The New Leapfrog ASC Public Reporting Program

December 2025



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ASC Program Redesign: Building from Stakeholder Feedback

- Program designed in dialogue with the **Leapfrog ASC Advisory Committee**, a group of leaders from ASCs nationwide at the forefront of quality and safety
- Our research partners at Johns Hopkins Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality
 focused the measure set and revised key specifications, with guidance from our national
 expert panels
- Highlighting National Accreditation Standards through deep engagement with the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) and Joint Commission (JC)
- Driving progressive transparency by making CMS ASCQR data more accessible and searchable
- Meeting the needs of purchasers, employers, and consumers who want to understand quality of care in the outpatient surgery setting





Leapfrog's ASC Public Reporting Program:

A Journey of Progressive Transparency to Improve Patient Outcomes

CMS Public Reporting

As a starting point, ASCs that participate in the CMS ASCQR program can point to Leapfrog's public reporting website for patients, employers, purchasers, and health plans who have questions about their safety and quality.

Submit the Leapfrog ASC Survey 2.0

Finally, ASCs that commit to voluntary reporting on evidence-based measures of critical importance to consumers and purchasers, can demonstrate their commitment to full transparency and earn recognition on Leapfrog's public reporting website and through Leapfrog's Top ASC designation.

Upload Accreditation Certificate for Public Reporting

Next, ASCs that upload documentation of their AAAHC or The Joint Commission Deemed Status can additionally build trust by having even more patient safety information on Leapfrog's public reporting website.

ASC Program Redesign: Key Components

- 1. Make CMS ASCQR Data More Accessible to Consumers and Purchasers: Score and Publicly Report 12 Measures from the CMS ASCQR Program on Leapfrog's Public Reporting Website for All ASCs Regardless of Participation in the Leapfrog ASC Survey 2.0
- 2. Highlight National Accreditation Standards and Replace Some Reporting Requirements:

 Score and Publicly Report 5 Measures Aligned with AAAHC and JC Accreditation Standards on Leapfrog's Public Reporting Website for All ASCs that Submit Accreditation Certificate Regardless of Participation in the Leapfrog ASC Survey 2.0
- 3. Maintain Measures of Utmost Importance to Consumers and Purchasers: Score and Publicly Report 8 Additional Measures for ASCs that Voluntarily Submit the Leapfrog ASC Survey 2.0



Make CMS ASCQR Data More Accessible to Consumers and Purchasers

- Beginning in 2026, Leapfrog will score and publicly report 12 measures from the CMS
 Ambulatory Surgery Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program on our Public Reporting
 website to ensure that patients and family caregivers have a place to easily search for and
 compare facilities.
- ASCs will be scored using benchmarks established in previous years of the Leapfrog ASC
 Survey and their progress will be publicly reported on a four-level scale ranging from Achieved the Standard (best score) to Limited Achievement (worst score).
- These scores will be publicly reported for ALL ASCs in the provider data catalog.
- Visitors to Leapfrog's public reporting <u>website</u> will be able to select up to three facilities to compare side-by-side.



Publicly Reported CMS Measures

Leapfrog will obtain data for eight (8) CMS Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) outcome measures:

- ASC-1: Percentage of Patients Who Experience a Burn Prior to Discharge from the ASC
- ASC-2: Percentage of Patients Who Experience a Fall Within the ASC
- ASC-3: Percentage of Patients Who Experience a Wrong Site, Side, Patient, Procedure or Implant
- ASC-4: Percentage of ASC Patients Who Are Transferred or Admitted to a Hospital Upon Discharge from the ASC
- ASC-12: Rate of Unplanned Hospital Visits After an Outpatient Colonoscopy
- ASC-17: Rate of Hospital Visits After Orthopedic Ambulatory Surgical Center Procedures
- ASC-18: Rate of Hospital Visits After Urology Ambulatory Surgical Center Procedures
- ASC-19: Rate of Unplanned Hospital Visits After General Ambulatory Surgical Center Procedures

Leapfrog will also obtain Top Box Scores for four (4) OAS CAHPS Domains:

- Facilities and Staff
- Communication About Your Procedure
- Patient's Rating of the Facility
- Patients Recommending the Facility



The CMS Provider Data Catalog

Beginning in 2026, performance on these measures will be scored and publicly reported for ALL ASCs that have reported data in the CMS provider data catalog. ASCs included in the CMS provider data catalog but missing data for all four of the ASC 1-4 measures will not be included on Leapfrog's public reporting website.







