



Tele-Hospitalist, a Rural Hospital Support Model



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Problem: The Rural Hospital Crisis

Scale of Hospital Closures

Over 200 rural hospitals have closed in the past 20 years, impacting millions.

Community Impact

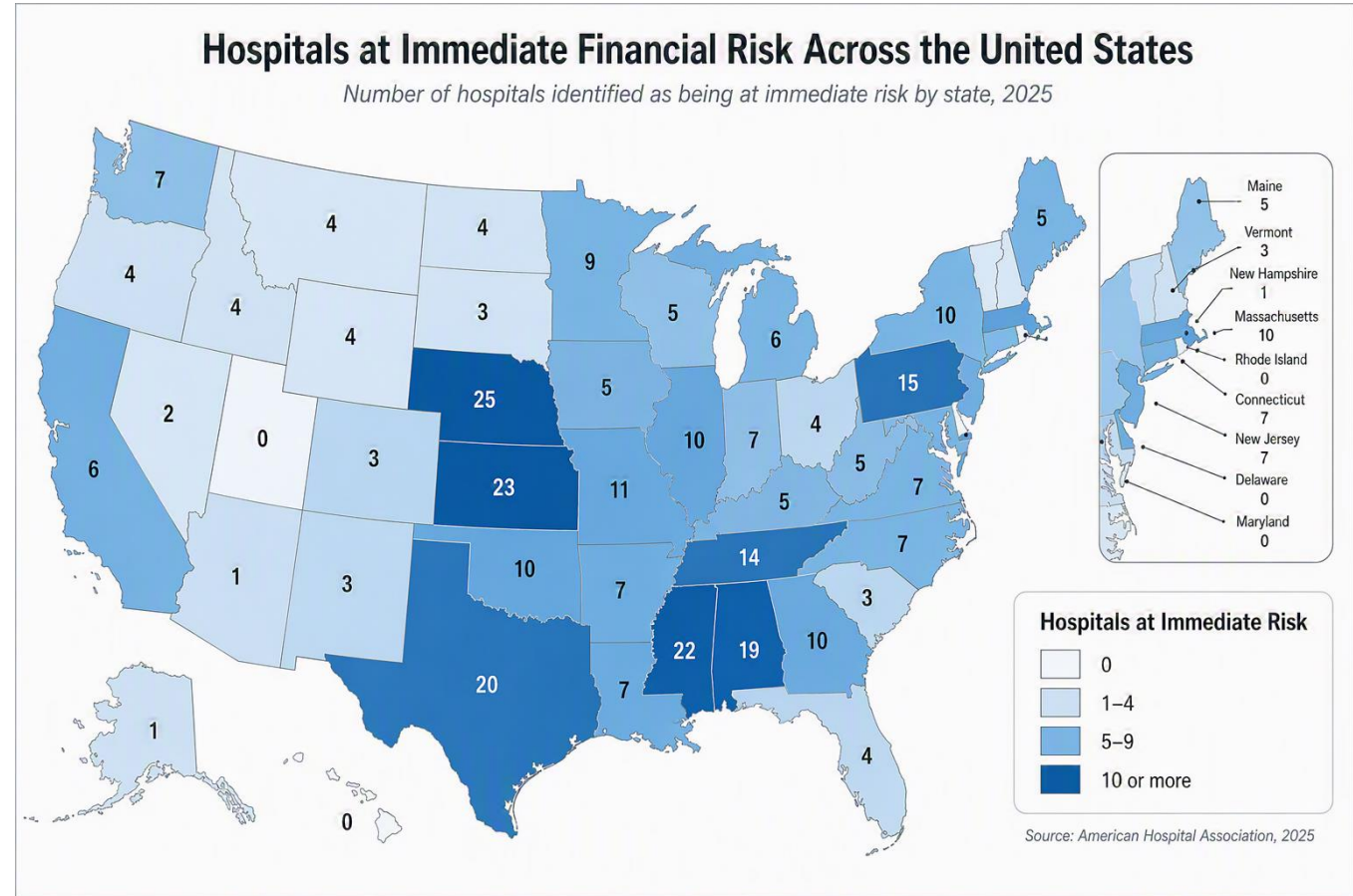
Hospital closures remove critical anchors for public health, economic stability, and community identity in rural areas.

