



Healthcare Quarterly

# Performance Profiles

## **Emergency Department**

Far West Local Health District

January to March 2017

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## Broken Hill Base Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview

January to March 2017

All presentations:<sup>1</sup> 5,348 patients  
Emergency presentations:<sup>2</sup> 4,830 patients

| Same period last year | Change since one year ago |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 4,980                 | 7.4%                      |
| 4,359                 | 10.8%                     |

## Broken Hill Base Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment<sup>3</sup>

January to March 2017

**Triage 2** Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 321 patients

Median time to start treatment<sup>4</sup> 6 minutes  
90th percentile time to start treatment<sup>5</sup> 15 minutes

**Triage 3** Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 894 patients

Median time to start treatment<sup>4</sup> 13 minutes  
90th percentile time to start treatment<sup>5</sup> 41 minutes

**Triage 4** Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 1,893 patients

Median time to start treatment<sup>4</sup> 17 minutes  
90th percentile time to start treatment<sup>5</sup> 67 minutes

**Triage 5** Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 1,710 patients

Median time to start treatment<sup>4</sup> 16 minutes  
90th percentile time to start treatment<sup>5</sup> 77 minutes

| Same period last year | NSW (this period) |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 349                   |                   |
| 5 minutes             | 8 minutes         |
| 16 minutes            | 26 minutes        |
| 1,074                 |                   |
| 13 minutes            | 20 minutes        |
| 36 minutes            | 69 minutes        |
| 1,597                 |                   |
| 15 minutes            | 26 minutes        |
| 58 minutes            | 101 minutes       |
| 1,330                 |                   |
| 15 minutes            | 23 minutes        |
| 63 minutes            | 104 minutes       |

## Broken Hill Base Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

January to March 2017

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:<sup>6</sup> 5,348 patients

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED 89.4%

| Same period last year | Change since one year ago |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 4,980                 | 7.4%                      |
| 90.1%                 |                           |

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- All emergency and non-emergency attendances at the emergency department (ED).
- All attendances that have a triage category and are coded as emergency presentations or unplanned return visits.
- Some patients are excluded from ED time measures due to calculation requirements. For details, see the *Technical Supplement: Emergency department measures, July to September 2016*.
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- All presentations that have a departure time.

**Note:** Presentation time is the earlier time recorded for clerical registration or the triage process. Treatment time is the earliest time recorded when a healthcare professional provides medical care relevant to the patient's presenting problems.

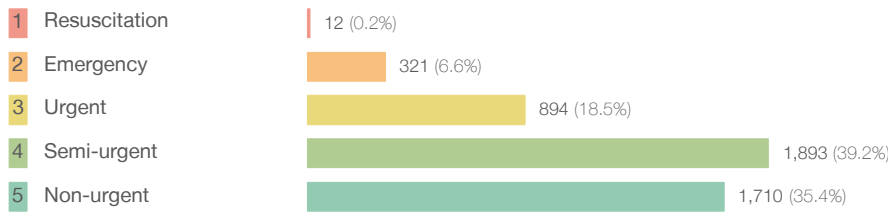
**Source:** Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 18 April 2017).

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## Broken Hill Base Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department January to March 2017

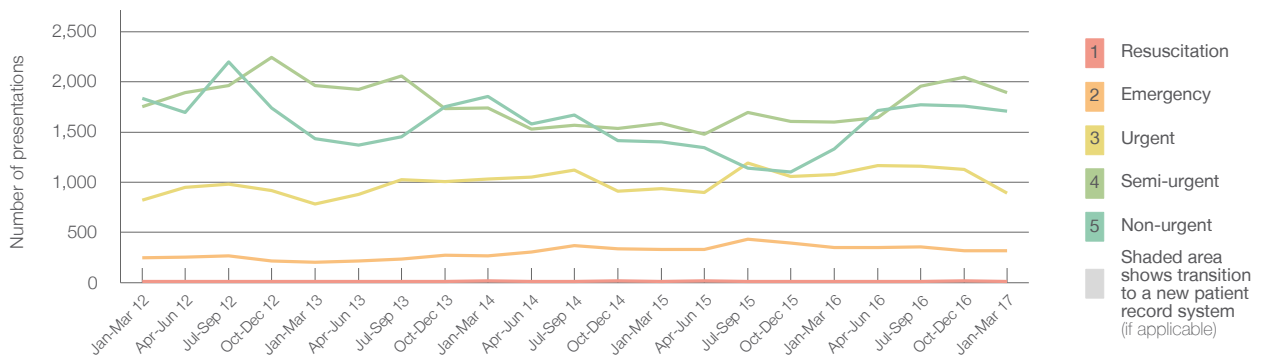
All presentations:<sup>1</sup> 5,348 patients

