

Healthcare Quarterly

Performance Profiles

Emergency Department

Sydney Local Health District

Same period Change since

Canterbury Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview

October to December 2017

	last year	one year ago
All presentations: 1 11,211 patients	11,535	-2.8%
Emergency presentations: ² 11,171 patients	11,494	-2.8%

Canterbury Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment 3

October to December 2017

	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 1,168 patients	1,098	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 7 minutes	7 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	15 minutes	23 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 4,095 patients	3,839	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 17 minutes	16 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 59 minutes	53 minutes	65 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 4,689 patients	5,290	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 21 minutes	21 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 90 minutes	79 minutes	99 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 1,180 patients	1,237	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 22 minutes	18 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment 5 107 minutes	97 minutes	103 minutes

Canterbury Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

October to December 2017

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 11,207 patients

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Percentage of patients who spent		
four hours or less in the ED		79.3%
four hours or less in the ED		79.3

	Change since one year ago
11,535	-2.8%
85.4%	

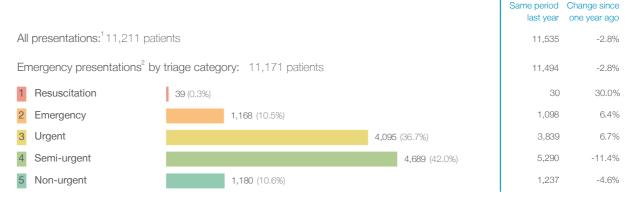
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- 4. The median is the time by which half of patients started treatment. The other half of patients waited equal to or longer
- 5. The 90th percentile is the time by which 90% of patients started treatment. The final 10% of patients waited equal to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

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.

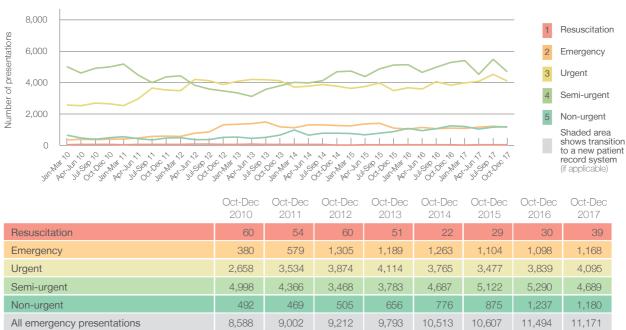
Source: Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 23 January 2018).

Canterbury Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

October to December 2017



Emergency presentations² by quarter, January 2010 to December 2017 [‡]



Canterbury Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

October to December 2017

		last year	one year ago
Arrivals used to calculate transfe	er of care time: 7 1,927 patients	1,912	
ED Transfer of care time			
Median time	10 minutes	10 minutes	0 minutes
90th percentile time	20 minutes	19 minutes	1 minute

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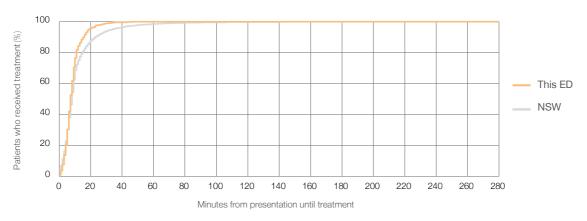
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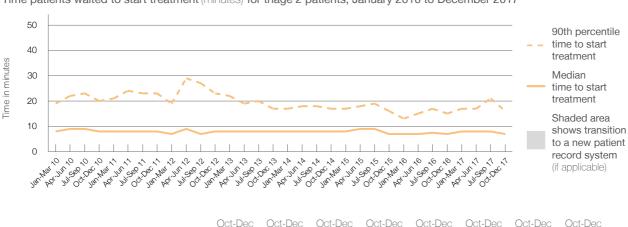
October to December 2017

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 1,168	1,098	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 1,167	1,096	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 7 minutes	7 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	15 minutes	23 minutes

Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 2 patients, January 2010 to December 2017 †‡



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Oct-Dec 2015	2016	Oct-Dec 2017
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	20	23	23	17	17	16	15	16

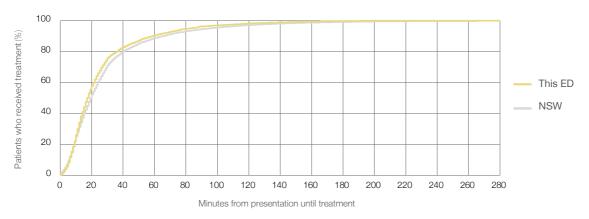
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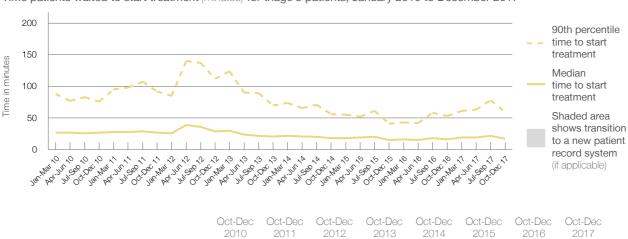
October to December 2017

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 4,095	3,839	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 4,032	3,796	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 17 minutes	16 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 59 minutes	53 minutes	65 minutes

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 3 patients, January 2010 to December 2017 † ‡



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Median time to start treatment 4 (minutes)	27	27	29	21	18	15	16	17
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	76	92	112	70	56	41	53	59

