

Emergency department activity		Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	Difference	% change
All arrivals at ED by ambulance		151,235	146,621	4,614	3.1%
All ED presentations		703,410 ^A	689,903	13,507	2.0%
Emergency presentations		680,126	665,860	14,266	2.1%
Triage category	T1: Resuscitation	4,735	4,556	179	3.9%
	T2: Emergency	85,293	79,597	5,696	7.2%
	T3: Urgent	231,360	226,707	4,653	2.1%
	T4: Semi-urgent	287,474	284,650	2,824	1.0%
	T5: Non-urgent	71,264	70,350	914	1.3%
Admissions to hospital from EDs ¹		186,834	194,789	-7,955	-4.1%
Admitted patient activity		Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	Difference	% change
All admitted patient episodes		478,234	485,485	-7,251	-1.5%
All acute episodes		**	**		
Overnight		**	**		
Same-day		**	**		
Non-acute		**	**		
Acute		**	**		
Average length of stay (days)	Acute overnight episodes	**	**		
	Non-acute	**	**		
All bed days		1,643,352	1,687,606	-44,254	-2.6%
Hospital bed days	Acute	**	**		
	Non-acute	**	**		
Babies born in NSW public hospitals		17,497	17,771	-274	-1.5%
Elective surgery activity		Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	Difference	% change
Elective surgery procedures performed		55,872	54,764	1,108	2.0%
Urgency category	Urgent	12,342	12,326	16	0.1%
	Semi-urgent	18,776	18,046	730	4.0%
	Non-urgent	21,986	21,687	299	1.4%
Patients on waiting list ready for elective surgery at the end of quarter		76,227	73,454	2,773	3.8%
Urgency category	Urgent	921	834	87	10.4%
	Semi-urgent	11,414	10,474	940	9.0%
	Non-urgent	63,892	62,146	1,746	2.8%

** These data are not reported due to a policy change in the definition of patient stay types. A new mental health care stay type has been introduced that comprises patients who were previously included in the acute and non-acute stay types that are routinely reported by BHI. Acute, non-acute and mental health stay types will be reported separately in the next edition of Healthcare Quarterly, which covers January to March 2018.

¹ The decrease in the percentage of patients treated and admitted to hospital from the ED may reflect changes in data coding practices. Changes will be reflected in the January to March 2018 edition of *Healthcare Quarterly*

^A In the October to December 2017 quarter, there were 21,533 ED presentations in small district hospitals that are not reported in *Healthcare Quarterly*. These hospitals were recently added to the Emergency Department Data Collection and the data provided for their EDs are under data quality review by BHI, prior to inclusion in *Healthcare Quarterly*.

Emergency department performance			Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	Difference
Time to treatment by triage category	T2: Emergency	Median time to treatment	8m	8m	0m
		90th percentile time to treatment	23m	25m	-2m
		% started treatment on time	68.7%	66.6%	2.1 percentage points
	T3: Urgent	Median time to treatment	20m	20m	0m
		90th percentile time to treatment	1h 05m	1h 07m	-2m
		% started treatment on time	71.2%	70.4%	0.8 percentage points
	T4: Semi-urgent	Median time to treatment	26m	25m	1m
		90th percentile time to treatment	1h 39m	1h 37m	2m
		% started treatment on time	78.4%	78.9%	-0.5 percentage points
	T5: Non-urgent	Median time to treatment	23m	23m	0m
		90th percentile time to treatment	1h 43m	1h 43m	0m
		% started treatment on time	93.1%	93.2%	-0.1 percentage points
Patients starting treatment on time %			76.0%	75.7%	0.3 percentage points
Median time to leave the ED			2h 44m	2h 40m	4m
90th percentile time to leave the ED			6h 55m	6h 53m	2m
Patients leaving the ED within four hours of presentation			73.6%	74.4%	-0.8 percentage points
Transfer of care	Median transfer of care time (minutes)		11m	11m	0m
	90th percentile transfer of care time (minutes)		26m	26m	0m
	Percent on target		92.1%	91.9%	0.2 percentage points
Elective surgery performance			Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	Difference
Waiting time (days)	Urgent	Median	10 days	10 days	0 days
		90th percentile	26 days	26 days	0 days
	Semi-urgent	Median	44 days	43 days	1 days
		90th percentile	83 days	83 days	0 days
	Non-urgent	Median	210 days	212 days	-2 days
		90th percentile	354 days	355 days	-1 days
Elective surgery procedures performed on time	All procedures		97.5%	97.6%	-0.1 percentage points
	Urgent		99.8%	99.8%	0.0 percentage points
	Semi-urgent		97.2%	97.6%	-0.4 percentage points
	Non-urgent		96.4%	96.4%	0.0 percentage points

(*) Suppressed due to small numbers and to protect patient privacy

(n/a) No elective surgeries performed