

Healthcare Quarterly

Performance Profiles

Emergency Department

South Eastern Sydney Local Health District

NSW

Same period Change since

Same period

Prince of Wales Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview July to September 2017

	last year	one year ago
All presentations: 14,498 patients	13,920	4.2%
Emergency presentations: ² 13,842 patients	13,108	5.6%

Prince of Wales Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment³

July to September 2017

	last year	(this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 1,246 patients	1,222	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	8 minutes	9 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 27 minutes	24 minutes	29 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 7,483 patients	7,000	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 21 minutes	20 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 77 minutes	65 minutes	83 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 4,514 patients	4,286	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 20 minutes	18 minutes	30 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 94 minutes	83 minutes	121 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 374 patients	394	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 27 minutes	24 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	136 minutes	118 minutes

Prince of Wales Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED July to September 2017

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 14,491 patients

Percentage of patients who spent	
four hours or less in the ED	61.8%

Same period	Change since
last year	one year ago
13,917	4.1%
65.0%	

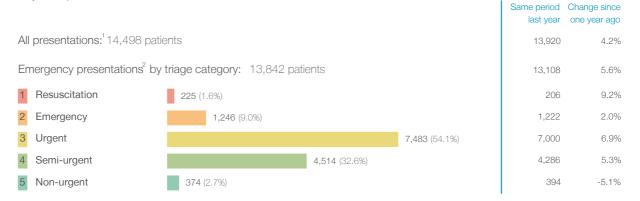
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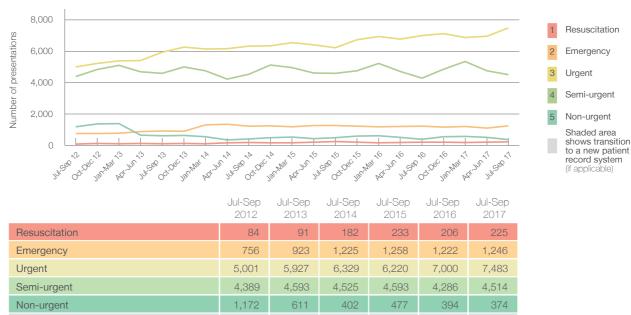
Source: Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 17 October 2017).

Prince of Wales Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

July to September 2017



Emergency presentations² by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 [‡]



12,663

12,781

13,108

13,842

Same period Change since

Prince of Wales Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

11,402

12,145

July to September 2017

All emergency presentations

		last year	one year ago
Arrivals used to calculate trans	sfer of care time: 7 3,604 patients	3,521	
ED Transfer of care time			
Median time	12 minutes	10 minutes	2 minutes
90th percentile time	51 minutes	27 minutes	24 minutes

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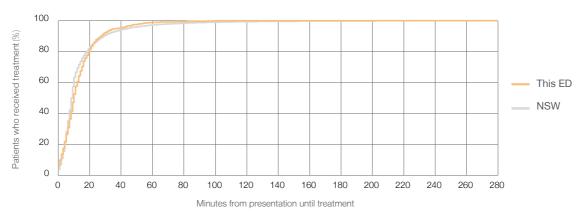
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Prince of Wales Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2 July to September 2017

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 1,246	1,222	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 1,216	1,208	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 10 minutes	8 minutes	9 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 27 minutes	24 minutes	29 minutes

Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, July to September 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 2 patients, July 2012 to September 2017 † †



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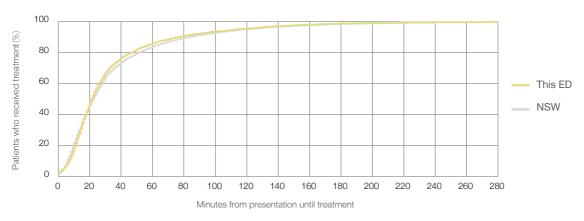
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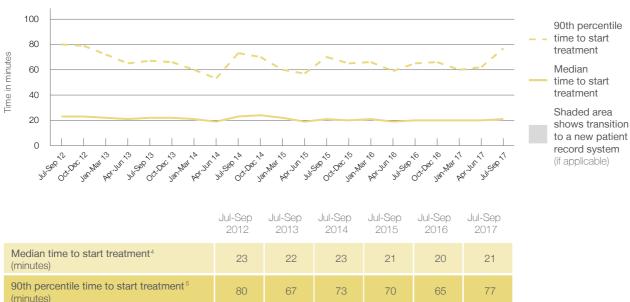
Prince of Wales Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 July to September 2017

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 7,483	7,000	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 7,351	6,898	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 21 minutes	20 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 77 minutes	65 minutes	83 minutes

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, July to September 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 3 patients, July 2012 to September 2017 **



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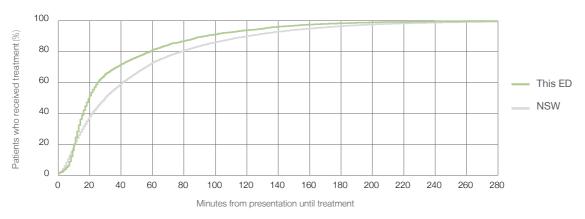
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Prince of Wales Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 July to September 2017

