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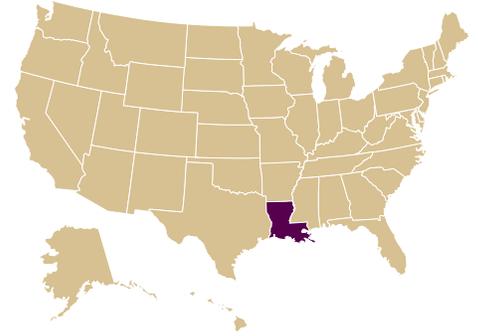Mapping Progress for Military & Veteran Families

Louisiana
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.
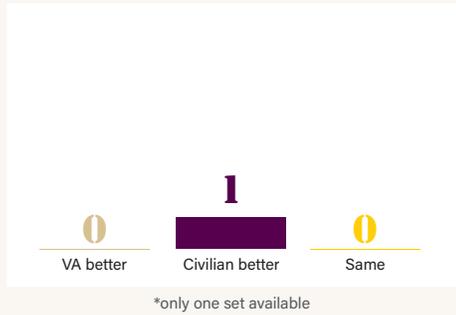
We compared three clinical outcomes (in-hospital surgical deaths per 1,000 surgical discharge, catheter infections per 1,000 service days, and MRSA infections per 1,000 bed days) and three patient experience outcomes ("definitely recommend" hospital to family and friends, discharge instructions and overall hospital ratings).
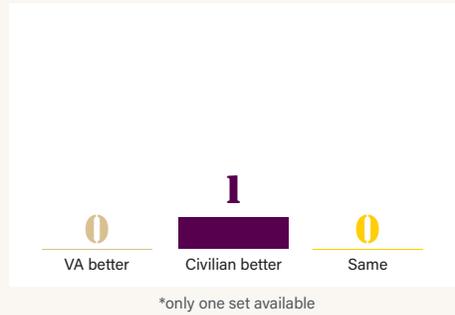
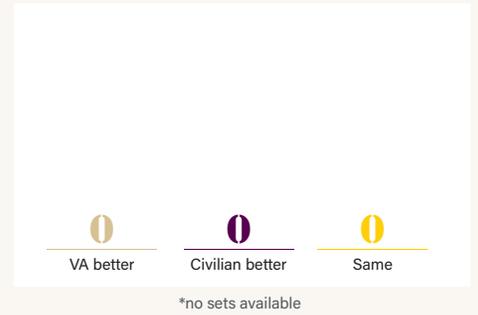## How did the hospitals do?

CLINICAL OUTCOMES
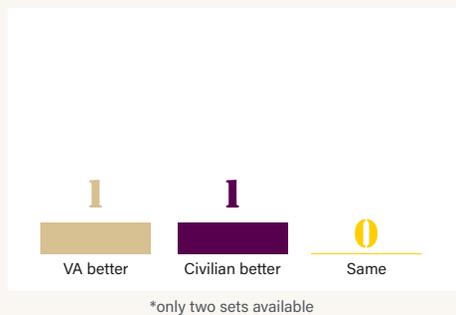
Catheter infections per 1,000 days*

VA better	Civilian better	Same
0	1	0

*only one set available

MRSA infections per 1,000 bed days*

VA better	Civilian better	Same
0	1	0

*only one set available

Surgical deaths per 1,000 discharges*

VA better	Civilian better	Same
0	0	0

*no sets available

PATIENT EXPERIENCE OUTCOMES

Definitely recommend to others*

VA better	Civilian better	Same
1	1	0

*only two sets available

Discharge instructions*

VA better	Civilian better	Same
1	0	1

*only two sets available

Overall hospital ratings*

VA better	Civilian better	Same
0	1	1

*only two sets available

HOSPITALS COMPARED

There are three VA medical centers in Louisiana. Comparator hospitals were identified for those. The number of hospital/VA medical center pairs available for comparison for clinical outcomes criterion one was one; criterion two was one; criterion three had no pairs. For patient experience outcomes there were two pairs for all three.

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» Overton Brooks VA Medical Center (Shreveport) :: Willis Knighton Medical Center, Inc
» Alexandria VA Medical Center :: Lasalle General Hospital