Mortality after emergency care: VA vs. non-VA hospitals

Key points from a recent VA study:

- **583K** Veterans
- **1.4M** ambulance rides
  - **0.2M** (16%) to VA hospitals
  - **1.2M** (84%) to non-VA hospitals

Adjusted **30-day mortality rate:**
- **20.1% lower** among patients taken to VA hospitals

“The mortality advantage associated with VA hospitals was particularly large for Black patients (-25.8%), Hispanic patients (-22.7%), and patients who had received care at the same hospital in the previous year.”