Localized Healthcare Deserts

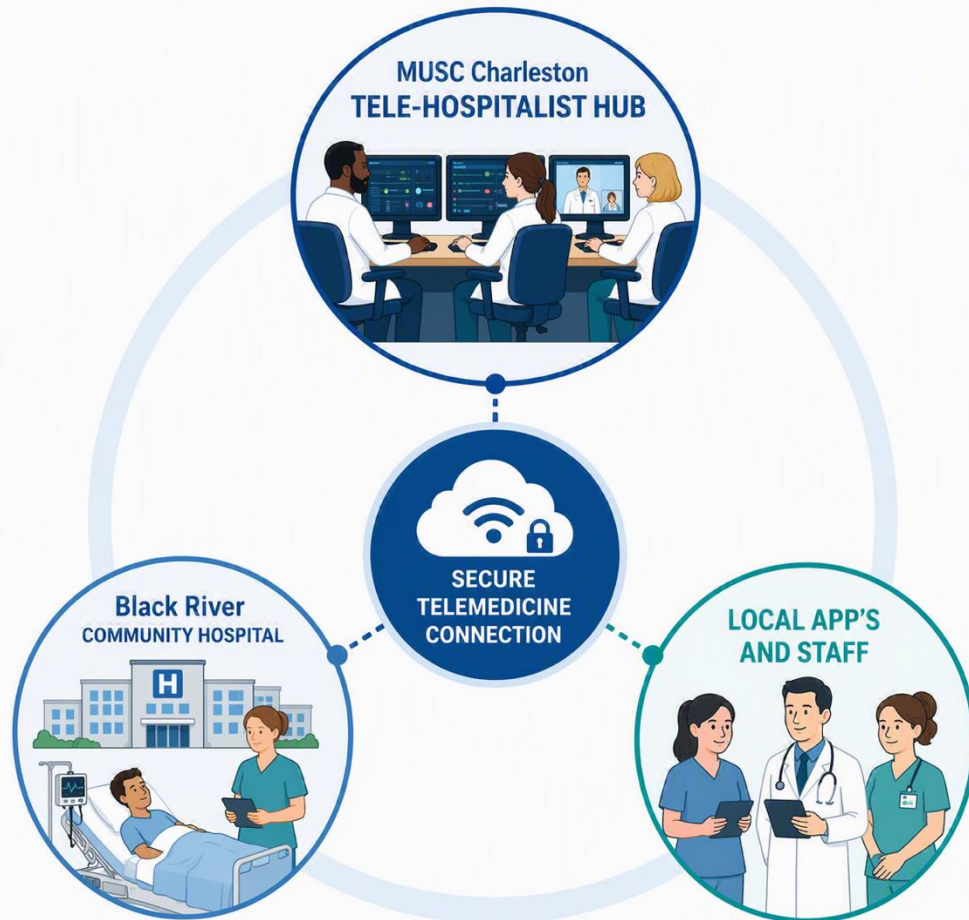
Two SC hospital closures within 24 miles created a healthcare desert, leaving towns without emergency or inpatient care.

Operational Challenges

Failures stem from staffing and operational models that do not adapt to rural healthcare needs, not lack of demand.



Solution: Virtual Hospitalist Staffing Model



Remote Hospitalist Coverage

A remote team of certified hospitalists provides continuous inpatient care through secure telehealth connections.

Scalable Centralized Workforce

The staffing model offers scalable coverage adjusting to patient census and acuity, replacing local staffing bottlenecks.

