

# California VA 1:1 comparison

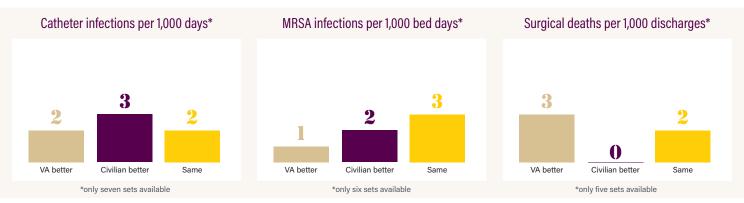
This study, a partnership between the Military Family Research Institute (MFRI) at Purdue University and the Center for a New American Security (CNAS), provided one-to-one comparisons of care quality in VA and nearby non-VA medical centers. One nearby comparator hospital was identified for each full-services 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**



### PATIENT EXPERIENCE OUTCOMES



#### **HOSPITALS COMPARED**

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

- » VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System :: Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center
- » VA Long Beach Healthcare System :: St. Mary Medical Center
- » VA San Diego Healthcare System :: Kaiser Foundation Hospital Zion
- » Loma Linda VA Medical Center :: Loma Linda University Medical Center
- » VA Central California Health Care System :: Kaiser Foundation Hospital Fresno
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