been fully re-written.
 - The National Quality Forum recently completed a review of the 30 Safe Practices in Healthcare. Some Safe Practices have been dropped or added; many have been modified or refined.
 - The Safe Practices have been further specified at a level of detail that makes clearer how hospitals can fully implement those practices. The added specifications also improve the ability of hospitals to assess their current implementation status through this self-reported survey.
 - To complete this section, you should order and have on hand a full copy of the **new** *National Voluntary Consensus Standards for 'Safe Practices for Better Healthcare*. See the link on the home page of the online survey to purchase a copy from NQF.
3. A new section 6 provides hospitals the opportunity to earn **Other Recognition** in results released by The Leapfrog Group:
 - Hospitals can indicate their participation in national or regional patient safety and quality public reporting initiatives. The **Transparency Indicator** provides recognition for these other efforts made by hospitals to address errors and to provide the public with additional comparative performance information that is not found within the Leapfrog survey. The survey results released by Leapfrog will indicate the hospital's participation in transparency efforts.
 - Hospitals can also indicate whether they have adopted a Never Event policy consistent with Leapfrog's, or their intent to adopt such a policy in the near-term.
4. Hospitals must submit a current 2007 survey no later than May 31, 2007, to be included in Leapfrog Hospital Rewards Program results to be released in June, 2007.
5. Because of the substantial changes to the survey this year, the **only** 2006 responses carried over to this year's survey are in the Organizational and Contact Information section 1.