

Florida 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.

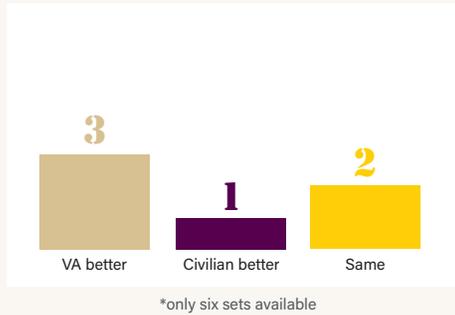


We compared three clinical outcomes (in-hospital surgical deaths per 1,000 surgical discharge, catheter infections per 1,000 service days, and MRSA infections per 1,000 bed days) and three patient experience outcomes (“definitely recommend” hospital to family and friends, discharge instructions and overall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

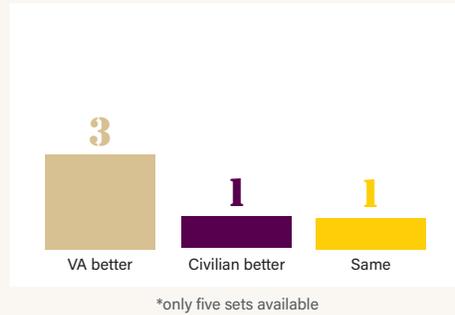
How did the hospitals do?

CLINICAL OUTCOMES

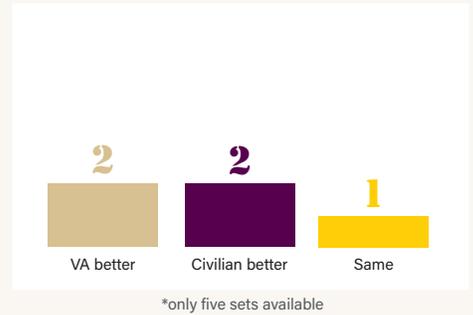
Catheter infections per 1,000 days*



MRSA infections per 1,000 bed days*

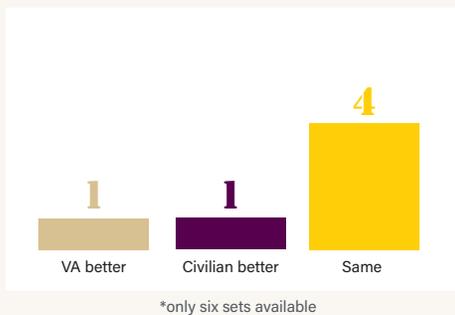


Surgical deaths per 1,000 discharges*

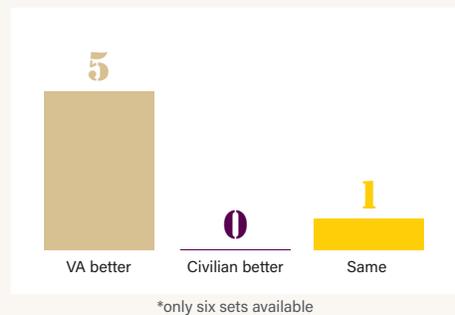


PATIENT EXPERIENCE OUTCOMES

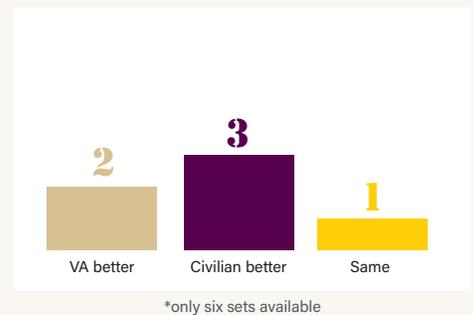
Definitely recommend to others*



Discharge instructions*



Overall hospital ratings*



HOSPITALS COMPARED

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

- » VA North Florida/South Georgia Healthcare System - Lake City :: Shands Lake Shore Regional Medical Center
- » VA North FL/South GA Healthcare System - Gaines :: UF Health Shands Hospital
- » Orlando VA Medical Center :: Orlando Health Orlando Regional Medical Center

- » Miami VA Medical Center :: Jackson Memorial Hospital
- » West Palm Beach VA Medical Center :: Bethesda Hospital East
- » Tampa VA Medical Center :: Florida Hospital Tampa
- » Bay Pines VA Medical Center :: St. Anthony's Hospital

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