Emergency presentations<sup>2</sup> by triage category: 4,830 patients



| Same period last year | Change since one year ago |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 4,980                 | 7.4%                      |
| 4,359                 | 10.8%                     |
| 9                     | 33.3%                     |
| 349                   | -8.0%                     |
| 1,074                 | -16.8%                    |
| 1,597                 | 18.5%                     |
| 1,330                 | 28.6%                     |

Emergency presentations<sup>2</sup> by quarter, January 2012 to March 2017<sup>‡</sup>



|                             | Jan-Mar 2012 | Jan-Mar 2013 | Jan-Mar 2014 | Jan-Mar 2015 | Jan-Mar 2016 | Jan-Mar 2017 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Resuscitation               | 14           | 11           | 16           | 12           | 9            | 12           |
| Emergency                   | 249          | 200          | 266          | 333          | 349          | 321          |
| Urgent                      | 822          | 783          | 1,035        | 935          | 1,074        | 894          |
| Semi-urgent                 | 1,750        | 1,963        | 1,739        | 1,584        | 1,597        | 1,893        |
| Non-urgent                  | 1,834        | 1,431        | 1,856        | 1,401        | 1,330        | 1,710        |
| All emergency presentations | 4,669        | 4,388        | 4,912        | 4,265        | 4,359        | 4,830        |

## Broken Hill Base Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance January to March 2017

January to March 2017

Arrivals used to calculate transfer of care time:<sup>7</sup> 628 patients

ED Transfer of care time



| Same period last year | Change since one year ago |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 603                   |                           |
| 11 minutes            | -1 minute                 |
| 26 minutes            | -5 minutes                |

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## Broken Hill Base Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2 January to March 2017

**Triage 2** Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)

Number of triage 2 patients: 321

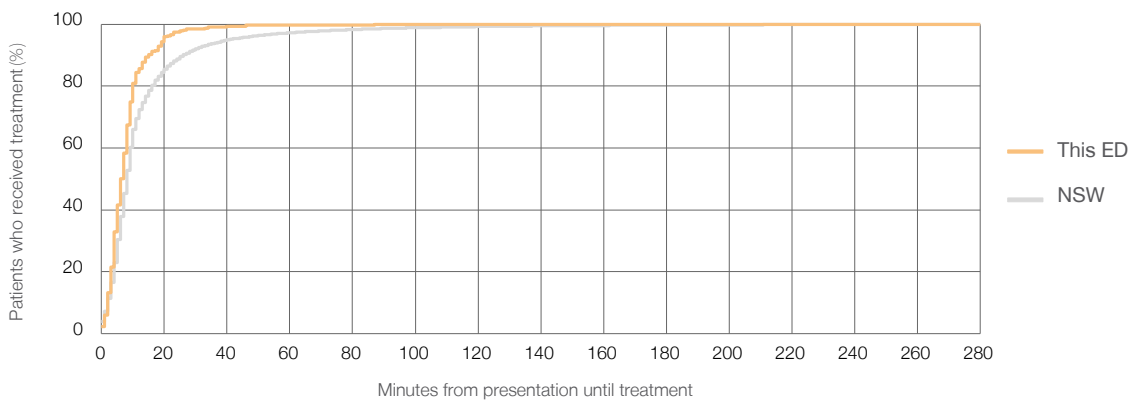
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time:<sup>3</sup> 319

