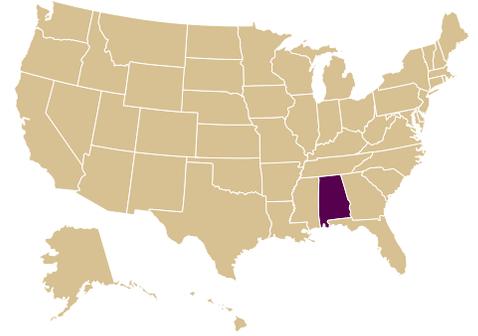


Alabama VA 1:1 comparison

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

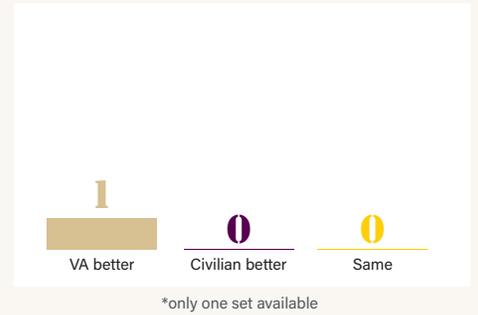
Catheter infections per 1,000 days*



MRSA infections per 1,000 bed days*

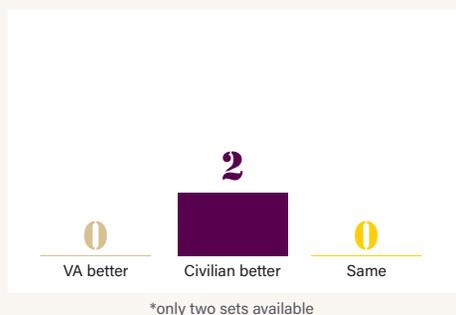


Surgical deaths per 1,000 discharges*



PATIENT EXPERIENCE OUTCOMES

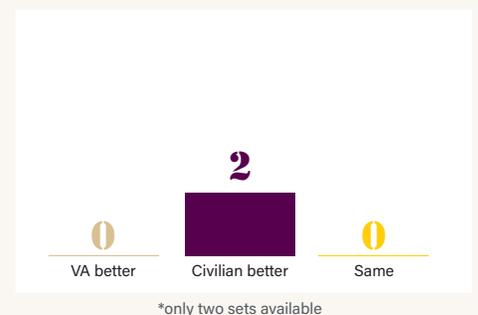
Definitely recommend to others*



Discharge instructions*



Overall hospital ratings*



HOSPITALS COMPARED

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

- » Birmingham VA Medical Center :: University of Alabama Hospital
- » Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center :: DCH Regional Medical Center
- » VA Central Alabama Healthcare System - Montgomery :: Baptist Medical Center South

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