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Provider ID	Hospital Name	City	State	ZIP Code	Included in Analysis
01014F	BIRMINGHAM VA MEDICAL CENTER	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35233	Included
01019F	VA CENTRAL ALABAMA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM - MONTGOMERY	MONTGOMERY	AL	36109	Included
03012F	PHOENIX VA MEDICAL CENTER	PHOENIX	AZ	85012	Included
03013F	VA S. ARIZONA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	TUCSON	AZ	85723	Included
03033F	VA NORTHERN ARIZONA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	PRESCOTT	AZ	86313	Included
04009F	FAYETTEVILLE AR VA MEDICAL CENTER	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	Included
04010F	VA CENTRAL AR. VETERANS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM LR	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	Included
05025F	FRESNO VA MEDICAL CENTER - VA CENTRAL CALIFORNIA	FRESNO	CA	93703	Included
05027F	VA LONG BEACH HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	LONG BEACH	CA	90822	Included
05030F	VA N CALIFORNIA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	MATHER	CA	95655	Included
05031F	PALO ALTO VA MEDICAL CENTER	PALO ALTO	CA	94304	Included
05114F	VA SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	SAN DIEGO	CA	92161	Included
05127F	LOMA LINDA VA MEDICAL CENTER	LOMA LINDA	CA	92357	Included
05128F	VA GREATER LOS ANGELES HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	WEST LOS ANGELES	CA	90073	Included
05130F	SAN FRANCISCO VA MEDICAL CENTER	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	94121	Included
06005F	VA EASTERN COLORADO HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	DENVER	CO	80220	Included
06007F	GRAND JUNCTION VA MEDICAL CENTER	GRAND JUNCTION	CO	81501	Included
08002F	WILMINGTON VA MEDICAL CENTER	WILMINGTON	DE	19805	Included
09002F	WASHINGTON DC VA MEDICAL CENTER	WASHINGTON	DC	20422	Included
10009F	BAY PINES VA MEDICAL CENTER	BAY PINES	FL	33708	Included
10057F	VA NORTH FLORIDA/SOUTH GEORGIA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	GAINESVILLE	FL	32608	Included
10063F	TAMPA VA MEDICAL CENTER	TAMPA	FL	33612	Included
10064F	MIAMI VA MEDICAL CENTER	MIAMI	FL	33125	Included
10065F	W PALM BEACH VA MEDICAL CENTER	WEST PALM BEACH	FL	33410	Included
11029F	DECATUR (ATLANTA) VA MEDICAL CENTER	DECATUR	GA	30033	Included
11030F	AUGUSTA VA MEDICAL CENTER	AUGUSTA	GA	30901	Included
13003F	BOISE VA MEDICAL CENTER	BOISE	ID	83702	Included
14003F	JESSE BROWN VA MEDICAL CENTER - VA CHICAGO	CHICAGO	IL	60612	Included
14004F	VA ILLIANA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM - DANVILLE	DANVILLE	IL	61832	Included
14007F	HINES VA MEDICAL CENTER	HINES	IL	60141	Included
14034F	NORTH CHICAGO VA MEDICAL CENTER	NORTH CHICAGO	IL	60064	Included
15003F	INDIANAPOLIS VA MEDICAL CENTER	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	46202	Included
16003F	VA CENTRAL IOWA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	DES MOINES	IA	50310	Included
16004F	IOWA CITY VA MEDICAL CENTER	IOWA CITY	IA	52246	Included
17006F	VA EASTERN KANSAS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	LEAVENWORTH	KS	66048	Included
17008F	WICHITA VA MEDICAL CENTER	WICHITA	KS	67218	Included
18006F	LOUISVILLE VA MEDICAL CENTER	LOUISVILLE	KY	40206	Included
18007F	LEXINGTON VA MEDICAL CENTER	LEXINGTON	KY	40502	Included
19043F	ALEXANDRIA VA MEDICAL CENTER	PINEVILLE	LA	71360	Included
19048F	OVERTON BROOKS VA MEDICAL CENTER - SHREVEPORT	SHREVEPORT	LA	71101	Included
21020F	VA MARYLAND HEALTHCARE SYSTEM - BALTIMORE	BALTIMORE	MD	21201	Included