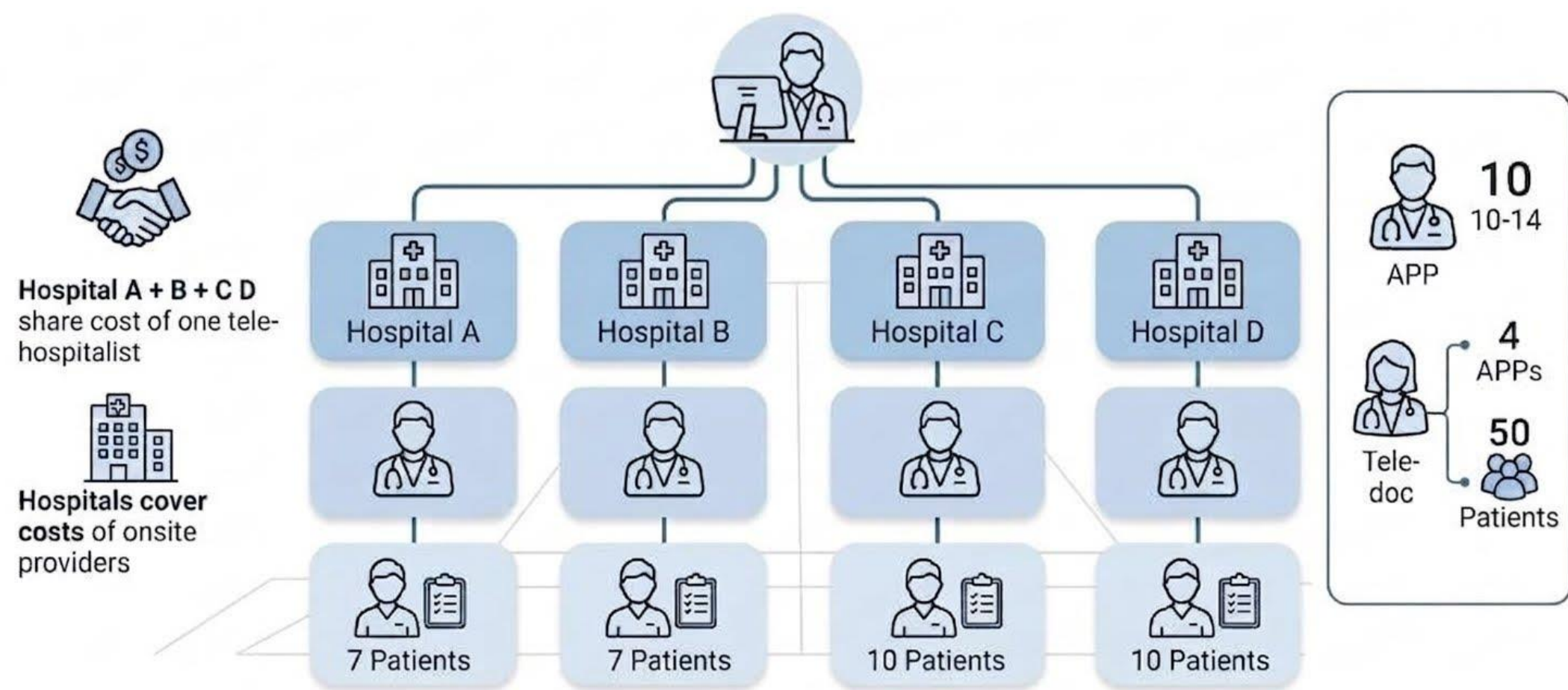
Hybrid Care Collaboration

Virtual hospitalists collaborate with on-site APP's and staff, preserving human presence while improving efficiency.

Financial and Operational Benefits

Converts fixed costs to flexible services, shortens launch time, and enhances rural hospital sustainability.