Highlight National Accreditation Standards

- ASCs with active accreditation through the AAAHC or JC's Deemed Status programs will be scored and publicly reported as Achieved the Standard (best score) for five (5) measures:
 - Clinicians Certified in Advanced Life Support Always Present
 - Use of a Safe Surgery Checklist
 - Medication and Allergy Documentation
 - Leadership Structures and Systems to Support Patient Safety
 - Identification and Mitigation of Patient Safety Risks
- ASCs will be required to provide basic demographic information and upload proof on AAAHC or JC's Deemed Status on Leapfrog's ASC Dashboard.
- Visitors to our <u>website</u> will be able to see achievement of these important patient safety standards that ASCs have earned through their rigorous accreditation process.



Score and Publicly Report 8 Measures for ASCs that Voluntarily Submit the Leapfrog ASC Survey 2.0

- The ASC Survey 2.0 maintains 8 measures not available from any other source:
 - Patients' Rights and Ethics: Billing Ethics, Health Care Equity, Informed Consent, Taking Responsibility for Never Events
 - Patient Safety Practices: Infection Surveillance, Hand Hygiene, Culture of Safety
 - Volume of Procedures: National Volume Standards for Total Knee Replacement, Total Hip Replacement, and Bariatric Surgery for Weight Loss; OPTIONAL Facility Volume for Select Procedures
- Ensures purchasers, employers, and the health plans they work with have the information they need to drive value-based purchasing strategies including direct contracting and preferred networks, and consumers have critical information unavailable elsewhere.
- We anticipate that ASCs will need to commit about 10 hours of staff time for data collection and reporting; this is a 50% reduction from previous years.



Several Revisions to Measures to Align them with ASC Operations

- **Billing Ethics**: Proposal to update response option for facilities regarding legal action taken against patients for late or insufficient payments.
- Infection Surveillance (NHSN Outpatient Procedure Component Module): Proposal to standardize the SSI reporting period.
- **Hand Hygiene**: Proposal to update the Hand Hygiene Standard to more closely align with ASC operations.
- **Culture of Safety**: Proposal to remove elements from the standard to more closely align with ASC operations.
- Nursing Workforce: Proposal to remove these questions from the Survey.
- Total Hip and Knee Replacements: Proposal to add a new optional, fact-finding question to assess if the hospital has surgeons that perform both total knee and total hip replacement procedures.



Scoring Tutorial



Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Public Reporting Program

A journey of progressive transparency through Leapfrog

The Leapfrog ASC Scoring and Public Reporting Tutorial

This website is designed to help ASCs understand Leapfrog's approach to scoring and publicly reporting data from the CMS ASCQR Program, national accreditation standards, and data collected via Leapfrog's ASC Survey 2.0. Beginning in July 2026, these scoring algorithms will be used to publicly report performance on these measures for all eligible ASCs on Leapfrog's Ratings Website

CMS ASCQR Measures

Scored and Publicly Reported for All Eligible ASCs

(regardless of Leapfrog ASC Survey 2.0 submission)

Accreditation Standards

Scored and Publicly Reported for ASCs that **Upload Certificate**

Leapfrog ASC Survey 2.0 Measures

Scored and Publicly Reported for ASCs that Voluntarily Submit

Scoring **CMS ASCQR Measures** Accreditation Standards Leapfrog Measures for ASCs **Program Overview**

Measuring Against National Standards

The Leapfrog Group works with national experts to establish standards to which all participating ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) are measured against. Standard setting creates a goal post for all participating ASCs to strive for and allows Leapfrog to include measures of processes, structures, and outcomes in our public reporting program.

Leapfrog sets standard using peer reviewed literature and expert opinion, peer comparisons, and alignment with existing national standards or performance targets.

