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Muswellbrook District Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview

October to December 2016

	last year	one year ago
All presentations: ¹ 2,623 patients	2,492	5.3%
Emergency presentations: ² 2,475 patients	2,365	4.7%

Muswellbrook District Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment³

October to December 2016

	last year	(this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 160 patients	146	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 5 minutes	5 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	21 minutes	26 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 680 patients	572	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	16 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 66 minutes	56 minutes	67 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 1,248 patients	1,247	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 31 minutes	29 minutes	25 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 87 minutes	91 minutes	97 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 387 patients	400	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 33 minutes	28 minutes	24 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 90 minutes	105 minutes	103 minutes

Muswellbrook District Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

October to December 2016

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 2,623 patients

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

Same period	Change since
last year	one year ago
2,492	5.3%
90.4%	

Same period Change since

Same period

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- 2. All attendances that have a triage category and are coded as emergency presentations or unplanned return visits.
- 3. Some patients are excluded from ED time measures due to calculation requirements. For details, see the *Technical Supplement: Emergency department measures, January to March 2016.*
- 4. The median is the time by which half of patients started treatment. The other half of patients waited equal to or longer than this time.
- 5. The 90th percentile is the time by which 90% of patients started treatment. The final 10% of patients waited equal to or longer than this time.
- 6. All presentations that have a departure time.

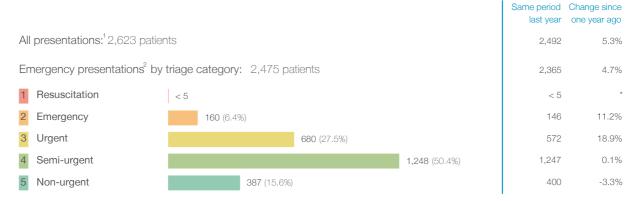
Note: Presentation time is the earlier time recorded for clerical registration or the triage process. Treatment time is the earliest time recorded when a healthcare professional provides medical care relevant to the patient's presenting problems.

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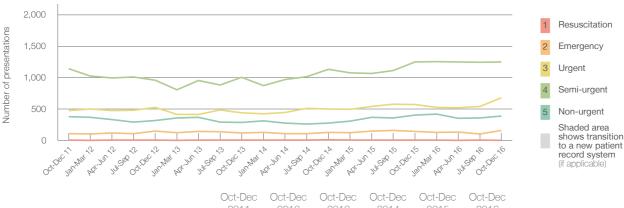
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Muswellbrook District Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

October to December 2016



Emergency presentations² by quarter, October 2011 to December 2016 [‡]



	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Resuscitation	< 5	5	5	7	< 5	< 5
Emergency	111	146	119	129	146	160
Urgent	472	524	438	498	572	680
Semi-urgent	1,142	960	1,005	1,131	1,247	1,248
Non-urgent	376	317	287	276	400	387
All emergency presentations	2,101	1,952	1,854	2,041	2,365	2,475

Muswellbrook District Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

October to December 2016

Arrivals used to calculate transfer of care time: 7 400 patients

ED Transfer of care time

Median time

8 minutes

21 minutes

20 minutes

1 minutes

Same period Change since

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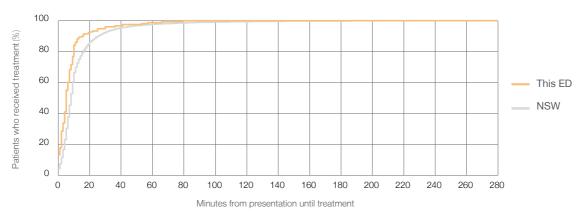
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Muswellbrook District Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2 October to December 2016

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 160	146	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time:3 151		
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 5 minutes	5 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 15 minutes	21 minutes	26 minutes

Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2016



Time patients waited to start treatment(minutes) for triage 2 patients, October 2011 to December 2016^{†‡}



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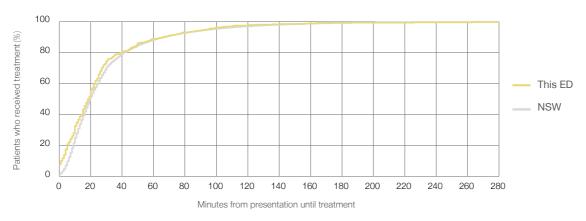
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Muswellbrook District Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 October to December 2016

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 680	572	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: 646	540	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 19 minutes	16 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 66 minutes	56 minutes	67 minutes

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2016



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 3 patients, October 2011 to December 2016



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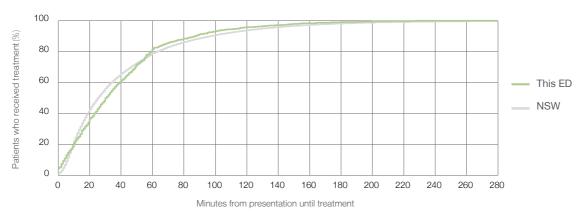
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Muswellbrook District Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 October to December 2016