Solution: Scaling Tele-hospitalists for Cost Effectiveness



Results: Immediate Community Response

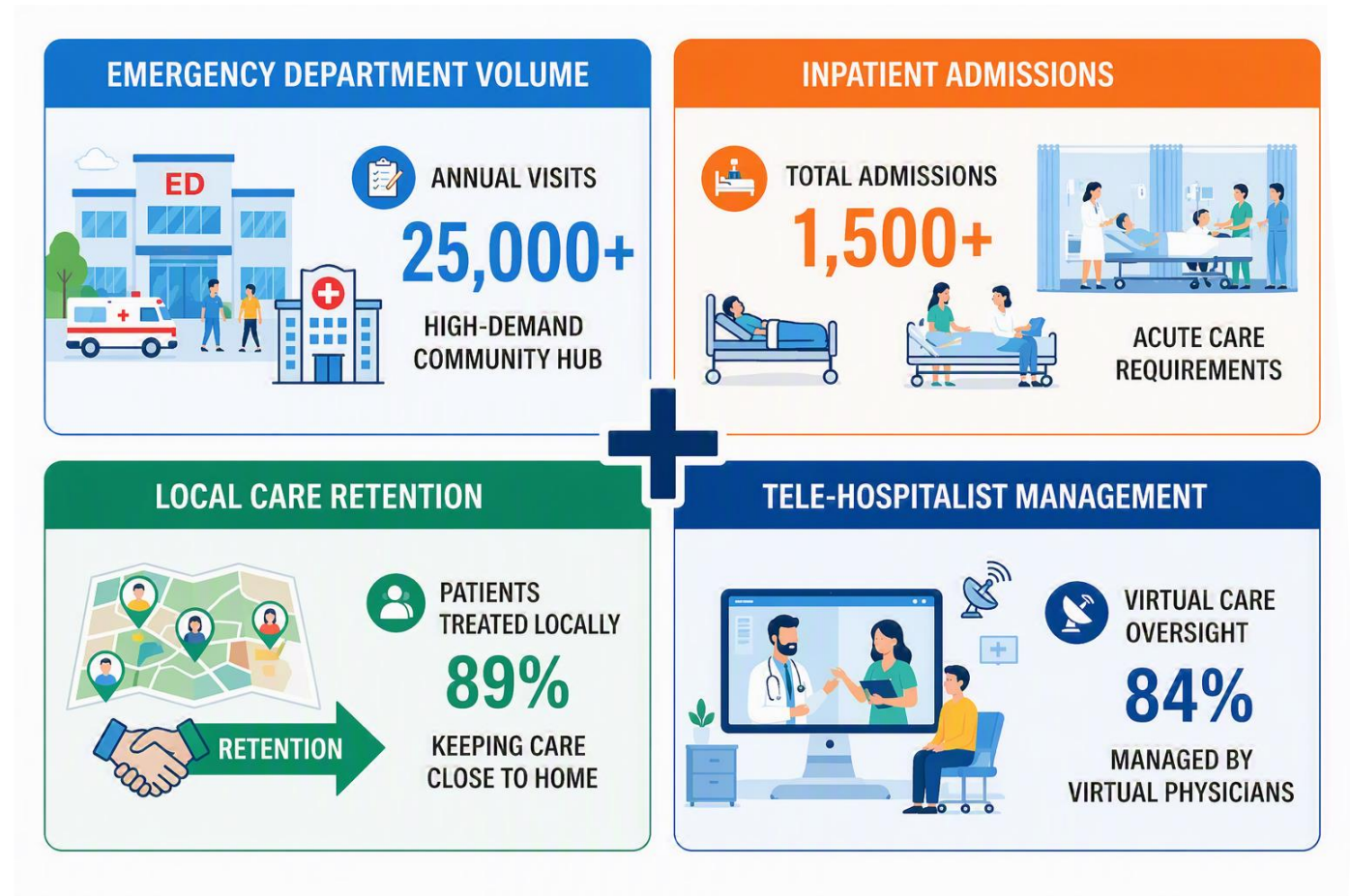
Early Community Embrace

Rapid community adoption and robust local demand for new facility supported by telehealth.

- 24% increase avg. daily census
- 200% increase ICU days

Patient Engagement

Real patient behavior highlights acceptance when telemedicine is integrated with trusted physical facilities.

