Same period Change since

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Dubbo Base Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview

January to March 2017

	last year	one year ago
All presentations: ¹ 8,178 patients	7,621	7.3%
Emergency presentations: ² 7,794 patients	7,424	5.0%

Dubbo Base Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment³

January to March 2017

	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 931 patients	878	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 9 minutes	9 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 20 minutes	21 minutes	26 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 2,754 patients	2,670	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 24 minutes	24 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 76 minutes	67 minutes	69 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 3,064 patients	3,275	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 28 minutes	28 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	105 minutes	101 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 1,012 patients	562	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 28 minutes	23 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 120 minutes	122 minutes	104 minutes

Dubbo Base Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED January to March 2017

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:⁶ 8,177 patients

Percentage of patients who spent		
70.50	Percentage of patients who spent	
four hours or less in the ED	0 1	70.5%

	one year ago
7,618	7.3%
70.4%	

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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
- 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.

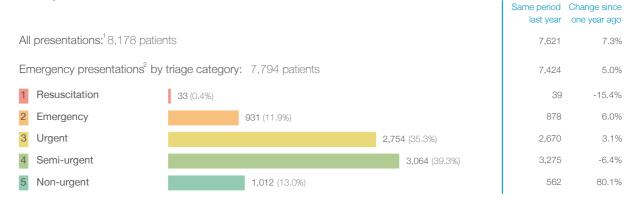
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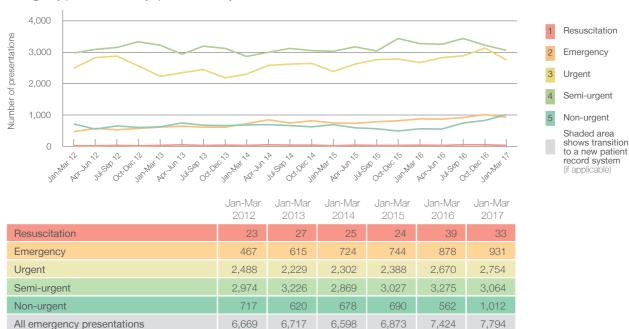
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Dubbo Base Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

January to March 2017



Emergency presentations² by quarter, January 2012 to March 2017[‡]



Dubbo Base Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

January to March 2017

All emergency presentations

				last year	one year ago
Arrivals u	used to calculate trans	sfer of care	time: 7 1,653 patients	1,446	
ED Trans	sfer of care time				
Median tir	ne	12 m	nutes	13 minutes	-1 minute
90th perc	entile time		28 minutes	35 minutes	-7 minutes

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7,424

7,794

Same period Change since

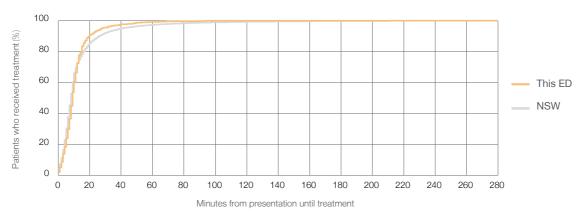
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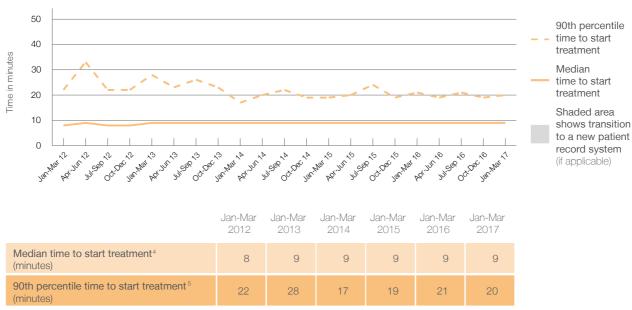
Dubbo Base Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2 January to March 2017

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 931	878	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: 925	874	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 9 minutes	9 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 20 minutes	21 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



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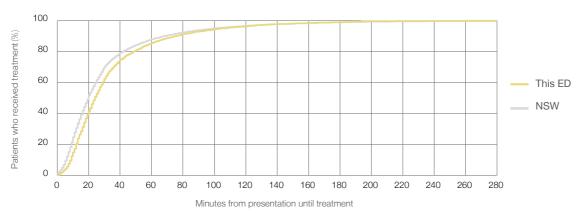
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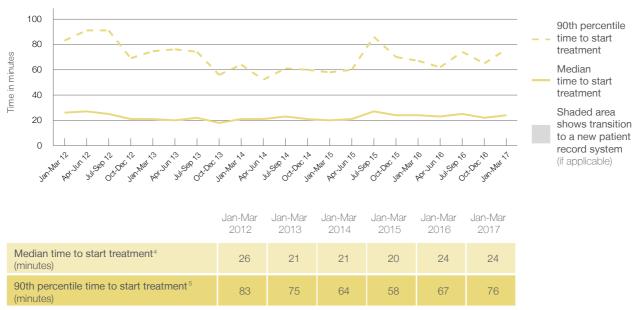
Dubbo Base Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 January to March 2017

