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Virginia Mason recognized for safety

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Virginia Mason Medical Center is the only Washington hospital, and one of 41 in the nation, to be named a 2007 Leapfrog Top Hospital. The title is based on the results of the Leapfrog Hospital Quality and Safety Survey. The voluntary survey was given to 1,285 hospitals nationwide. According to the study, a quarter of the hospitals, including Virginia Mason, fully meet the standard for the Leapfrog Safe Practices Score, which includes implementing procedures to avoid wrong-site surgeries, addressing adequate hand washing for employees, and requiring a pharmacist to review all medication orders before medication is given to patients.