Median time to start treatment<sup>4</sup> 6 minutes

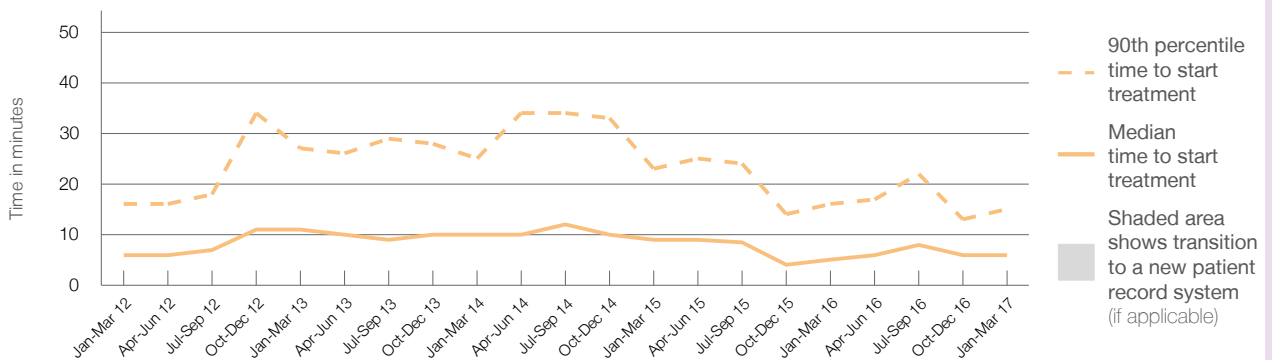
90th percentile time to start treatment<sup>5</sup> 15 minutes

| Same period last year | NSW (this period) |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 349                   | 338               |
| 5 minutes             | 8 minutes         |
| 16 minutes            | 26 minutes        |

### Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2017



### Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 2 patients, January 2012 to March 2017<sup>†‡</sup>



|  | Jan-Mar 2012 | Jan-Mar 2013 | Jan-Mar 2014 | Jan-Mar 2015 | Jan-Mar 2016 | Jan-Mar 2017 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> (minutes)          | 6            | 11           | 10           | 9            | 5            | 6            |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> (minutes) | 16           | 27           | 25           | 23           | 16           | 15           |

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## Broken Hill Base Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 January to March 2017

**Triage 3** Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)

Number of triage 3 patients: 894

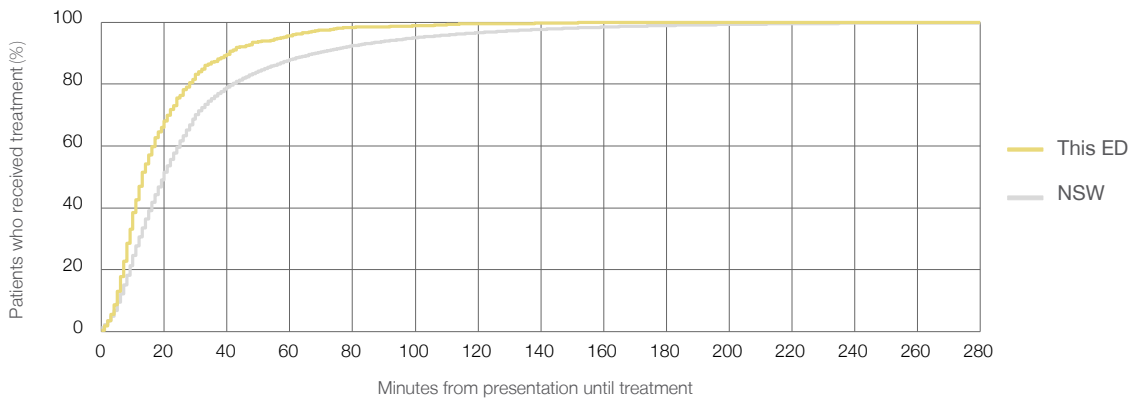
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time:<sup>3</sup> 864