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22010F	VA BOSTON HEALTHCARE SYSTEM - JAMAICA PLAIN	JAMAICA PLAIN	MA	02130	Included
23009F	SAGINAW VA MEDICAL CENTER	SAGINAW	MI	48602	Included
23011F	VA ANN ARBOR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	ANN ARBOR	MI	48105	Included
23012F	BATTLE CREEK VA MEDICAL CENTER	BATTLE CREEK	MI	49015	Included
23037F	DETROIT (JOHN D. DINGELL) VA MEDICAL CENTER	DETROIT	MI	48201	Included
24003F	MINNEAPOLIS VA MEDICAL CENTER	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	55417	Included
25042F	VA GULF COAST HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	BILOXI	MS	39531	Included
25043F	G.V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY VA MEDICAL CENTER JACKSON	JACKSON	MS	39216	Included
26004F	KANSAS CITY VA MEDICAL CENTER	KANSAS CITY	MO	64128	Included
26009F	ST LOUIS-JOHN COCHRAN VA MEDICAL CENTER	ST. LOUIS	MO	63106	Included
26023F	COLUMBIA MO VA MEDICAL CENTER	COLUMBIA	MO	65201	Included
28006F	OMAHA VA MEDICAL CENTER - VA NEBRASKA WESTERN IOWA	OMAHA	NE	68105	Included
29002F	VA SIERRA NEVADA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	RENO	NV	89502	Included
31001F	VA NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM	EAST ORANGE	NJ	07018	Included
32005F	VA NEW MEXICO HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	87108	Included
33009F	ALBANY VA MEDICAL CENTER	ALBANY	NY	12208	Included
33012F	UPSTATE NEW YORK VA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM - WESTERN NY	BUFFALO	NY	14215	Included
33015F	VA HUDSON VALLEY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	MONTROSE	NY	10548	Included
33016F	BRONX VA MEDICAL CENTER	BRONX	NY	10468	Included
33017F	VA NEW YORK HARBOR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM - NY DIV.	NEW YORK	NY	10010	Included
33019F	NORTHPORT VA MEDICAL CENTER	NORTHPORT	NY	11768	Included
33024F	SYRACUSE VA MEDICAL CENTER	SYRACUSE	NY	13210	Included
34012F	DURHAM VA MEDICAL CENTER	DURHAM	NC	27705	Included
34013F	FAYETTEVILLE NC VA MEDICAL CENTER	FAYETTEVILLE	NC	28301	Included
34036F	ASHEVILLE-OTTEEN VA MEDICAL CENTER	ASHEVILLE	NC	28805	Included
35002F	FARGO VA MEDICAL CENTER	FARGO	ND	58102	Included
36001F	CLEVELAND-WADE PARK VA MEDICAL CENTER	CLEVELAND	OH	44106	Included
36003F	CINCINNATI VA MEDICAL CENTER	CINCINNATI	OH	45220	Included
36007F	DAYTON VA MEDICAL CENTER	DAYTON	OH	45428	Included
37014F	OKLAHOMA CITY VA MEDICAL CENTER	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	73104	Included
38003F	PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER	PORTLAND	OR	97239	Included
39001F	JAMES E. VAN ZANDT VA MEDICAL CENTER - ALTOONA	ALTOONA	PA	16602	Included
39004F	COATESVILLE VA MEDICAL CENTER	COATESVILLE	PA	19320	Excluded
39005F	ERIE VA MEDICAL CENTER	ERIE	PA	16504	Included
39006F	LEBANON VA MEDICAL CENTER	LEBANON	PA	17042	Included
39009F	PHILADELPHIA VA MEDICAL CENTER	PHILADELPHIA	PA	19104	Included
39012F	VA PITTSBURGH HEALTHCARE SYSTEM - UNIV DR	PITTSBURGH	PA	15240	Included
39013F	WILKES BARRE VA MEDICAL CENTER	WILKES-BARRE	PA	18711	Included
40003F	SAN JUAN VA MEDICAL CENTER	SAN JUAN	PR	00921	Included
41005F	PROVIDENCE VA MEDICAL CENTER	PROVIDENCE	RI	02908	Included
42011F	COLUMBIA SC VA MEDICAL CENTER	COLUMBIA	SC	29209	Included
42029F	CHARLESTON VA MEDICAL CENTER	CHARLESTON	SC	29401	Included
43002F	VA BLACK HILLS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM - FORT MEADE	FORT MEADE	SD	57741	Included
43005F	SIOUX FALLS VA MEDICAL CENTER	SIOUX FALLS	SD	57117	Included
44013F	MEMPHIS VA MEDICAL CENTER	MEMPHIS	TN	38104	Included
44016F	MOUNTAIN HOME VA MEDICAL CENTER	MOUNTAIN HOME	TN	37684	Included