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 4,514	4,286	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 4,349	4,157	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 20 minutes	18 minutes	30 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 94 minutes	83 minutes	121 minutes

Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, July to September 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment(minutes) for triage 4 patients, July 2012 to September 2017 † †



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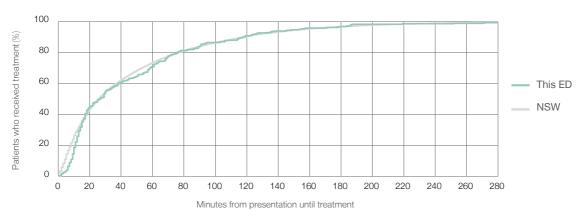
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Prince of Wales Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 July to September 2017

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 374	394	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: 283	330	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 27 minutes	24 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	136 minutes	118 minutes

Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, July to September 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 5 patients, July 2012 to September 2017 † †



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Prince of Wales Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

July to September 2017

All presentations: 14,498 patients

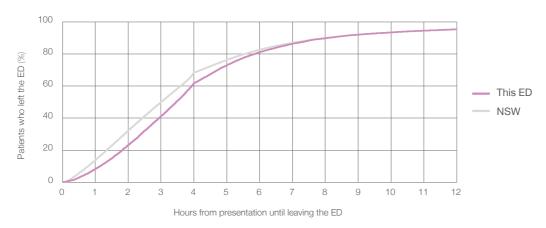
Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 14,491 patients

Median time spent in the ED ⁸ 3 hours and 28 minutes

90th percentile time spent in the ED 9 8 hours and 5 minutes

NSW (this period)	Same period last year
	13,920
	13,917
3 hours and 0 minutes	3 hours and 16 minutes
8 hours and 2 minutes	7 hours and 29 minutes

Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, July to September 2017



Time patients spent in the ED, by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 $^{\dagger *}$



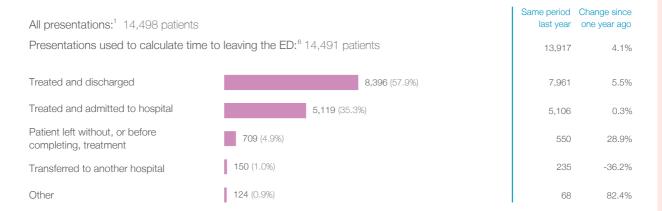
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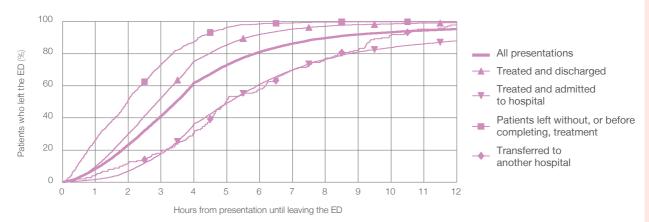
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Prince of Wales Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

By mode of separation July to September 2017



Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, July to September 2017 †‡



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

Treated and discharged	9.8%	30.1%	52.5%	75.2%	92.0%	97.1%	98.6%	99.3%
Treated and admitted to hospital	1.6%	6.9%	17.7%	36.2%	61.1%	76.5%	83.8%	88.0%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	26.1%	51.5%	73.2%	87.4%	98.6%	99.7%	99.9%	99.9%
Transferred to another hospital	4.0%	12.0%	19.3%	30.7%	58.0%	76.7%	91.3%	98.0%
All presentations	8.4%	23.3%	41.3%	61.8%	81.1%	89.7%	93.3%	95.3%

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Prince of Wales Hospital: Time spent in the ED Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED July to September 2017

All presentations at the emergency department: 114,498 patients

Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 14,491 patients

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

61.8%

	Change since one year ago
13,920	4.2%
13,917	4.1%
65.0%	

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 14



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Sources: ED data from Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 17 October 2017).

Transfer of care data from Transfer of Care Reporting System (extracted 17 October 2017).

Same period Change since

Same period

NSW

St George Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview

July to September 2017

	last year	one year ago
All presentations: 21,178 patients	19,062	11.1%
Emergency presentations: ² 21,041 patients	18,958	11.0%

St George Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment³

July to September 2017

July to September 2017

	last year	(this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 2,328 patients	2,565	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	10 minutes	9 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 32 minutes	27 minutes	29 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 9,251 patients	8,632	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 30 minutes	27 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 87 minutes	70 minutes	83 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 8,105 patients	6,640	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 43 minutes	35 minutes	30 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	85 minutes	121 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 1,178 patients	946	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 43 minutes	37 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	100 minutes	118 minutes