Median time to start treatment<sup>4</sup> 13 minutes

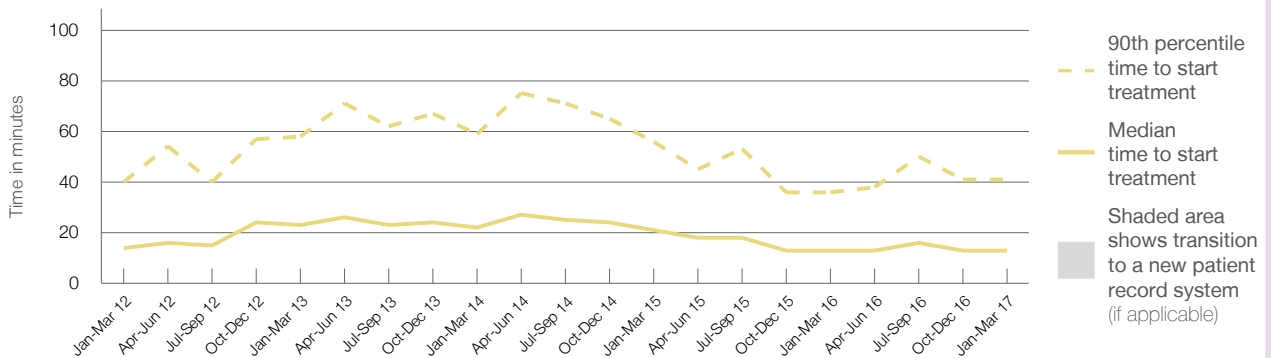
90th percentile time to start treatment<sup>5</sup> 41 minutes

| Same period last year | NSW (this period) |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1,074                 | 955               |
| 13 minutes            | 20 minutes        |
| 36 minutes            | 69 minutes        |

### Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2017



### Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 3 patients, January 2012 to March 2017<sup>†‡</sup>



|  | Jan-Mar 2012 | Jan-Mar 2013 | Jan-Mar 2014 | Jan-Mar 2015 | Jan-Mar 2016 | Jan-Mar 2017 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> (minutes)          | 14           | 23           | 22           | 21           | 13           | 13           |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> (minutes) | 40           | 58           | 59           | 56           | 36           | 41           |

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## Broken Hill Base Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 January to March 2017

**Triage 4** Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)

Number of triage 4 patients: 1,893

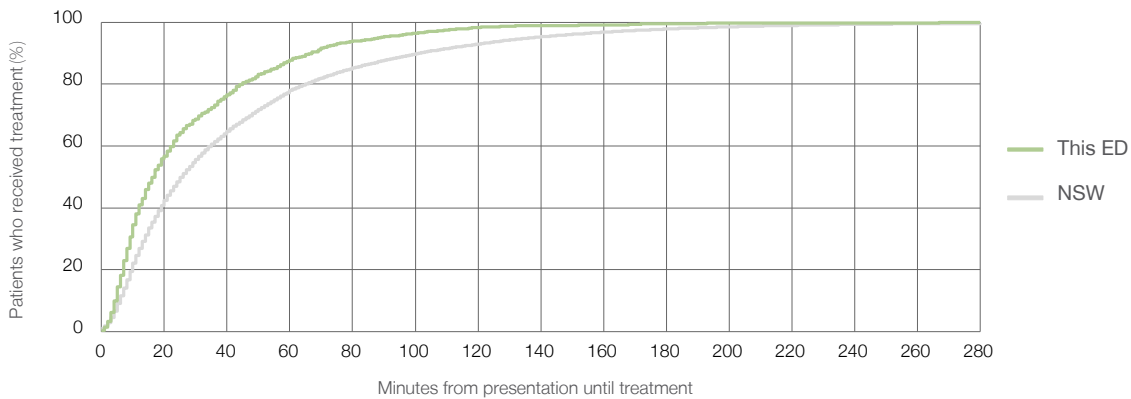
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time:<sup>3</sup> 1,451

