

Texas VA 1:1 comparison

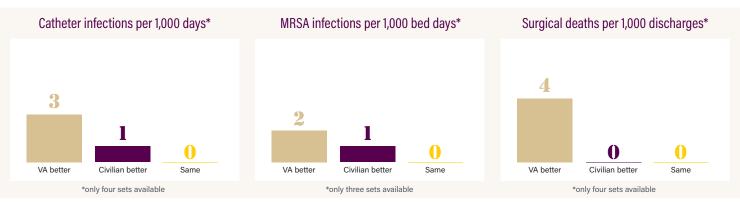
This study, a partnership between the Military Family Research Institute (MFRI) at Purdue University and the Center for a New American Security (CNAS), provided one-to-one comparisons of care quality in VA and nearby non-VA medical centers. One nearby comparator hospital was identified for each full-services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

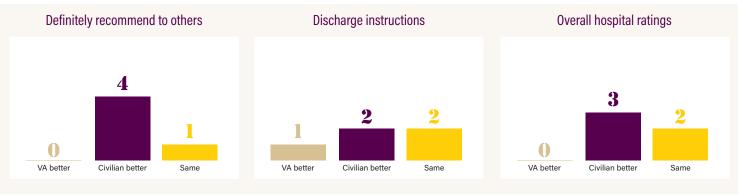


How did the hospitals do?

CLINICAL OUTCOMES



PATIENT EXPERIENCE OUTCOMES



HOSPITALS COMPARED

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

- » Dallas Va Medical Center (VA North Texas Healthcare System) :: Methodist Dallas Medical Center
- » Temple Va Medical Center (VA Central Texas Healthcare System) :: Baylor Scott & White Medical Center Temple
- » Michael E. Debakey VA Medical Center :: Harris Health System
- » Audie L. Murphy VA Medical Center :: Christus Santa Rosa Medical Center
- » VA Amarillo Healthcare System :: Swisher Memorial Hospital

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