

Hospital Quarterly

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The Bureau of Health Information releases today its *Hospital Quarterly* report where we look at the performance of hospitals with regards to timeliness of emergency departments, but also timeliness in the provision of elective surgery for patients in NSW.

Overall, we find that in the July to September 2016 quarter, there has been more people going to the emergency department but also more people having to be admitted to hospital following their presentation at the emergency department, and there has been an increase in the number of elective surgeries performed, if we compare to the same quarter last year.

Improvement in performance measures

In terms of performance, the report highlights the fact there has been an improvement of performance in the emergency department, with patients coming to the emergency department seeing their treatment start more quickly, patients had to spend less time overall in the emergency department and, if they arrived by ambulance, they could also their care being transferred from the ambulance crew to the emergency department staff more quickly.

With regards to elective surgery, the report highlights the fact that more patients that were on a waiting list saw their elective surgery happen on time, according to clinical guidelines.

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