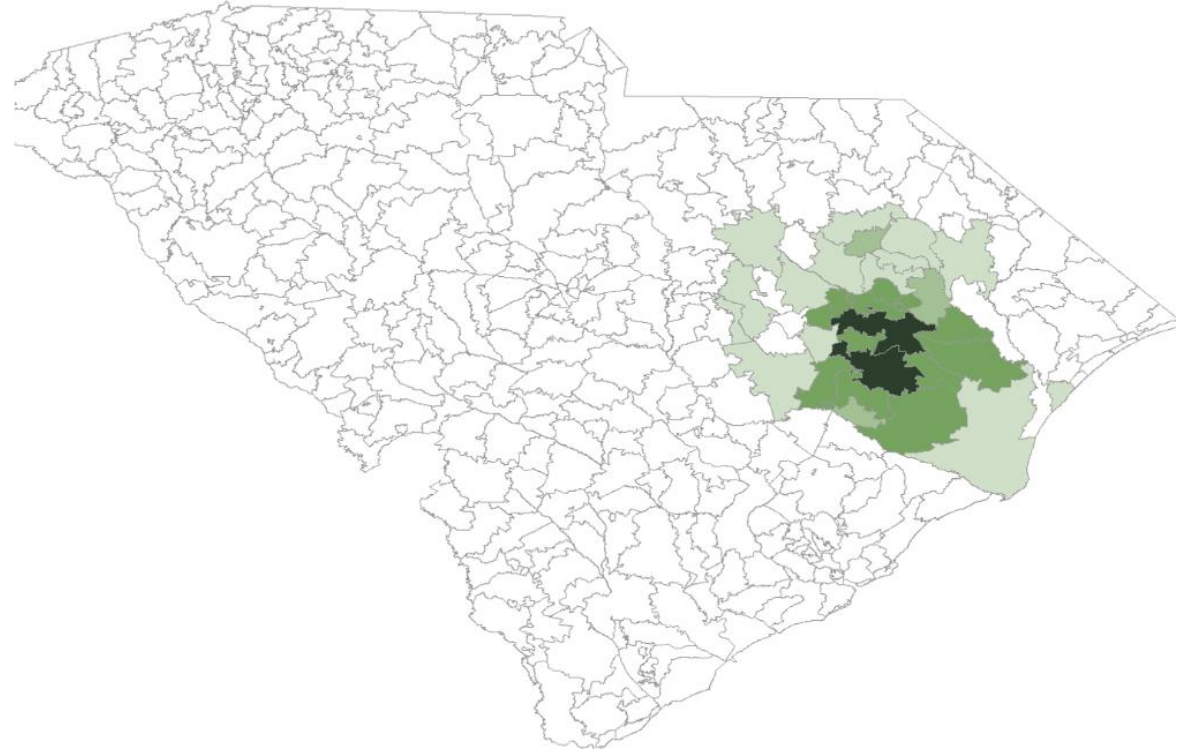
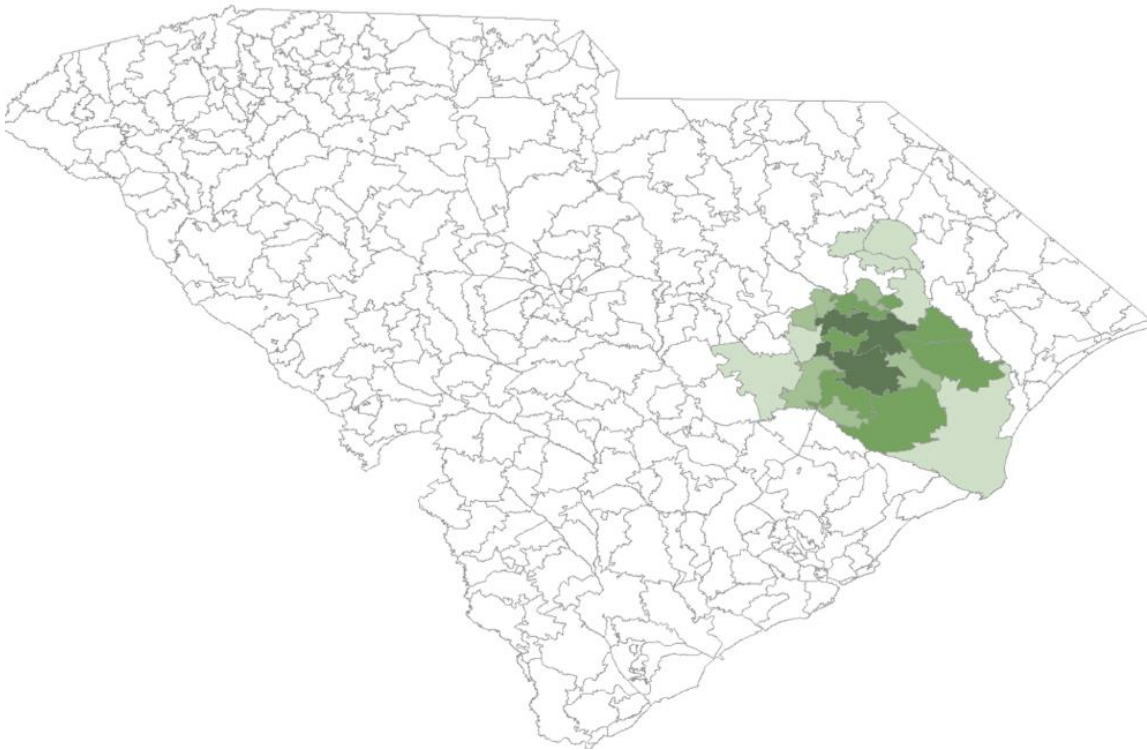