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 1,248	1,247	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 1,157	1,150	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 31 minutes	29 minutes	25 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 87 minutes	91 minutes	97 minutes

Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2016



Time patients waited to start treatment(minutes) for triage 4 patients, October 2011 to December 2016



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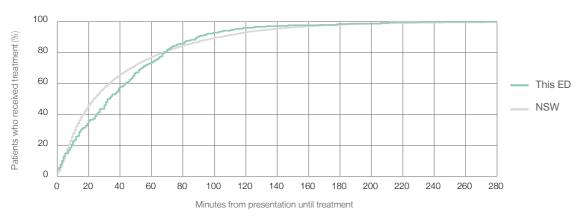
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Muswellbrook District Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 October to December 2016

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 387	400	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: 327	366	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 33 minutes	28 minutes	24 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 90 minutes	105 minutes	103 minutes

Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2016



Time patients waited to start treatment(minutes) for triage 5 patients, October 2011 to December 2016^{†‡}



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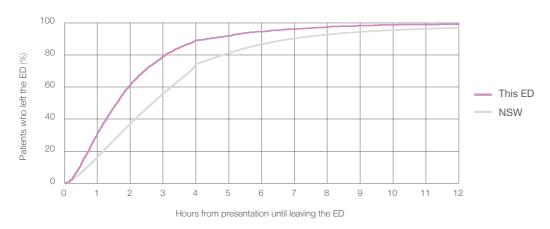
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Muswellbrook District Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

October to December 2016

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Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, October to December 2016



Time patients spent in the ED, by quarter, October 2011 to December 2016



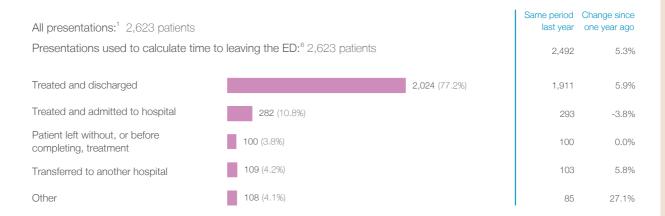
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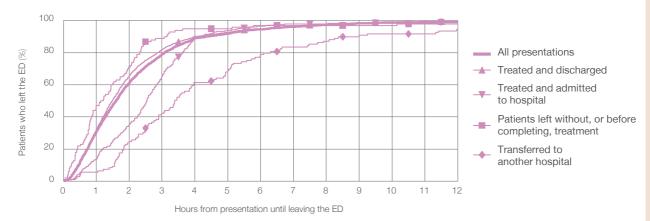
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Muswellbrook District Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

By mode of separation October to December 2016



Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, October to December 2016



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

Treated and discharged	32.4%	65.7%	82.1%	90.2%	95.0%	98.0%	99.3%	99.5%
Treated and admitted to hospital	13.8%	35.1%	65.2%	89.4%	96.5%	97.9%	98.6%	98.9%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	47.0%	71.0%	89.0%	95.0%	97.0%	97.0%	97.0%	98.0%
Transferred to another hospital	5.5%	24.8%	42.2%	61.5%	78.9%	87.2%	91.7%	94.5%
All presentations	31.0%	61.5%	79.1%	89.1%	94.6%	97.4%	98.7%	99.1%

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Muswellbrook District Hospital: Time spent in the ED Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED October to December 2016

All presentations at the emergency department: 12,623 patients

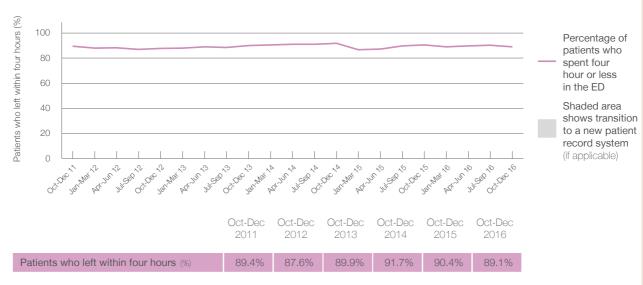
Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 2,623 patients

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

89.1%

Same period last year one year ago 2,492 5.3% 2,492 5.3%

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, October 2011 to December 2016 11



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- 6. All presentations that have a departure time.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. The 90th percentile is the time by which 90% of patients left the ED. The final 10% of patients took equal to or longer than this time.

Note: Presentation time is the earlier of times recorded for the start of clerical registration or the triage process.

Treatment time is the earliest time recorded when a healthcare professional provides medical care that is relevant to the patient's presenting problems. For patients who were treated and discharged, departure time is the time when treatment was completed. For all other patients, departure time is the time when the patient actually left the ED.

Note: All percentages are rounded and therefore percentages may not add to 100%.

Sources: ED data from Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 24 January 2017).

Transfer of care data from Transfer of Care Reporting System (extracted 24 January 2017).