

New Leapfrog Report: A Call to Action on Improving the Safety of Computerized Prescribing Systems

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Lack of Testing and Monitoring By Hospitals and Vendors Potentially Jeopardizes Patients -- But Solutions Are Available

WASHINGTON, June 30 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Health information technology could inadvertently result in harm to patients without proper monitoring, according to a new report issued today by The Leapfrog Group, an employer-backed health advocacy organization.

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The report calls on federal officials to act quickly by building oversight requirements into health care IT regulations now being hammered out in Washington. The report also recommends actions that hospitals and CPOE technology companies should take to assure the quality and safety of these systems.

The report was made public June 28, 2010, during a press conference via telephone from Washington, D.C., where The Leapfrog Group is based.

Using a web-based simulation tool, 214 hospitals tested their computerized provider order entry (CPOE) systems for their ability to catch common medication errors, including

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