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44018F	VA MIDDLE TENNESSEE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	NASHVILLE	TN	37212	Included
45060F	VA AMARILLO HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	AMARILLO	TX	79106	Included
45066F	DALLAS VA MEDICAL CENTER - VA NORTH TEXAS	DALLAS	TX	75216	Included
45074F	HOUSTON VA MEDICAL CENTER	HOUSTON	TX	77030	Included
45086F	TEMPLE VA MEDICAL CENTER - VA CENTRAL TEXAS	TEMPLE	TX	76504	Included
45090F	SAN ANTONIO VA MEDICAL CENTER - VA SOUTH TEXAS	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78229	Included
46002F	VA SALT LAKE CITY HEALTHCARE - GEORGE E. WAHLEN VA	SALT LAKE CITY	UT	84148	Included
49006F	HAMPTON VA MEDICAL CENTER	HAMPTON	VA	23667	Included
49010F	RICHMOND VA MEDICAL CENTER	RICHMOND	VA	23249	Included
49011F	SALEM VA MEDICAL CENTER	SALEM	VA	24153	Included
50011F	SPOKANE VA MEDICAL CENTER	SPOKANE	WA	99205	Included
50030F	SEATTLE VA MEDICAL CENTER - VA PUGIT SOUND	SEATTLE	WA	98108	Included
51004F	HUNTINGTON VA MEDICAL CENTER	HUNTINGTON	WV	25704	Included
51005F	MARTINSBURG VA MEDICAL CENTER	MARTINSBURG	WV	25401	Included
52003F	MILWAUKEE VA MEDICAL CENTER	MILWAUKEE	WI	53295	Included
52004F	MADISON VA MEDICAL CENTER	MADISON	WI	53705	Included
53004F	CHEYENNE VA MEDICAL CENTER	CHEYENNE	WY	82001	Included
07003F	WEST HAVEN VA MEDICAL CENTER	WEST HAVEN	CT	06516	Included
11031F	DUBLIN VA MEDICAL CENTER	DUBLIN	GA	31021	Excluded
14008F	MARION IL VA MEDICAL CENTER	MARION	IL	62959	Excluded
15004F	VA N. INDIANA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM - MARION	MARION	IN	46953	Excluded
20003F	TOGUS VA MEDICAL CENTER	AUGUSTA	ME	04330	Excluded
23005F	IRON MOUNTAIN MI VA MEDICAL CENTER	IRON MOUNTAIN	MI	49801	Excluded
26007F	POPLAR BLUFF VA MEDICAL CENTER	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	Excluded
27003F	VA MONTANA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	FORT HARRISON	MT	59636	Excluded
29004F	[NO HOSPITAL NAME]				Excluded
33011F	BATH VA MEDICAL CENTER	BATH	NY	14810	Excluded
34017F	W.G. (BILL) HEFNER SALISBURY VA MEDICAL CENTER	SALISBURY	NC	28144	Excluded
36008F	CHILLICOTHE VA MEDICAL CENTER	CHILLICOTHE	OH	45601	Excluded
37012F	MUSKOGEE VA MEDICAL CENTER	MUSKOGEE	OK	74401	Excluded
38004F	VA ROSEBURG HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	ROSEBURG	OR	97470	Excluded
45063F	VA WEST TEXAS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	BIG SPRING	TX	79720	Excluded
47001F	WHITE RIVER JCT VA MEDICAL CENTER	WHITE RIVER JUNCTION	VT	05009	Excluded
51002F	BECKLEY VA MEDICAL CENTER	BECKLEY	WV	25801	Excluded
51003F	CLARKSBURG VA MEDICAL CENTER	CLARKSBURG	WV	26301	Excluded
52002F	TOMAH VA MEDICAL CENTER	TOMAH	WI	54660	Excluded
53005F	SHERIDAN VA MEDICAL CENTER	SHERIDAN	WY	82801	Excluded

