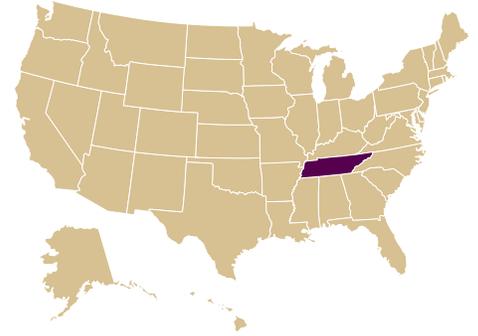


Tennessee VA 1:1 comparison

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.

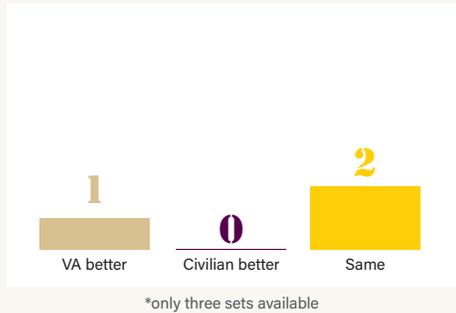


We compared three clinical outcomes (in-hospital surgical deaths per 1,000 surgical discharge, catheter infections per 1,000 service days, and MRSA infections per 1,000 bed days) and three patient experience outcomes (“definitely recommend” hospital to family and friends, discharge instructions and overall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

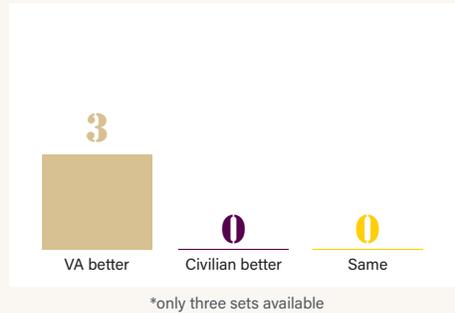
How did the hospitals do?

CLINICAL OUTCOMES

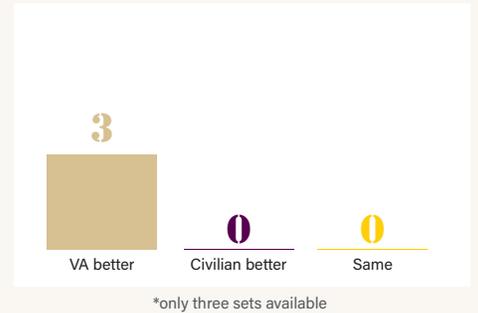
Catheter infections per 1,000 days*



MRSA infections per 1,000 bed days*

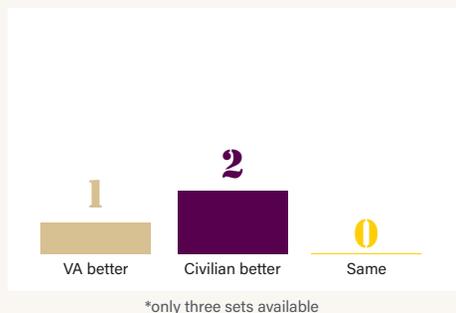


Surgical deaths per 1,000 discharges*



PATIENT EXPERIENCE OUTCOMES

Definitely recommend to others*



Discharge instructions*



Overall hospital ratings*



HOSPITALS COMPARED

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

- » VA Middle Tennessee Healthcare System - Murfreesboro :: Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital
- » VA Middle Tennessee Healthcare System :: Vanderbilt University Medical Center
- » Mountain Home VA Medical Center :: Johnson City Medical Center
- » Memphis VA Medical Center :: Methodist Healthcare Memphis Hospitals

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