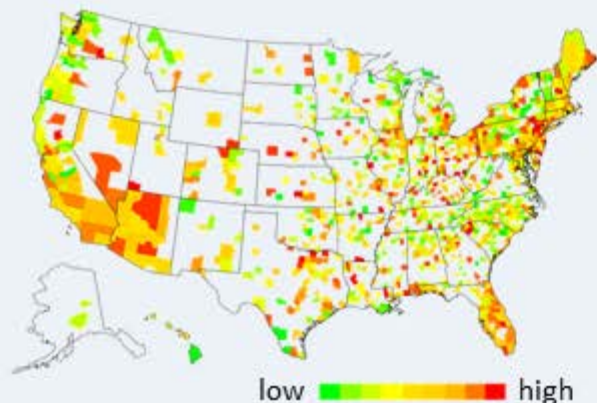


Do hospitals that spend more achieve better outcomes for patients with AMI?

Thirty-day spending on an episode of care for acute myocardial infarction varies more than two-fold among hospitals



30-day episode-of-care spending

Higher hospital-level 30-day spending on AMI care was associated with modest reductions in patient mortality



↑ \$1000 hospital-level spending
↓ 1.4% odds of 30-day mortality

Incentives to reduce spending through pay-for-performance programs may more strongly affect hospitals that achieve better outcomes