**eTable 2. Patient demographic characteristics, cardiovascular past medical history, and comorbid conditions included in risk-standardization models for 30-day mortality and 30-day readmission for acute myocardial infarction, heart failure, and pneumonia hospitalizations.**

	AMI		HF		PN	
	RSMR	RSRR	RSMR	RSRR	RSMR	RSRR
<b>Demographic Characteristics</b>						
Age	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Cardiovascular Past Medical History, %</b>						
History of PCI	*	*	*	--	*	--
History of CABG Surgery	*	*	*	*	*	*
Heart Failure	*	*	*	*	*	*
Acute Coronary Syndromes	*	*	*	*	*	*
Anterior MI	*	*	--	--	--	--
Inferior/Lateral/Posterior MI	*	*	--	--	--	--
Chronic Atherosclerosis	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cardiopulmonary-Respiratory Failure and Shock	*	--	*	*	*	*
Valvular Heart Disease	*	*	*	*	--	*
Arrhythmia	--	*	--	*	--	*
Other Unspecified Heart Disease	--	--	--	*	--	--
<b>Co-morbid Condition, %</b>						
Hypertension	*	--	*	--	*	--
Stroke	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cerebrovascular Disease	*	*	--	--	*	--
Peripheral Vascular Disease	*		*		*	
Renal Failure	*	*	*	*	*	*
End-Stage Renal Disease	--	*	--	*	--	*
Nephritis	--	--	--	*	--	--
Urinary Tract Infection	--	--	--	--	--	*
Urinary Tract Disorders	--	*		*	--	*
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	*	*	*	*	*	*
Fibrosis of Lung and Other Chronic Lung Disorders	--	--	--	*	*	*
Asthma	--	*	--	*	*	*
Pneumonia	*	*	*	*	*	*

Pleural Effusion/Pneumothorax	--	--	--	--	--	*
Other Lung Disorders	--	--	--	--	--	*
Diabetes	*	*	*	*	--	*
Protein-Calorie Malnutrition	*	*	*	*	*	*
Fluid and Electrolyte Disorders	--	*	--	*	--	*
Dementia	*	*	*	*	*	*
Functional Disability	*	*	*	*	*	*
Metastatic Cancer	*	*	*	*	*	*
Major Psychiatric Disorders	*	--	*	*	*	*
Other Psychiatric Disorders	--	--	--	*	--	*
Depression	--	--	--	*	*	--
Drug/Alcohol Abuse	--	--	--	*	--	*
Chronic Liver Disease	*	--	*	*	*	--
Peptic Ulcer and other Specified GI Disorders	--	--	--	*	--	--
Other GI Disorders	--	--	--	*	--	*
Severe Hematological Disorder	--	--	--	*	*	*
Iron Deficiency	--	*	--	*	*	*
Parkinson's and Huntington's Diseases	--	--	--	--	*	--
Seizure Disorders and Convulsions	--	--	--	--	*	--
Vertebral Fractures	--	--	--	--	*	*
Trauma in Last Year	*	--	*	--	*	--
Other Injuries	--	--	--	--	--	*
Decubitus Skin Ulcer	--	*	--	*	--	*
Other History of Infection	--	*	--	--	--	*
Septicemia/Shock	--	--	--	--	--	*