Results: One Year Growth in Market Share (Black River)

Proof of Fit

High utilization of restored local hospital access confirmed community acceptance

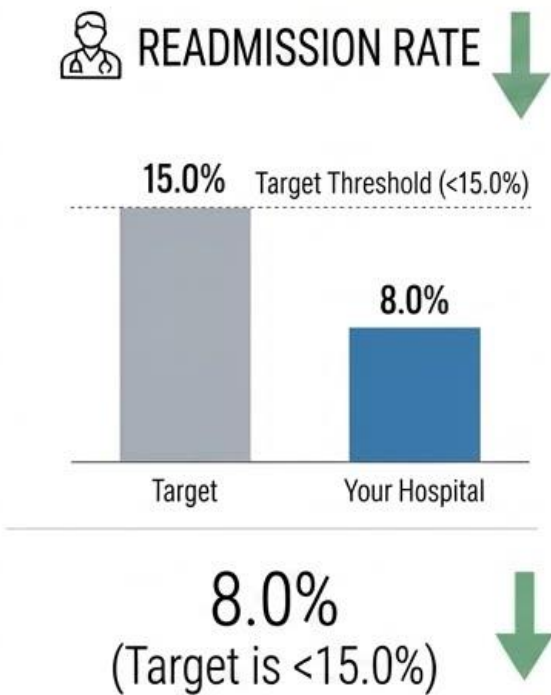
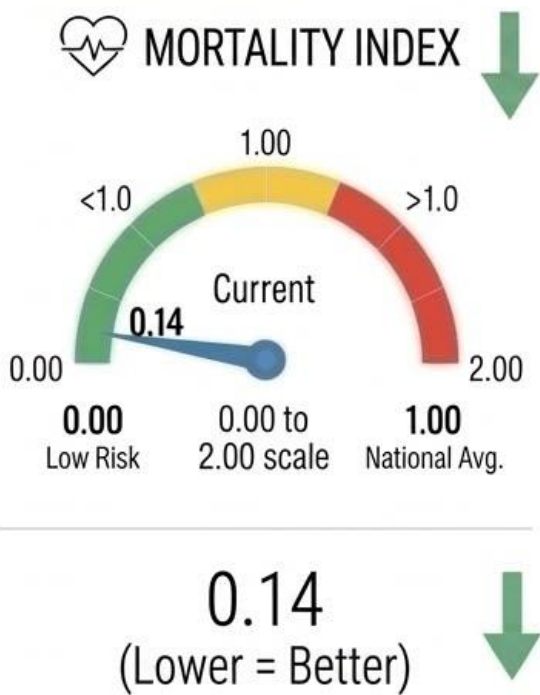
- 4% absolute reduction in county outmigration (Hampton)



Results: Quality and Patient Satisfaction

KEY HOSPITAL METRICS: PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Compared to Benchmarks



Next Steps: Growth



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