Performance Categories

Performance on each measure is placed into one of four performance categories:

Performance Category	Visual Representation
Achieved the Standard	••••
Considerable Achievement	
Some Achievement	
Limited Achievement	



How We Set the Standards for Survey Measures

Peer reviewed literature and expert opinion

 Volume standards for high-risk procedures Peer comparisons

CMS Outcome
 Measure Percentile
 Thresholds

Alignment with existing national standards or targets

Infection Surveillance (NHSN OPC Module)



Leapfrog ASC Public Reporting Program Overview

Summary

All Eligible ASCs (12 measures)

Every eligible ASC is scored on CMS ASCQR data including:

- · CMS outcome measures (8 quality indicators)
- OAS CAHPS patient experience measures

Accredited ASCs (5 measures)

ASCs that submit AAAHC or TJC accreditation documentation are scored for:

- · Clinicians Certified in Advanced Life Support Always Present
- Use of a Safe Surgery Checklist
- · Medication and Allergy Documentation
- · Leadership Structures and Systems to Support Patient Safety
- · Identification and Mitigation of Patient Safety Risks

ASC Survey 2.0 Submission (8 required measures)

ASCs that complete the Leapfrog Survey are scored on:

- Billing Ethics
- · Health Care Equity
- Informed Consent
- · Taking Responsibility for Never Events
- Infection Surveillance
- Hand Hygiene
- Culture of Safety
- · National Volume Standards for Knee, Hip, and Bariatric Surgeries

Optional) Additional Reporting

ASCs may voluntarily report:

- · Outpatient procedure volumes
- · Publicly reported, but not scored

Leapfrog ASC Scoring Tutorial

Scoring CMS ASCQR Measures Accreditation Standards Leapfrog Measures Program Overview

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CMS Outcome Measures Scoring ①

All ASCs that report to CMS and have data publicly available for at least one of the ASC 1-4 measures during the 1/1/24-12/31/24 reporting period will be eligible to have their data scored and publicly reported.

ASC-1: Percentage of Patients Who Experience a Burn Prior To Discharge from the ASC

Achieved the Standard The facility did not have any patients that experienced a burn prior to discharge.

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Considerable Achievement The facility reported data for this measure to CMS.



Did not Measure

Results are not available for this reporting period because the facility elected not to submit data for the entire reporting period or elected to suppress a measure from being publicly reported.

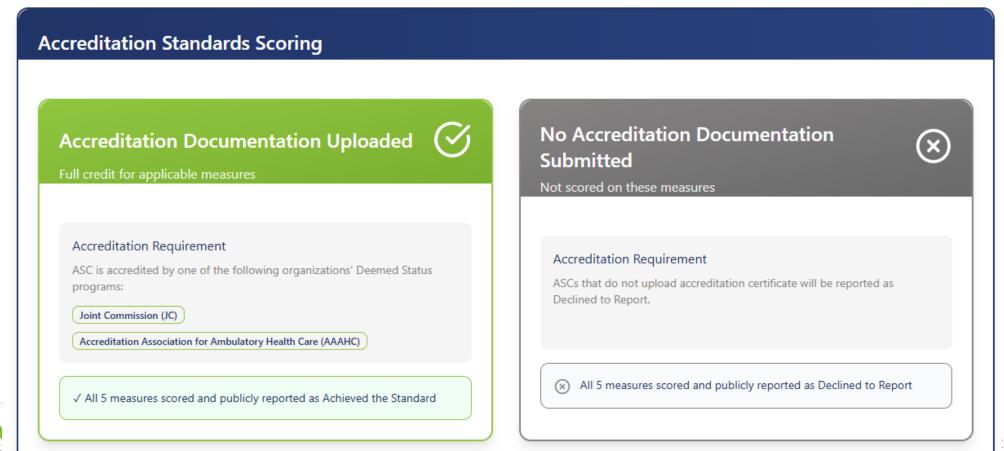
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Accreditation Standards

ASCs will be required to provide basic demographic information and proof of AAAHC or JC's Deemed Status by uploading their accreditation certificate on Leapfrog's free and secure ASC Dashboard.





5 Measures Within the Component

Scored only for ASCs that upload accreditation certificate



Clinicians Certified in Advanced Life Support Always Present

Ensures appropriate clinical staff are present during patient recovery



Medication and Allergy Documentation

Complete and accurate recording of patient medications and allergies



Identification and Mitigation of Patient Safety Risks

Based on the elements of the National Quality Forum's (NQF) Safe Practice #4 – Risks and Hazards



Leadership Structures and Systems to Support Patient Safety

Based on the elements of the National Quality Forum's (NQF) Safe Practice #1 – Culture of Safety Leadership Structures and Systems.