St George Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 21,173 patients

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED 59.3%

Same period	Change since
last year	one year ago
19,062	11.1%
60.6%	

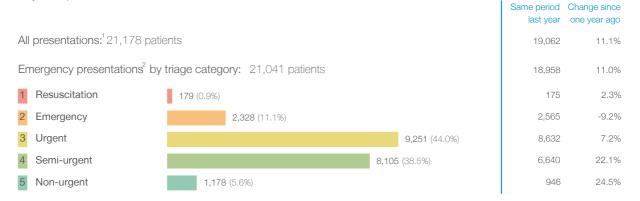
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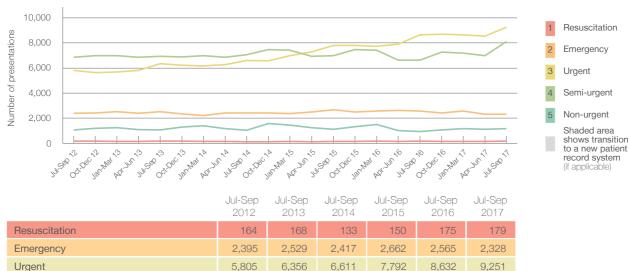
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St George Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

July to September 2017



Emergency presentations² by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 [‡]



6,932

1.064

17,049

7,062

17,276

6,990

18,710

6,640

18,958

946

8,105

1.178

Same period Change since

21,041

6,853

16,277

St George Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

July to September 2017

All emergency presentations

Semi-urgent

Non-urgent

		last year	one year ago
Arrivals used to calculate transfer of care time: 7 5,533 patients			
ED Transfer of care time			
Median time	13 minutes	11 minutes	2 minutes
90th percentile time	37 minutes	23 minutes	14 minutes

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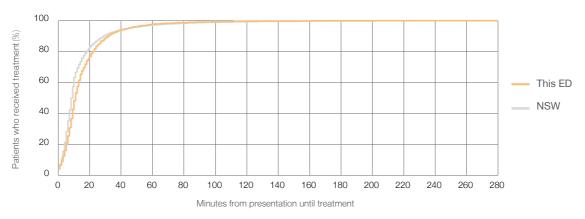
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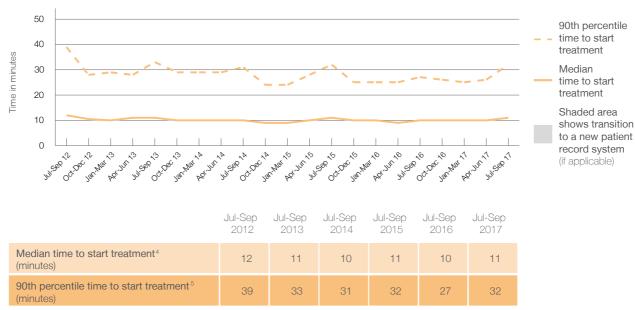
St George Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2 July to September 2017

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 2,328	2,565	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: 2,321	2,562	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 11 minutes	10 minutes	9 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 32 minutes	27 minutes	29 minutes

Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, July to September 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 2 patients, July 2012 to September 2017 † †



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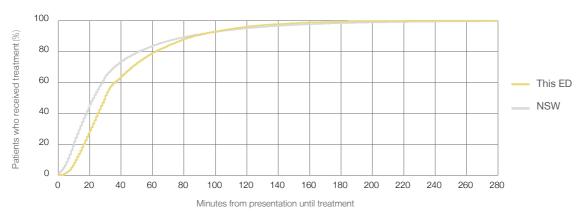
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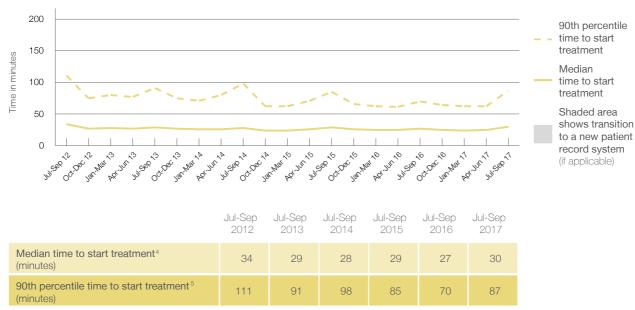
St George Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 July to September 2017

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 9,251	8,632	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: 9,049	8,531	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 30 minutes	27 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 87 minutes	70 minutes	83 minutes

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, July to September 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 3 patients, July 2012 to September 2017 **



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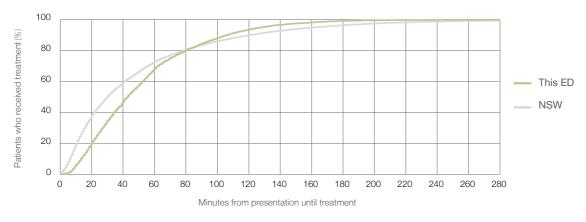
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St George Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 July to September 2017

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 8,105	6,640	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 7,765	6,469	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 43 minutes	35 minutes	30 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 106 minutes	85 minutes	121 minutes

Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, July to September 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 4 patients, July 2012 to September 2017 † †