Median time to start treatment<sup>4</sup> 17 minutes

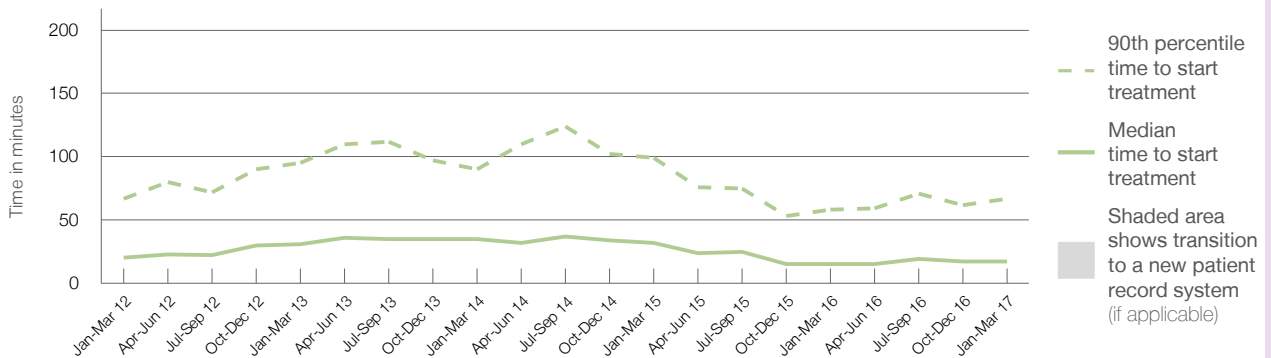
90th percentile time to start treatment<sup>5</sup> 67 minutes

|  | Same period last year | NSW (this period) |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Number of triage 4 patients                                | 1,597                 |                   |
| Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time | 909                   |                   |
| Median time to start treatment                             | 15 minutes            | 26 minutes        |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment                    | 58 minutes            | 101 minutes       |

### Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2017



### Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 4 patients, January 2012 to March 2017<sup>†‡</sup>



|  | Jan-Mar 2012 | Jan-Mar 2013 | Jan-Mar 2014 | Jan-Mar 2015 | Jan-Mar 2016 | Jan-Mar 2017 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> (minutes)          | 20           | 31           | 35           | 32           | 15           | 17           |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> (minutes) | 67           | 95           | 90           | 99           | 58           | 67           |

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## Broken Hill Base Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 January to March 2017

**Triage 5** Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)

Number of triage 5 patients: 1,710

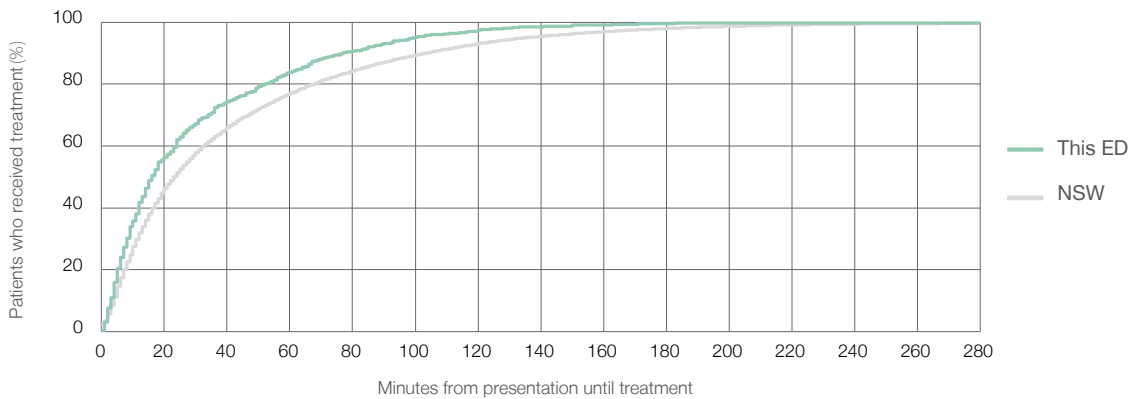
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time:<sup>3</sup> 813

Median time to start treatment<sup>4</sup> 16 minutes

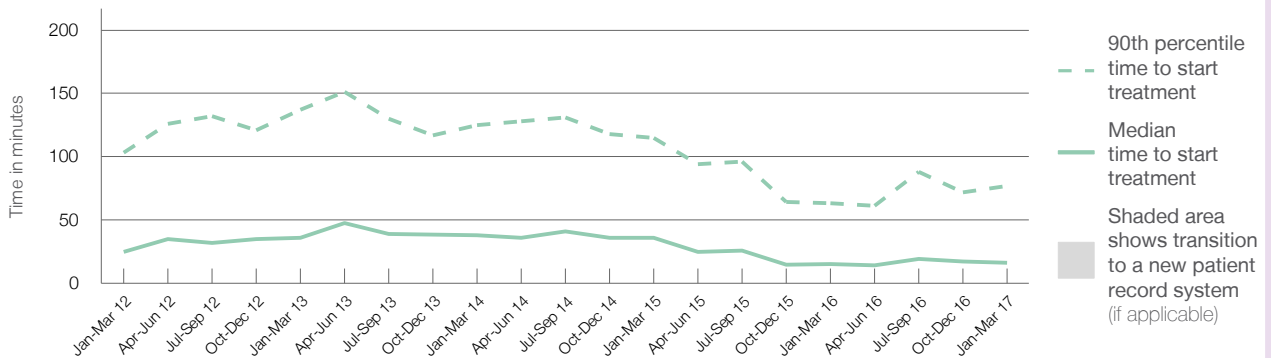
90th percentile time to start treatment<sup>5</sup> 77 minutes