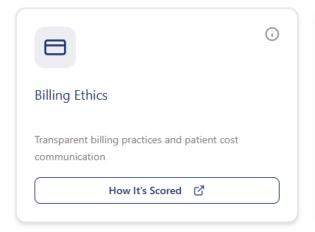
Use of a Safe Surgery Checklist

Implementation of surgical safety checklists for all procedures based on an audit of a sample of patients.

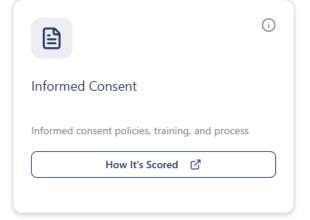


Leapfrog's Measures for ASCs

Leapfrog anticipates that ASCs will need to commit about 10 hours of staff time for data collection and reporting; this is a 50% reduction from previous years. ASCs participating in the Leapfrog ASC Survey since 2020 that have processes and structures for data collection already in place may require even fewer staff hours.











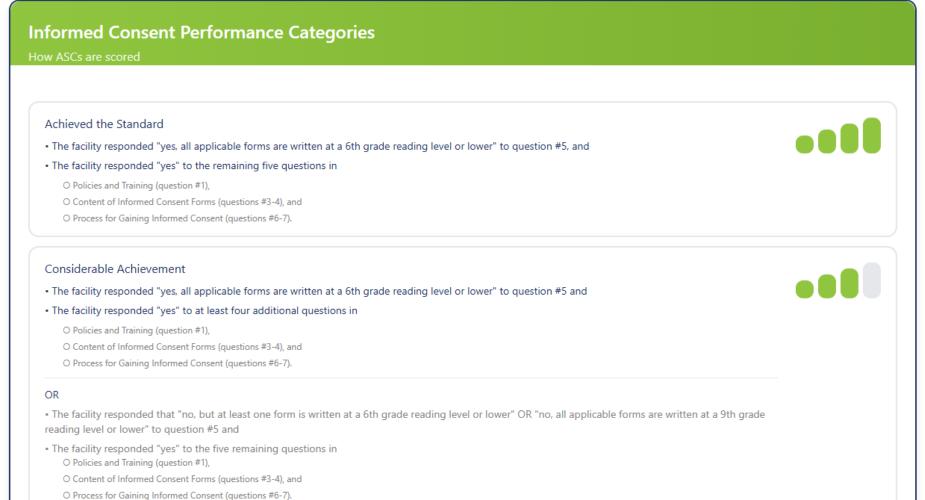




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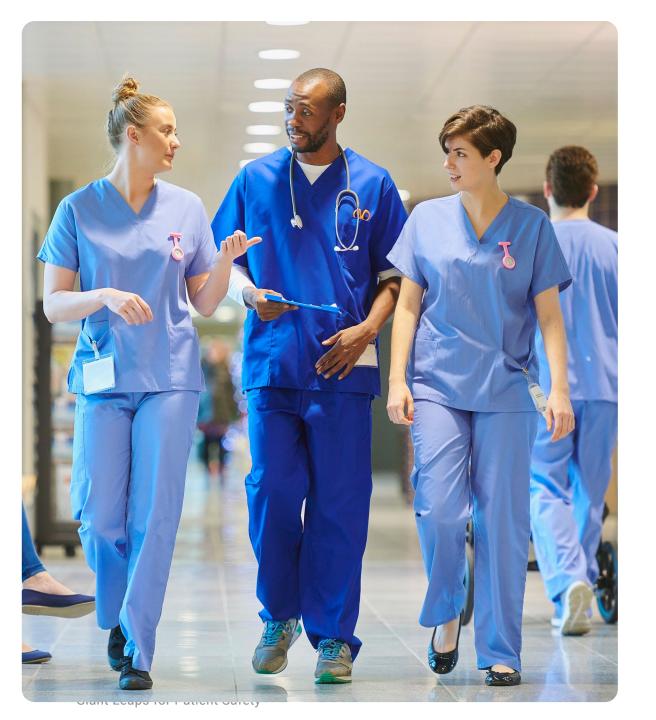
Informed Consent Scoring ①