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)	Same period last year	(this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 2,754	2,670	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 2,684	2,604	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 24 minutes	24 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 76 minutes	67 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



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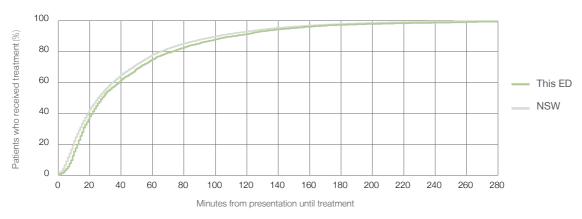
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Dubbo Base Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 January to March 2017

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)		NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 3,064	3,275	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 2,834		
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 28 minutes	28 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 111 minutes	105 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



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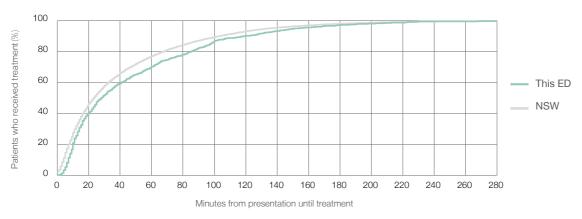
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Dubbo Base Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 January to March 2017

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 1,012	562	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: 848	445	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 28 minutes	23 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 120 minutes	122 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



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Dubbo Base Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

January to March 2017

All presentations: ¹ 8,178 patients

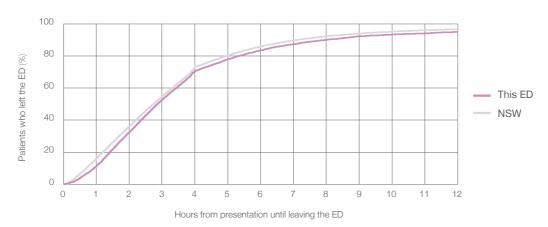
Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: ⁶ 8,177 patients

Median time spent in the ED ⁸ 2 hours and 51 minutes

90th percentile time spent in the ED ⁹ 8 hours and 0 minutes

NSW (this period)	Same period last year
	7,621
	7,618
2 hours and 44 minutes	2 hours and 48 minutes
7 hours and 7 minutes	8 hours and 48 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



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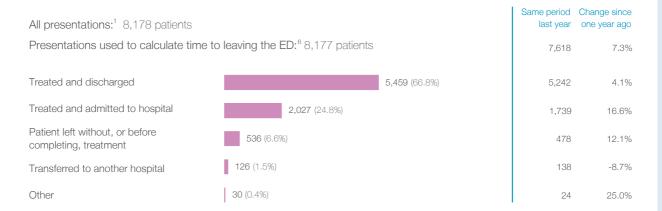
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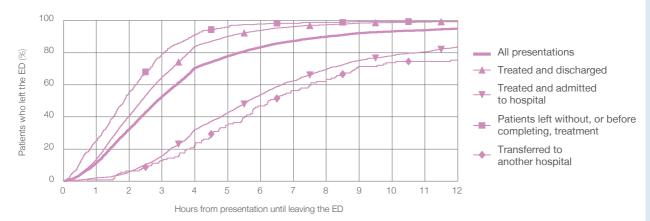
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Dubbo Base Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

By mode of separation January to March 2017



Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, January to March 2017



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

Treated and discharged	13.8%	40.7%	64.7%	83.9%	94.0%	97.4%	98.8%	99.3%
Treated and admitted to hospital	1.9%	5.8%	15.9%	32.2%	53.9%	69.7%	78.2%	83.7%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	25.4%	55.4%	79.3%	91.0%	97.9%	98.9%	99.4%	99.4%
Transferred to another hospital	0.8%	6.3%	12.7%	22.2%	46.8%	63.5%	73.8%	75.4%
All presentations	11.4%	32.5%	52.7%	70.5%	83.5%	90.0%	93.3%	95.0%

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Dubbo Base Hospital: Time spent in the ED

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED January to March 2017

All presentations at the emergency department: 18,178 patients

Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 8,177 patients

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

70.5%

	Change since
last year	one year ago
7,621	7.3%
7,618	7.3%
70.4%	

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, January 2012 to March 2017 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 18 April 2017).

Transfer of care data from Transfer of Care Reporting System (extracted 18 April 2017).