PCI: percutaneous coronary intervention; CABG: coronary artery bypass graft; y: years; RSMR: risk-standardized mortality rate; RSRR: risk-standardized readmission rate  
"--": Not included in risk-adjustment of publicly-reported measures for a given condition and outcome

**eTable 3. Percentage of hospitals in each decile of performance for risk-standardized mortality rates.**

Decile	Hospitals, %								
	Acute myocardial infarction			Heart failure			Pneumonia		
	Decile Range	VA	Non-VA	Decile Range	VA	Non-VA	Decile Range	VA	Non-VA
1	10.8<RSMR≤12.5	1.9	4.3	8.1<RSMR ≤10.1	15.2	4.8	7.5<RSMR ≤9.9	9.5	6.2
2	12.5<RSMR≤12.9	12.5	6.3	10.1<RSMR ≤10.7	16.2	6.2	9.9<RSMR ≤10.7	12.4	7.6
3	12.9<RSMR≤13.2	11.5	6.8	10.7<RSMR ≤11.1	11.4	8.5	10.7<RSMR ≤11.3	5.7	10.9
4	13.2<RSMR≤13.4	11.5	10.2	11.1<RSMR ≤11.4	9.5	10.7	11.3<RSMR ≤11.7	2.9	10.3
5	13.4<RSMR≤13.7	13.5	13.9	11.4<RSMR ≤11.8	7.6	13.7	11.7<RSMR ≤12.1	12.4	14.1
6	13.7<RSMR≤13.9	17.3	15.4	11.8<RSMR ≤12.1	10.5	14.9	12.1<RSMR ≤12.6	12.4	14.2
7	13.9<RSMR≤14.1	14.4	16.0	12.1<RSMR ≤12.5	3.8	12.3	12.6<RSMR ≤13.1	11.4	9.0
8	14.1<RSMR≤14.4	10.6	10.8	12.5<RSMR ≤13.0	7.6	12.3	13.1<RSMR ≤13.6	9.5	9.7
9	14.4<RSMR≤14.8	3.8	9.0	13.0<RSMR ≤13.5	8.6	8.7	13.6<RSMR ≤14.6	7.6	10.5
10	14.8<RSMR≤17.2	2.9	7.2	13.5<RSMR ≤16.7	9.5	7.8	14.6<RSMR ≤20.0	16.2	7.5
No. of Hospitals		103	1,439		104	1,500		104	1,505

\*Decile 1 (10<sup>th</sup> percentile) represents the lowest mortality rate (better), while Decile 10 (100<sup>th</sup> percentile) represents the highest mortality rate (worse).

**eTable 4. Risk-standardized mortality rates at each decile of performance.**

Decile	RSMR, %					
	Acute myocardial infarction		Heart failure		Pneumonia	
	VA	Non-VA	VA	Non-VA	VA	Non-VA
1	12.6	12.5	9.3	10.1	9.9	9.9
2	12.9	12.9	10.1	10.8	10.4	10.7
3	13.0	13.2	10.7	11.2	11.6	11.2
4	13.3	13.4	10.8	11.5	12.1	11.7
5	13.5	13.7	11.3	11.8	12.4	12.1
6	13.7	13.9	11.5	12.1	12.9	12.5
7	13.8	14.1	12.0	12.5	13.5	13.1
8	14.1	14.4	12.7	13.0	14.6	13.6
9	14.4	14.8	13.5	13.5	16.2	14.5
10	15.9	17.2	16.4	16.7	17.6	20.0
No. of hospitals	103	1,439	104	1,500	104	1,505

\*Decile 1 (10<sup>th</sup> percentile) represents the lowest mortality rate (better), while Decile 10 (100<sup>th</sup> percentile) represents the highest mortality rate (worse).