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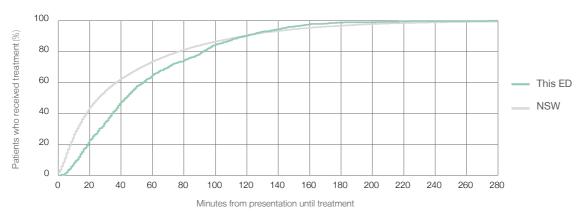
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St George Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 July to September 2017

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 1,178	946	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: 982	878	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 43 minutes	37 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	100 minutes	118 minutes

Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, July to September 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 5 patients, July 2012 to September 2017 † †



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9 hours and 34 minutes

St George Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

July to September 2017

90th percentile time spent in the ED 9

All presentations:¹ 21,178 patients

Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED:⁶ 21,173 patients

Median time spent in the ED ⁸ 3 hours and 38 minutes

Same period last year (this period)

19,062

19,062

3 hours and 37 minutes

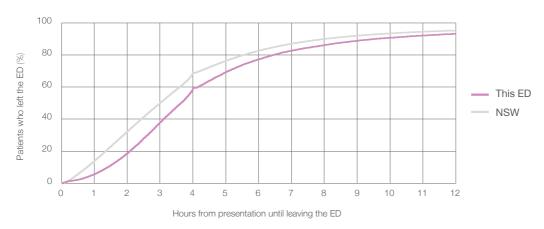
8 hours and 26 minutes

NSW (this period)

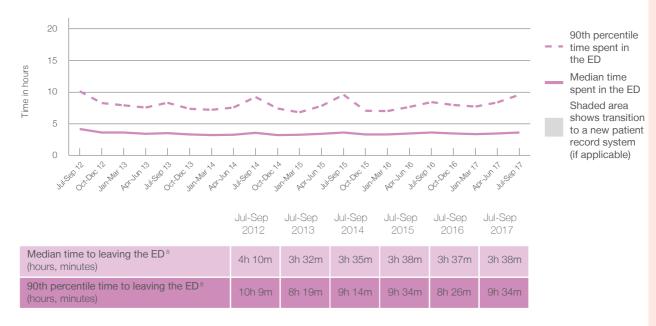
3 hours and 0 minutes

8 hours and 2 minutes

Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, July to September 2017



Time patients spent in the ED, by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 †‡



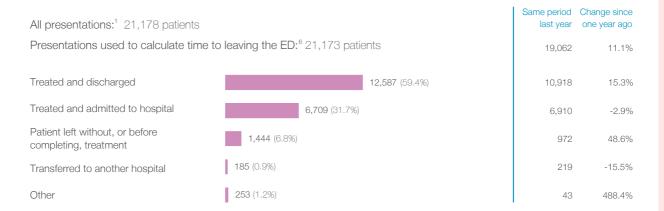
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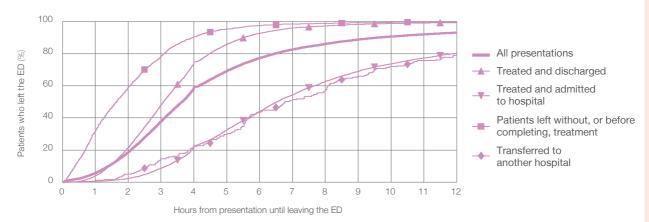
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St George Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

By mode of separation
July to September 2017



Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, July to September 2017 †‡



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

Treated and discharged	3.9%	21.5%	48.1%	74.9%	92.7%	97.3%	98.8%	99.3%
Treated and admitted to hospital	0.4%	2.3%	8.6%	23.0%	44.1%	62.8%	73.7%	80.3%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	31.9%	59.1%	78.4%	90.7%	97.5%	98.9%	99.6%	99.7%
Transferred to another hospital	0.5%	4.9%	14.6%	22.2%	43.2%	57.3%	71.9%	78.9%
All presentations	5.7%	18.6%	37.9%	59.3%	77.3%	86.2%	90.7%	93.2%

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St George Hospital: Time spent in the ED

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED July to September 2017

All presentations at the emergency department: 121,178 patients

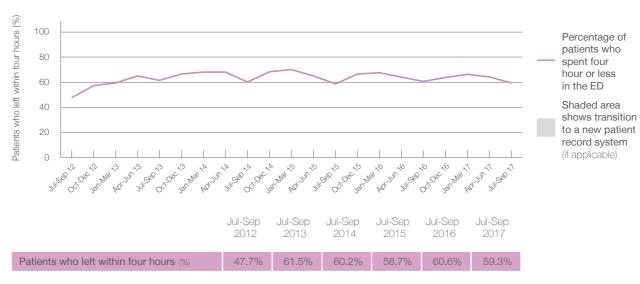
Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 21,173 patients

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

5	9	3	9	6

	Change since one year ago
19,062	11.1%
19,062	11.1%
60.6%	

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 14



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Sources: ED data from Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 17 October 2017).

Transfer of care data from Transfer of Care Reporting System (extracted 17 October 2017).