2026 Scoring Algorithm

- Full, comprehensive document available April 1
 - Including detailed scoring for all CMS ASCQR Measures, Accreditation Standards, and Leapfrog's Measures for ASCs
 - Available as downloadable PDF



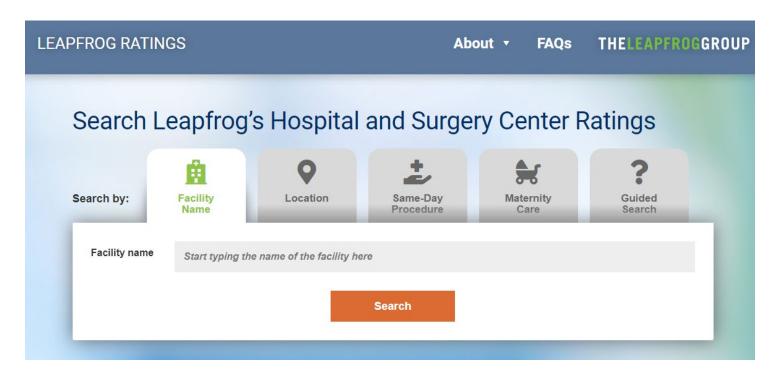


How Survey Results Are Used



Public Reporting at ratings.leapfroggroup.org

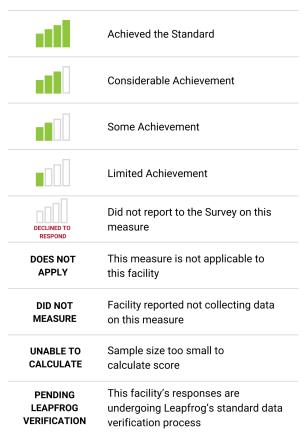
- Users can search by ASC name, location, procedure type, or use the guided search function.
- Scored Results are publicly reported beginning July 25 at https://ratings.leapfroggroup.org/. ASCs that don't submit a Survey will be publicly reported as Declined to Respond starting in July.





Performance Categories Used in Public Reporting

Progress towards meeting Leapfrog standards:



○ Preventing and Responding to Patient Harm

Measure name	Leapfrog's Standard
Effective Leadership to Prevent Errors	Surgery centers should take meaningful steps to raise awareness about patient safety, hold leadership accountable for reducing unsafe practices, provide resources to implement a patient safety program, and develop systems and structures to support action to improve patient safety.

ACHIEVED THE STANDARD

Progress Towards Meeting Leapfrog's Standard

▲ SHOW LESS ▲

This surgery center scored 120.00 out of 120.00 possible points.



Public Reporting: Example ASC Page

Johns Hopkins Surgery Centers – Bethesda

6420 Rockledge Dr, Suite 2100 Bethesda, Maryland 20817 Survey Submission Date: July 22, 2025 **SURGERY** Facility info, location, and more Find a procedure or measure All measures: Expand all PATIENT SAFETY Patient Rights and Ethics Preventing Patient Harm Progress Towards Meeting Measure name Leapfrog's Standard Leapfrog's Standard Percentage of Registered Surgery centers should have a high proportion of highly trained and skilled Nurses (RNs) who have a registered nurses (RNs) who have an advanced nursing degree. Bachelor's Degree in Nursing ACHIEVED THE STANDARD Effective Leadership to Surgery centers should take meaningful steps to raise awareness about patient **Prevent Errors** safety, hold leadership accountable for reducing unsafe practices, provide resources to implement a patient safety program, and develop systems and structures to support action to improve patient safety. CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENT Staff Work Together to Surgery centers should have assessed their culture of safety and held leadership **Prevent Errors** accountable for implementing policies, procedures, and staff education to improve the culture of safety ACHIEVED THE STANDARD