| Same period last year | NSW (this period) |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1,330                 | 501               |
| 15 minutes            | 23 minutes        |
| 63 minutes            | 104 minutes       |

### Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2017



### Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 5 patients, January 2012 to March 2017<sup>†‡</sup>



|  | Jan-Mar 2012 | Jan-Mar 2013 | Jan-Mar 2014 | Jan-Mar 2015 | Jan-Mar 2016 | Jan-Mar 2017 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> (minutes)          | 25           | 36           | 38           | 36           | 15           | 16           |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> (minutes) | 103          | 137          | 125          | 115          | 63           | 77           |

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## Broken Hill Base Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED January to March 2017

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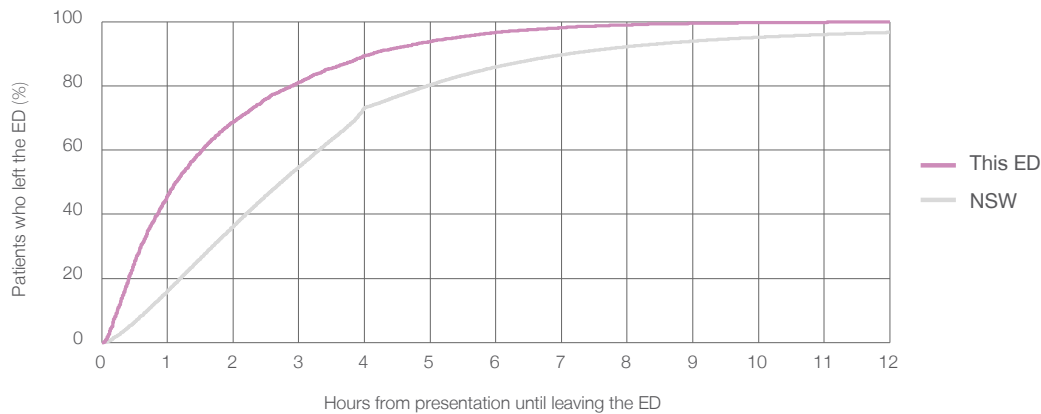
Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED:<sup>6</sup> 5,348 patients

Median time spent in the ED<sup>8</sup> 1 hours and 8 minutes

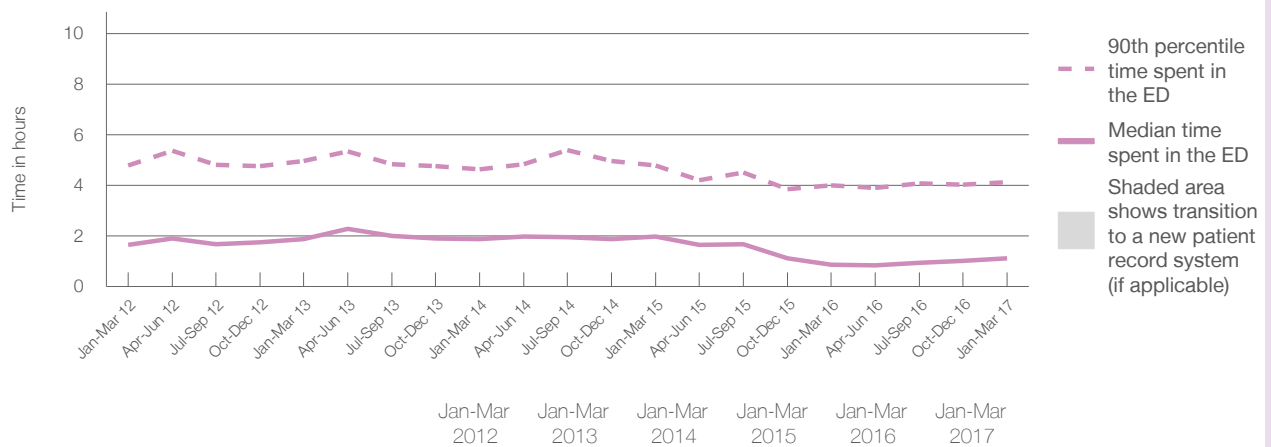
90th percentile time spent in the ED<sup>9</sup> 4 hours and 8 minutes