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Same period Change since

Same period

$\textbf{Sutherland Hospital:} \ \mathsf{Emergency} \ \mathsf{department} \ (\mathsf{ED}) \ \mathsf{overview}$

July to September 2017

	last year	one year ago
All presentations: ¹ 13,552 patients	12,463	8.7%
Emergency presentations: ² 13,441 patients	12,365	8.7%

Sutherland Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment³

July to September 2017

July to September 2017

	last year	(this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 1,920 patients	1,669	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	13 minutes	9 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 34 minutes	34 minutes	29 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 5,990 patients	5,011	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 33 minutes	31 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 82 minutes	77 minutes	83 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 4,733 patients	4,706	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 40 minutes	35 minutes	30 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	91 minutes	121 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 723 patients	922	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 38 minutes	31 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	97 minutes	118 minutes

Sutherland Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 13,546 patients

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED 58.8%

	one year ago
12,463	8.7%
67.5%	

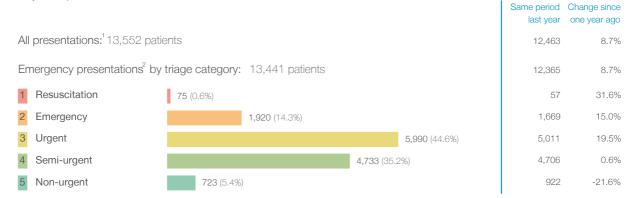
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- 4. The median is the time by which half of patients started treatment. The other half of patients waited equal to or longer than this time.
- 5. The 90th percentile is the time by which 90% of patients started treatment. The final 10% of patients waited equal to or longer than this time.
- 6. All presentations that have a departure time.

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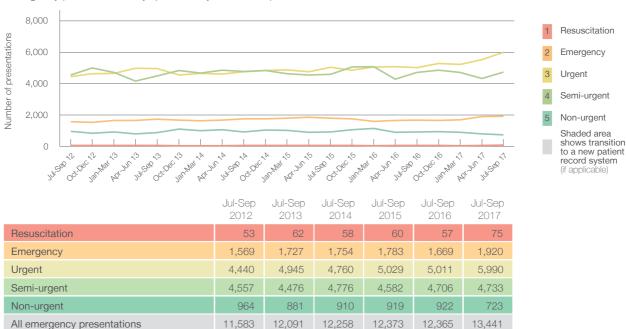
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Sutherland Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

July to September 2017



Emergency presentations² by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 [‡]



12,373

12,365

13,441

Same period Change since

Sutherland Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

11,583

July to September 2017

All emergency presentations

		last year	one year ago
Arrivals used to calculate transfe	er of care time: 7 3,814 patients	3,455	
ED Transfer of care time			
Median time	14 minutes	14 minutes	0 minutes
90th percentile time	35 minutes	28 minutes	7 minutes

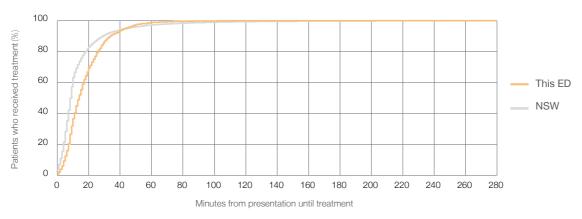
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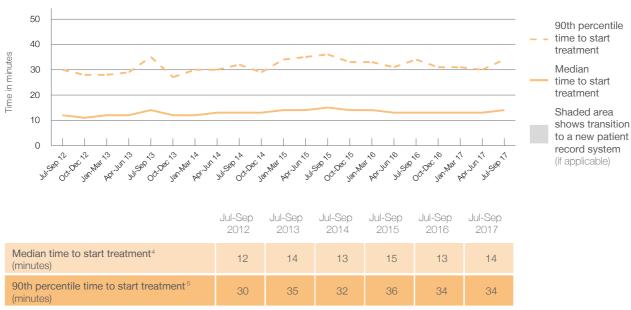
Sutherland Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2 July to September 2017

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)		NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 1,920	1,669	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 1,913	1,666	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 14 minutes	13 minutes	9 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 34 minutes	34 minutes	29 minutes

Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, July to September 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 2 patients, July 2012 to September 2017 † †



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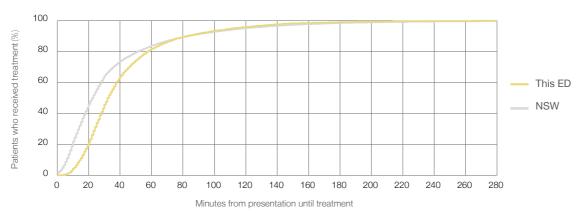
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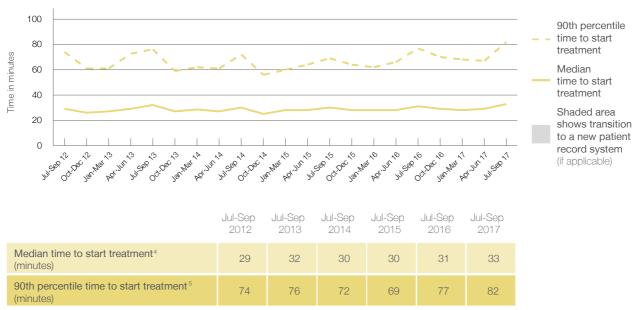
Sutherland Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 July to September 2017