▼ SHOW MORE ON THIS SURGERY CENTER'S PERFORMANCE ▼



Public Reporting: Procedure Search

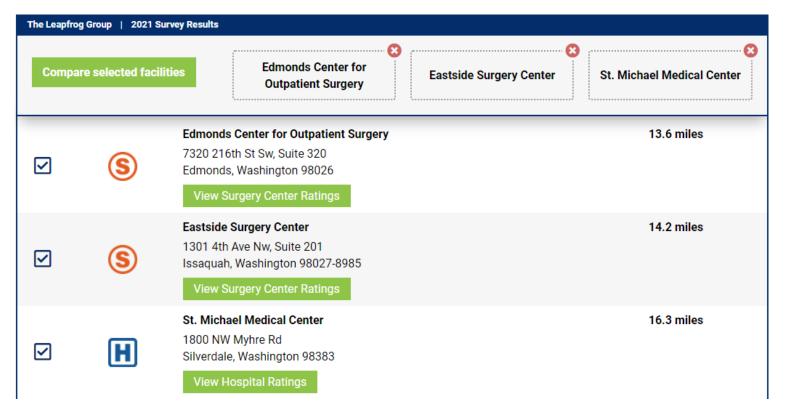
Users can search for both ASCs and hospitals that perform the same day surgeries included on the Surveys using our procedure type search functionality.

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Leapfrog collects information about certain common same-day surgeries (that do not require an overnight stay) from both hospitals and surgery centers. Search for procedures using the options below.								
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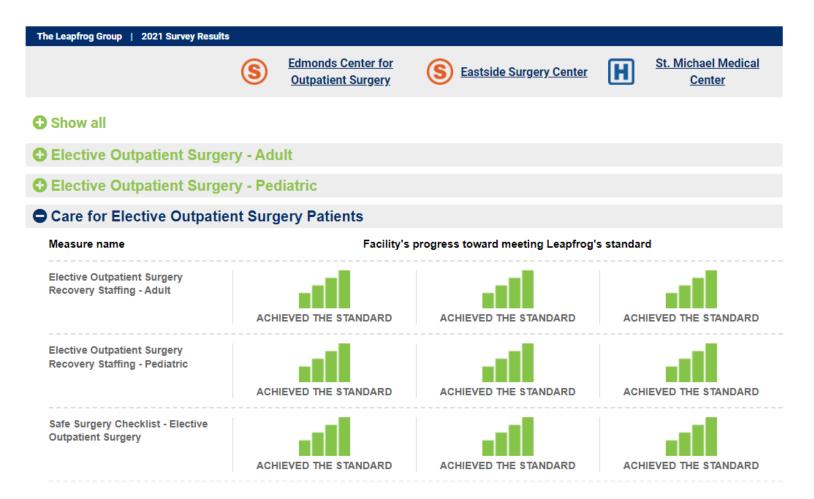
Public Reporting: Compare Function

Users can also compare up to three ASCs and hospitals at a time using the "Compare selected facilities" functionality.





Public Reporting: Compare Function Results







Public Comment and Technical Assistance



We Are Open for Public Comment

- New tool available at <u>https://publiccomments.leapfroggroup.org/</u> <u>forms/asc-survey</u> with embedded Proposed Changes PDF
- Deadline: December 18



ASC Survey and Public Reporting Program

Leapfrog has published the Major Resign of the Leapfrog ASC Survey and Public Reporting Program for 2026. The public comment period ends on December 18, 2025.

Instructions for Submitting Comments:

- · Please provide your contact information including name, organization, organization type, and email.
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Comments

→ Show Proposed Changes



Resources & Technical Support



ASC Survey Orientations

Offered year-round to ASCs to offer specific guidance on getting started with the ASC Survey, as well as technical assistance on Survey measures



Leapfrog ASC Survey Binder

Find examples of documentation required to respond affirmatively to questions on the Survey and tips for data collection.



Leapfrog's Help Desk

Connect with in-house subject matter experts on data collection, reporting, scoring, and the CPOE Test. Request a 1:1 Orientation.



ASC Public Reporting Homepage

Review key components and latest updates of Leapfrog's New ASC Public Reporting Program



Timeline

- December 18: Comments close.
- December March: Review comments, follow-up for clarification, conduct additional research
- Late March: Release Final Design of ASC Public Reporting Program
- April 1, 2026:
 - Begin accepting accreditation standard certificates for public reporting.
 - Launch of ASC Survey 2.0
- June 30, 2026: ASC Survey 2.0 Submission Deadline
- Late July 2026
 - Launch of ASC Public Reporting at ratings.leapfroggroup.org



CMS Data Downloads

- First CMS Data Download: June 30, 2026
- Second CMS Data Download: August 31, 2026
- Third CMS Data Download: November 30, 2026



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