**eTable 5. Percentage of hospitals in each decile of performance for readmission.**

Decile	Hospitals, %								
	Acute myocardial infarction			Heart failure			Pneumonia		
	Readmission			Readmission			Readmission		
	Decile Range	VA	Non-VA	Decile Range	VA	Non-VA	Decile Range	VA	Non-VA
				19.9≤RSMR≤21.					
1	14.9≤RSMR≤16.2	1.0	3.7	6	4.8	6.1	15.1≤RSMR≤17.5	6.7	6.5
2	16.2<RSMR≤16.6	2.9	5.7	21.6<RSMR≤22.3	7.6	7.0	17.5<RSMR≤17.9	10.5	9.0
3	16.6<RSMR≤16.9	1.9	7.8	22.3<RSMR≤22.8	5.7	8.7	17.9<RSMR≤18.2	6.7	11.7
4	16.9<RSMR≤17.1	3.8	9.6	22.8<RSMR≤23.1	8.6	12.0	18.2<RSMR≤18.5	4.8	12.7
5	17.1<RSMR≤17.2	9.6	15.8	23.1<RSMR≤23.6	14.3	16.6	18.5<RSMR≤18.7	4.8	14.1
6	17.2<RSMR≤17.4	20.2	21.4	23.6<RSMR≤23.9	6.7	13.7	18.7<RSMR≤18.9	6.7	12.6
7	17.4<RSMR≤17.7	13.5	15.3	23.9<RSMR≤24.3	4.8	13.2	18.9<RSMR≤19.2	11.4	11.4
8	17.7<RSMR≤17.9	10.6	9.1	24.3<RSMR≤24.8	15.2	10.1	19.2<RSMR≤19.5	10.5	9.3
9	17.9<RSMR≤18.2	14.4	5.9	24.8<RSMR≤25.5	13.3	7.9	19.5<RSMR≤20.2	19.0	8.5
10	18.2<RSMR≤20.4	22.1	5.6	25.5<RSMR≤29.8	19.0	4.7	20.2<RSMR≤23.7	19.0	4.2
No. of hospitals		103	1,420		104	1,500		104	1,506

\*Decile 1 (10<sup>th</sup> percentile) represents the lowest readmission rate (better), while Decile 10 (100<sup>th</sup> percentile) represents the highest readmission rate (worse).

**eTable 6. Risk-standardized readmission rates at each decile of performance.**

Decile	RSRR, %					
	Acute myocardial infarction		Heart failure		Pneumonia	
	VA	Non-VA	VA	Non-VA	VA	Non-VA
1	17.2	16.2	22.5	21.6	17.6	17.4
2	17.3	16.6	23.1	22.2	18.3	17.9
3	17.5	16.9	23.3	22.7	18.8	18.2
4	17.7	17.0	24.2	23.0	19.1	18.4
5	17.9	17.2	24.5	23.5	19.4	18.7
6	18.1	17.4	25.0	23.8	19.6	18.9
7	18.2	17.6	25.3	24.2	19.9	19.1
8	18.4	17.9	26.2	24.7	20.7	19.4
9	18.6	18.1	27.3	25.3	21.2	20.0
10	19.2	20.4	29.8	28.0	22.3	23.7
No. of hospitals	103	1,420	104	1,500	104	1,506

\*Decile 1 (10<sup>th</sup> percentile) represents the lowest readmission rate (better), while Decile 10 (100<sup>th</sup> percentile) represents the highest readmission rate (worse).