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)		Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 5,990		5,011	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate	waiting time: ³ 5,877	4,952	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	33 minutes	31 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	82 minutes	77 minutes	83 minutes

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, July to September 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 3 patients, July 2012 to September 2017 † †



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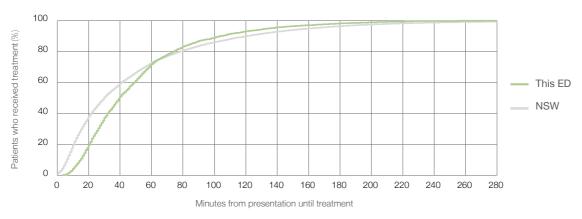
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Sutherland Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 July to September 2017

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)		NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 4,733	4,706	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: 4,540	4,593	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 40 minutes	35 minutes	30 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 104 minutes	91 minutes	121 minutes

Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, July to September 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment(minutes) for triage 4 patients, July 2012 to September 2017 † †



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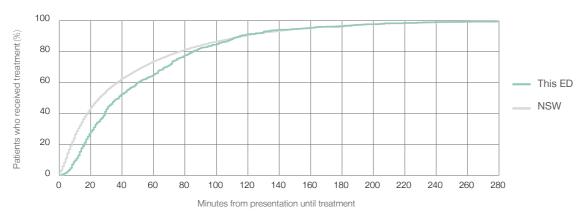
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Sutherland Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 July to September 2017

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 723	922	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 618	828	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 38 minutes	31 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 115 minutes	97 minutes	118 minutes

Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, July to September 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment(minutes) for triage 5 patients, July 2012 to September 2017 † †



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Sutherland Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

July to September 2017

All presentations: 1 13,552 patients

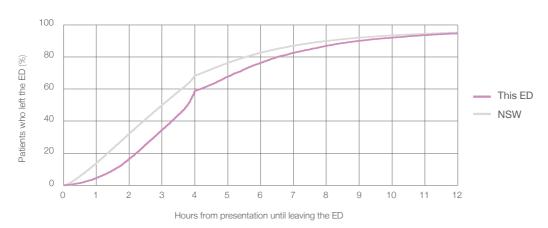
Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 13,546 patients

Median time spent in the ED 8 3 hours and 47 minutes

90th percentile time spent in the ED 9 9 hours and 1 minutes

NSW (this period)	Same period last year
	12,463
	12,463
3 hours and 0 minutes	3 hours and 17 minutes
8 hours and 2 minutes	7 hours and 47 minutes

Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, July to September 2017



Time patients spent in the ED, by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 ^{†‡}



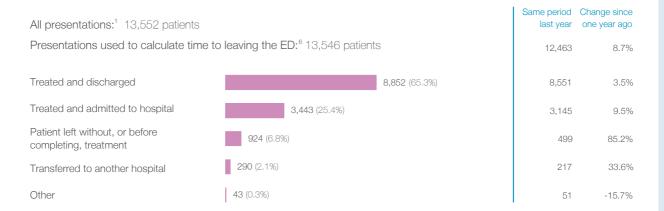
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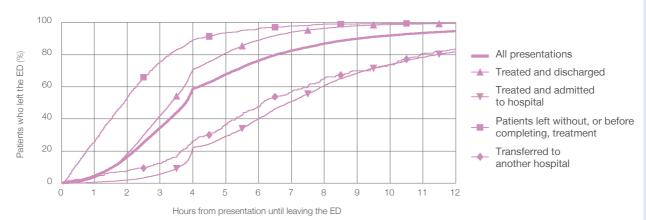
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Sutherland Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

By mode of separation
July to September 2017



Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, July to September 2017 †‡



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

Treated and discharged	3.6%	18.4%	42.1%	70.7%	89.1%	96.5%	98.8%	99.5%
Treated and admitted to hospital	0.6%	1.9%	5.7%	22.2%	40.4%	60.8%	73.8%	81.8%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	25.6%	53.5%	75.5%	89.3%	96.1%	99.0%	99.6%	99.7%
Transferred to another hospital	3.4%	7.6%	12.4%	26.2%	47.6%	64.8%	73.8%	83.4%
All presentations	4.6%	16.6%	34.7%	58.8%	76.3%	86.9%	92.0%	94.7%

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Sutherland Hospital: Time spent in the ED Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED July to September 2017

All presentations at the emergency department: 13,552 patients

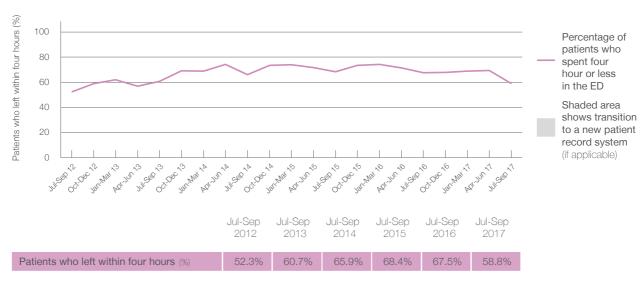
Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 13,546 patients

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

58.8%

	Change since one year ago
12,463	8.7%
12,463	8.7%
67.5%	

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 14



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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.

