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.”