

South Carolina VA 1:1 comparison

This study, a partnership between the Military Family Research Institute (MFRI) at Purdue University and the Center for a New American Security (CNAS), provided one-to-one comparisons of care quality in VA and nearby non-VA medical centers. One nearby comparator hospital was identified for each full-services VA medical center in the United States using a set of demographic criteria: size, rurality, teaching status, ownership, and proximity. Data was available for us to be able to compare 125 VA medical centers and their comparators.

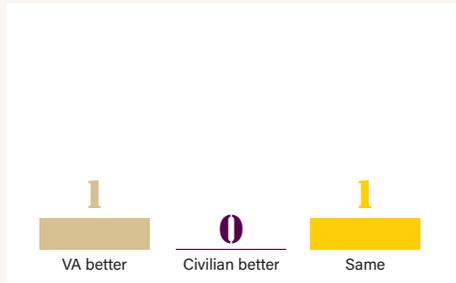


We compared three clinical outcomes (in-hospital surgical deaths per 1,000 surgical discharge, catheter infections per 1,000 service days, and MRSA infections per 1,000 bed days) and three patient experience outcomes (“definitely recommend” hospital to family and friends, discharge instructions and overall hospital ratings).

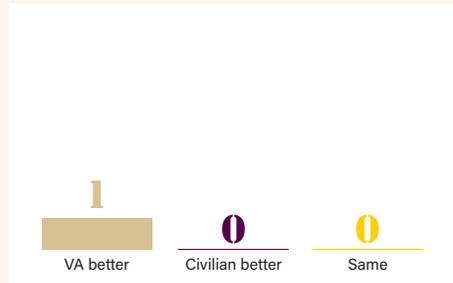
How did the hospitals do?

CLINICAL OUTCOMES

Catheter infections per 1,000 days

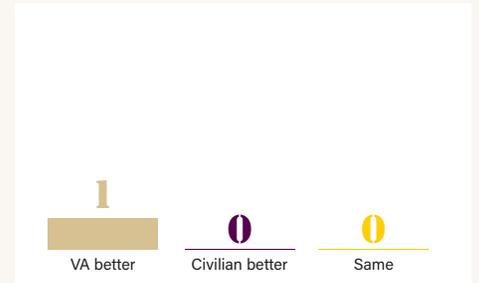


MRSA infections per 1,000 bed days*



*only one set available

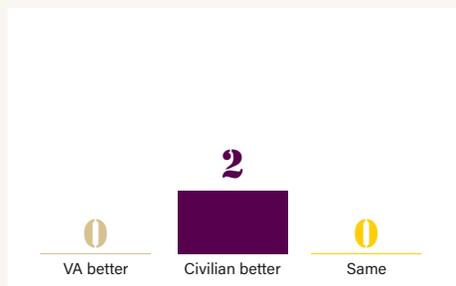
Surgical deaths per 1,000 discharges*



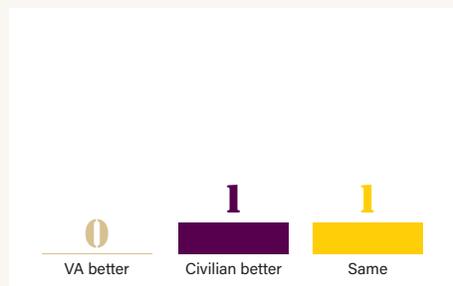
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PATIENT EXPERIENCE OUTCOMES

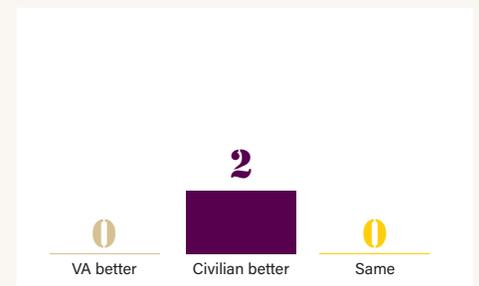
Definitely recommend to others



Discharge instructions



Overall hospital ratings



HOSPITALS COMPARED

There are two VA medical centers in South Carolina. Comparator hospitals were identified for those. The number of hospital/VA medical center pairs available for comparison for clinical outcomes criterion one was two; criterion two was one; criterion three was one. For patient experience outcomes there were two pairs for all three.

- » Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center :: Palmetto Health Richland
- » Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center :: Roper Hospital

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