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Transfer of care data from Transfer of Care Reporting System (extracted 17 October 2017).

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Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview July to September 2017

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	last year	one year ago
All presentations: ¹ 8,124 patients	7,814	4.0%
Emergency presentations: ² 7,850 patients	7,500	4.7%

Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment³

July to September 2017

	last year	(this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 136 patients	160	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 8 minutes	8 minutes	9 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	19 minutes	29 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 1,224 patients	1,192	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 20 minutes	22 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 46 minutes	52 minutes	83 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 4,444 patients	4,267	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 28 minutes	27 minutes	30 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 78 minutes	76 minutes	121 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 2,046 patients	1,881	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 33 minutes	30 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 96 minutes	86 minutes	118 minutes

Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

July to September 2017

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 8,124 patients

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

Same period	Change since
last year	one year ago
7,814	4.0%
86.5%	

Same period Change since

Same period

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- 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.

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Source: Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 17 October 2017).

Same period Change since

Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

July to September 2017

			last year	one year ago
All presentations: 8,124 patier	nts		7,814	4.0%
Emergency presentations ² by triage category: 7,850 patients				4.7%
1 Resuscitation	0 (0%)		< 5	*
2 Emergency	136 (1.7%)		160	-13.9%
3 Urgent	1,224 (15.6%)		1,192	2.7%
4 Semi-urgent		4,444 (56.6%)	4,267	4.1%
5 Non-urgent	2,046 (26.1%)		1,881	8.8%

Emergency presentations² by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 [‡]



< 5	6	< 5	< 5	< 5	0
86	100	85	90	160	136
653	715	647	797	1,192	1,224
3,575	3,454	3,405	3,562	4,267	4,444
2,809	3,010	2,842	2,618	1,881	2,046
7,123	7,285	6,979	7,067	7,500	7,850
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Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

July to September 2017

Same period Change since

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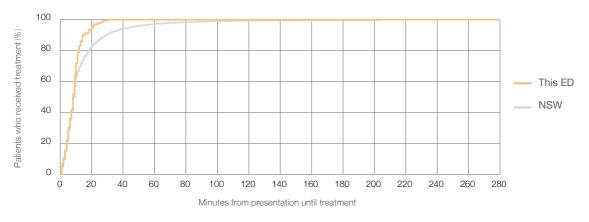
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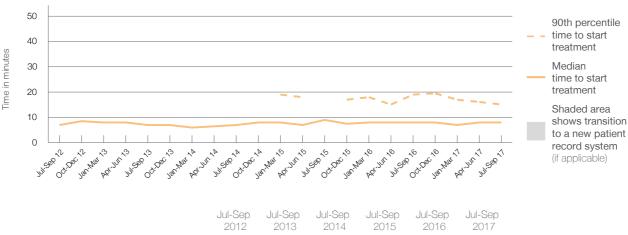
Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2 July to September 2017

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)		NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 136	160	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 136	157	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 8 minutes	8 minutes	9 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 15 minutes	19 minutes	29 minutes

Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, July to September 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 2 patients, July 2012 to September 2017 † †



	2012	2010	2014	2010	2010	2011
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	7	7	7	9	8	8
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	*	17	*	*	19	15

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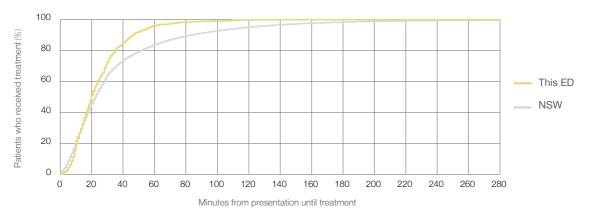
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Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 July to September 2017

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)		NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 1,224	1,192	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 1,211	1,175	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 20 minutes	22 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 46 minutes	52 minutes	83 minutes

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, July to September 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment(minutes) for triage 3 patients, July 2012 to September 2017 **



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	15	14	16	17	22	20
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	34	35	34	38	52	46

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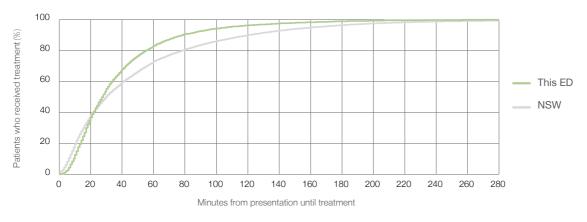
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Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 July to September 2017

