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."