| Same period last year  | NSW (this period)      |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 4,980                  | 4,980                  |
| 0 hours and 52 minutes | 2 hours and 44 minutes |
| 4 hours and 0 minutes  | 7 hours and 7 minutes  |

### Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, January to March 2017



### Time patients spent in the ED, by quarter, January 2012 to March 2017<sup>†‡</sup>



|  | Jan-Mar 2012 | Jan-Mar 2013 | Jan-Mar 2014 | Jan-Mar 2015 | Jan-Mar 2016 | Jan-Mar 2017 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Median time to leaving the ED <sup>8</sup> (hours, minutes)          | 1h 39m       | 1h 53m       | 1h 53m       | 1h 60m       | 0h 52m       | 1h 8m        |
| 90th percentile time to leaving the ED <sup>9</sup> (hours, minutes) | 4h 48m       | 4h 58m       | 4h 38m       | 4h 48m       | 4h 0m        | 4h 8m        |

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## Broken Hill Base Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED By mode of separation January to March 2017

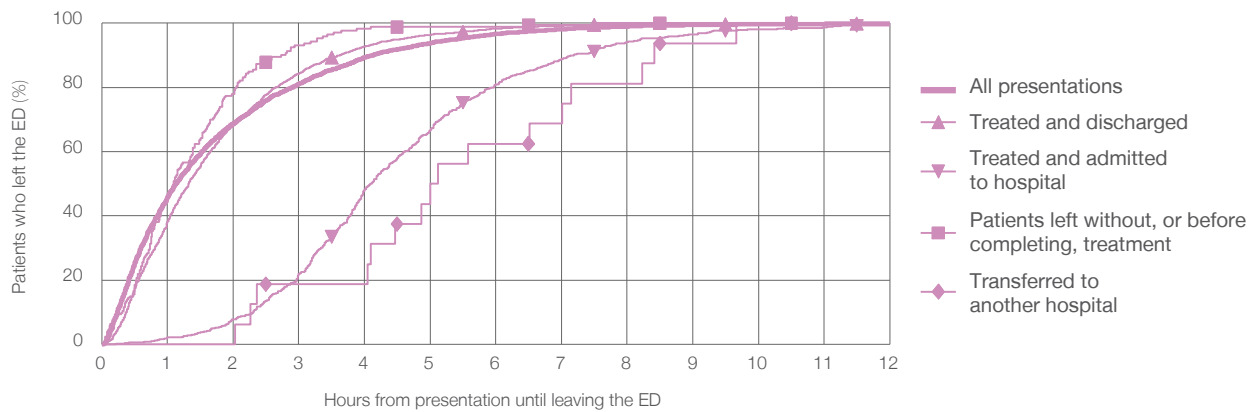
All presentations:<sup>1</sup> 5,348 patients

Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED:<sup>6</sup> 5,348 patients

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Treated and discharged                                | 3,129 (58.5%) |
| Treated and admitted to hospital                      | 627 (11.7%)   |
| Patient left without, or before completing, treatment | 173 (3.2%)    |
| Transferred to another hospital                       | 16 (0.3%)     |
| Other   | 1,403 (26.2%) |

| Same period last year | Change since one year ago |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 4,980                 | 7.4%                      |
| 2,419                 | 29.4%                     |
| 626                   | 0.2%                      |
| 100                   | 73.0%                     |
| 17                    | -5.9%                     |
| 1,818                 | -22.8%                    |

Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, January to March 2017<sup>†‡</sup>



1 hour 2 hours 3 hours 4 hours 6 hours 8 hours 10 hours 12 hours

|   | 1 hour | 2 hours | 3 hours | 4 hours | 6 hours | 8 hours | 10 hours | 12 hours |
|---|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| Treated and discharged                                | 38.4%  | 68.2%   | 84.4%   | 92.7%   | 98.4%   | 99.6%   | 99.8%    | 99.9%    |
| Treated and admitted to hospital                      | 2.1%   | 7.7%    | 22.0%   | 48.3%   | 80.9%   | 94.1%   | 98.1%    | 99.2%    |
| Patient left without, or before completing, treatment | 46.2%  | 78.0%   | 93.1%   | 98.3%   | 98.8%   | 100%    | 100%     | 100%     |
| Transferred to another hospital                       | 0%     | 0%      | 18.8%   | 18.8%   | 62.5%   | 81.3%   | 100%     | 100%     |
| All presentations                                     | 45.9%  | 68.8%   | 81.2%   | 89.4%   | 96.7%   | 99.0%   | 99.7%    | 99.9%    |

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## Broken Hill Base Hospital: Time spent in the ED

### Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED

#### January to March 2017

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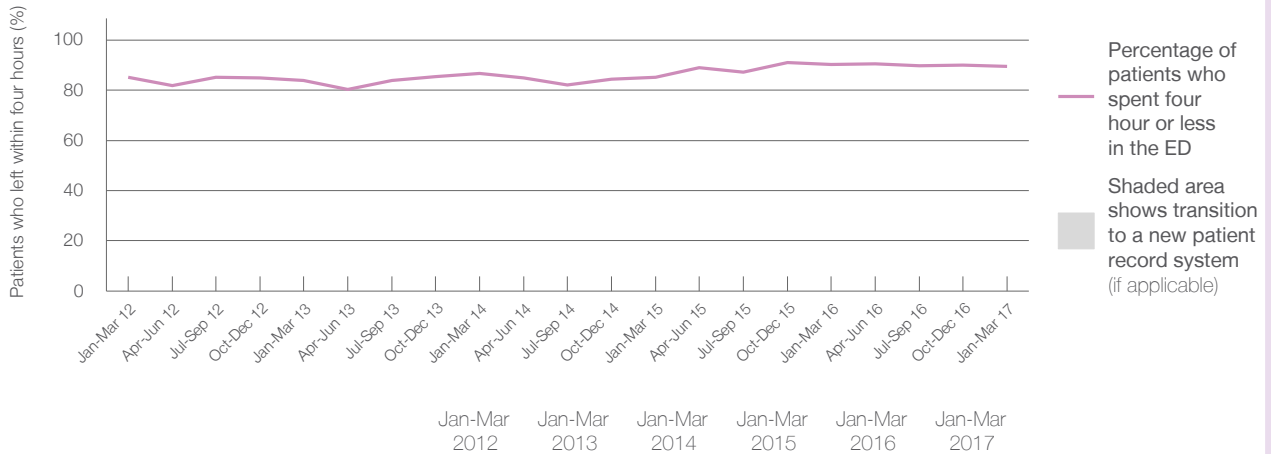
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Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED



|   | Same period last year | Change since one year ago |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| All presentations at the emergency department                 | 4,980                 | 7.4%                      |
| Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED        | 4,980                 | 7.4%                      |
| Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED | 90.1%                 |                           |

#### Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, January 2012 to March 2017<sup>†‡</sup>



| Patients who left within four hours (%) | 85.2% | 83.9% | 86.8% | 85.1% | 90.1% | 89.4% |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|

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- Transfer of care time refers to the period between arrival of patients at the ED by ambulance and the transfer of responsibility for their care from paramedics to ED staff in an ED treatment zone. For more information see *Spotlight on Measurement: measuring transfer of care from the ambulance to the emergency department*.
- The median is the time by which half of patients left the ED. The other half of patients took equal to or longer than this time.
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**Note:** All percentages are rounded and therefore percentages may not add to 100%.

**Sources:** ED data from Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 18 April 2017).  
Transfer of care data from Transfer of Care Reporting System (extracted 18 April 2017).