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 4,444	4,267	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: 4,328	4,172	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 28 minutes	27 minutes	30 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 78 minutes	76 minutes	121 minutes

Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, July to September 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment(minutes) for triage 4 patients, July 2012 to September 2017 † †



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	19	20	19	22	27	28	
90th percentile time to start treatment 5 (minutes)	53	55	52	57	76	78	

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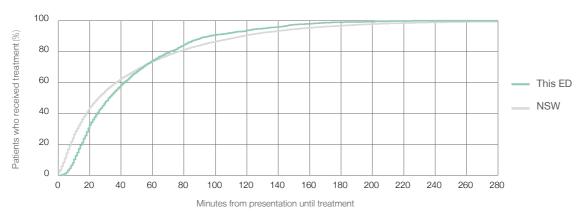
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Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 July to September 2017

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 2,046	1,881	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 1,914	1,718	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 33 minutes	30 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 96 minutes	86 minutes	118 minutes

Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, July to September 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 5 patients, July 2012 to September 2017



Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	23	22	21	23	30	33
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	70	63	59	70	86	96

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Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

July to September 2017

All presentations: 1 8,124 patients

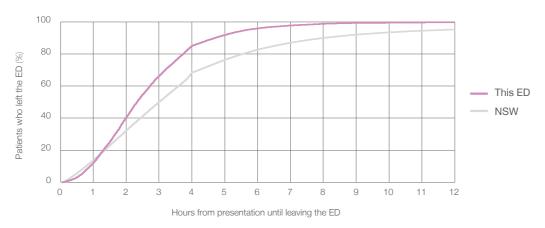
Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED:⁶ 8,124 patients

Median time spent in the ED ⁸ 2 hours and 20 minutes

90th percentile time spent in the ED⁹ 4 hours and 43 minutes



Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, July to September 2017



Time patients spent in the ED, by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 †‡



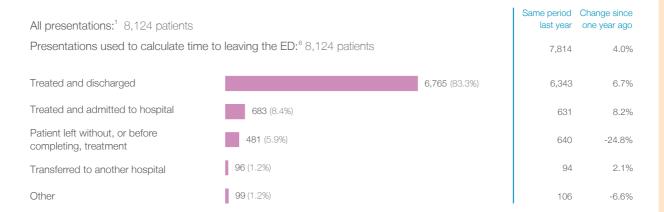
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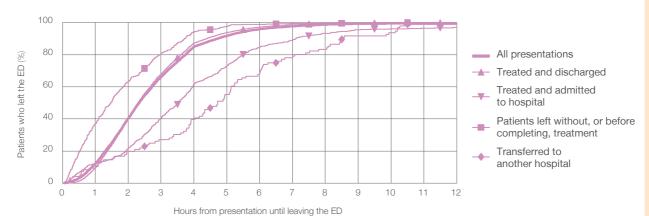
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Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

By mode of separation July to September 2017



Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, July to September 2017 †‡



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

Treated and discharged	9.7%	40.4%	68.0%	87.2%	97.2%	99.5%	99.9%	99.9%
Treated and admitted to hospital	12.4%	21.8%	40.7%	61.6%	84.8%	93.4%	96.0%	97.1%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	37.0%	63.2%	80.7%	94.2%	99.0%	99.6%	100%	100%
Transferred to another hospital	9.4%	19.8%	27.1%	39.6%	68.8%	83.3%	93.8%	99.0%
All presentations	12.2%	40.5%	66.2%	85.0%	95.9%	98.8%	99.5%	99.7%

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Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital: Time spent in the ED Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED July to September 2017

All presentations at the emergency department: 18,124 patients

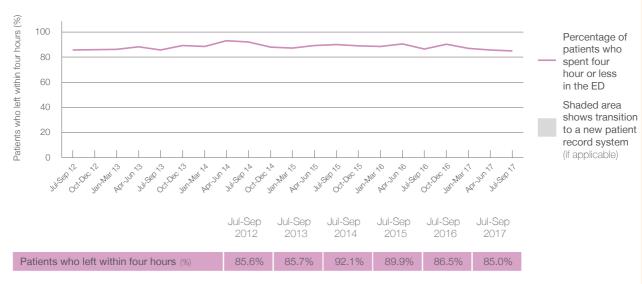
Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 68,124 patients

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

85.0%

Change since	
one year ago	last year
4.0%	7,814
4.0%	7,814
	86.5%

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 14



- * Suppressed due to small numbers and to protect privacy. Relevant graphs are also suppressed.
- † Data points are not shown in graphs for quarters when patient numbers were too small.
- 1. All emergency and non-emergency presentations at the emergency department (ED)
- 2. All presentations 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, July to September 2016.*
- 4. The median is the time by which half of patients started treatment. The other half of patients took equal to or longer than this time.
- 5. The 90th percentile is the time by which 90% of patients started treatment. The final 105% of patients took equal to or longer than this time.
- 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 17 October 2017).

Transfer of care data from Transfer of Care Reporting System (extracted 17 October 2017).