**eFigure. Risk-standardized mortality and readmission rates for acute myocardial infarction, heart failure, and pneumonia in Veterans Affairs and non-Veterans Affairs hospitals, 2010-2013.**

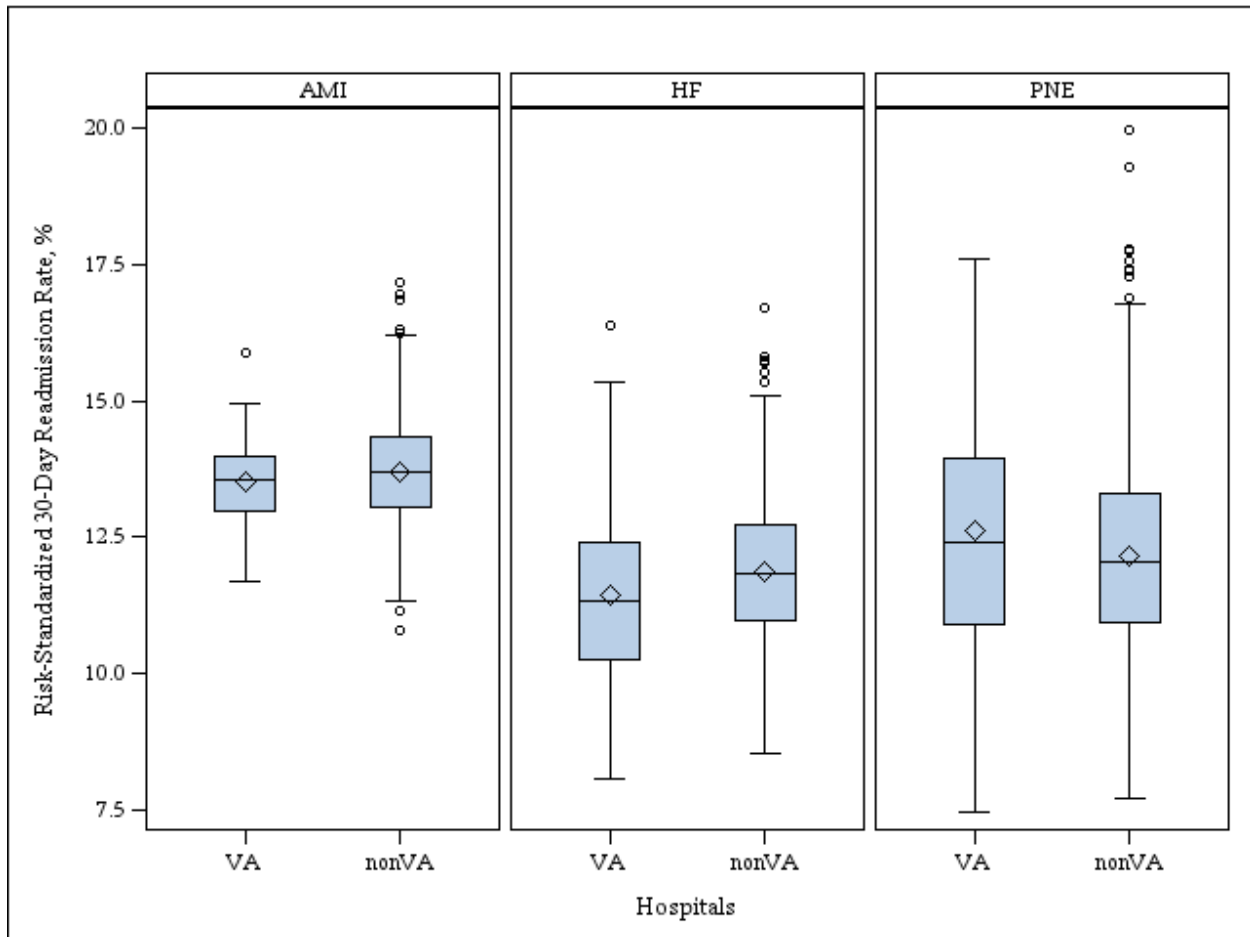
AMI: acute myocardial infarction, HF: heart failure, PNE: pneumonia. The horizontal line within the box is the median; the diamond symbol is the mean; the upper edge of the box is the third quartile; the lower edge of the box is the first quartile; the upper fence is the third quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (IQR); the lower fence is the first quartile minus 1.5 times the interquartile range; the circle is the observation outside the fences.

A. Risk-Standardized Mortality Rates

B. Risk-Standardized Readmission Rates

eFigure.

A.



B.