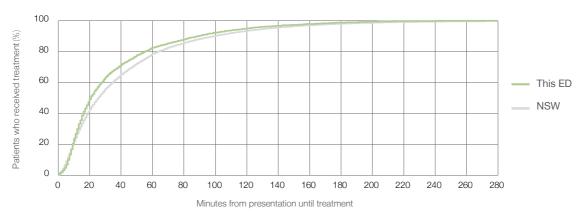
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October to December 2017

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 4,689	5,290	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 4,380	5,016	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 21 minutes	21 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 90 minutes	79 minutes	99 minutes

Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 4 patients, January 2010 to December 2017 † ‡



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	39	36	39	26	23	18	21	21
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	133	135	136	106	92	65	79	90

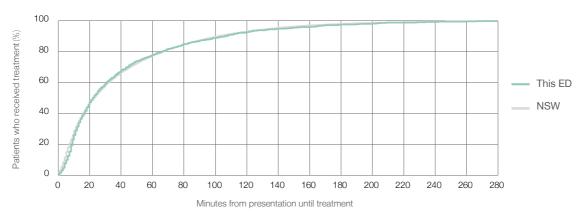
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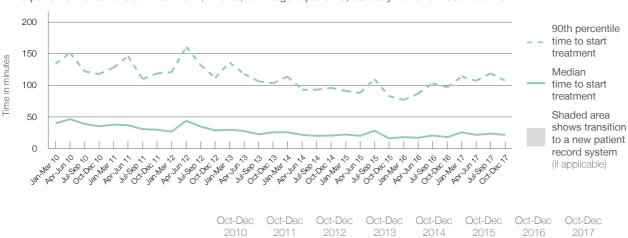
October to December 2017

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 1,180	1,237	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 982	1,018	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 22 minutes	18 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	97 minutes	103 minutes

Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 5 patients, January 2010 to December 2017 †‡



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	36	30	29	26	21	16	18	22	
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	118	119	112	103	96	83	97	107	

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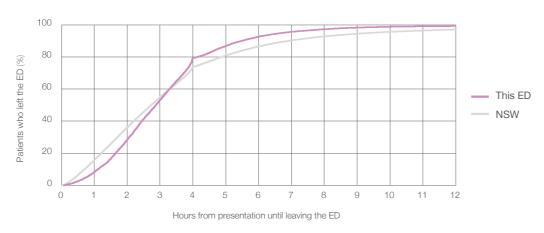
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Canterbury Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

October to December 2017

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Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, October to December 2017



Time patients spent in the ED, by quarter, January 2010 to December 2017

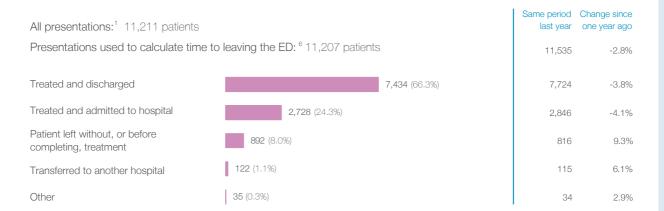


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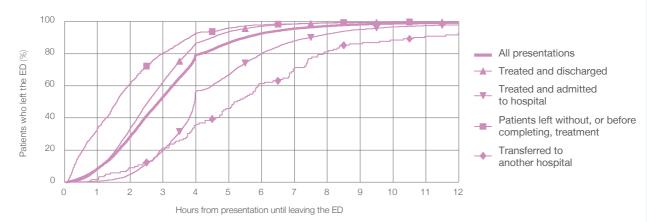
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Canterbury Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

By mode of separation October to December 2017



Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, October to December 2017



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

Treated and discharged	8.1%	33.4%	62.6%	86.6%	97.1%	99.1%	99.7%	99.8%
Treated and admitted to hospital	0.5%	4.8%	20.0%	56.6%	80.1%	92.3%	96.7%	97.9%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	33.2%	61.2%	80.5%	92.7%	98.0%	99.2%	99.7%	99.8%
Transferred to another hospital	1.6%	9.0%	21.3%	36.1%	61.5%	81.1%	88.5%	92.6%
All presentations	8.4%	28.6%	53.3%	79.3%	92.6%	97.3%	98.8%	99.3%

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Canterbury Hospital: Time spent in the ED

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED October to December 2017

All presentations at the emergency department: 11,211 patients

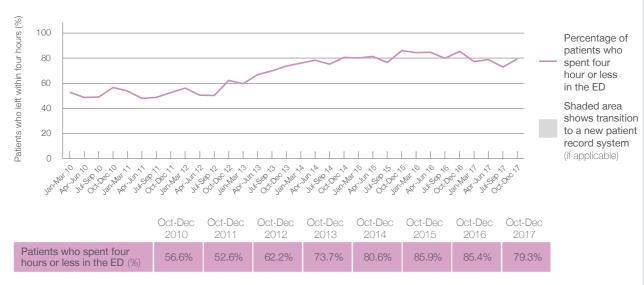
Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 11,207 patients

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

79.3%

	Change since one year ago
11,535	-2.8%
11,535	-2.8%
85.4%	

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, January 2010 to December 2017 ^{1‡}



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- 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 23 January 2018).

Transfer of care data from Transfer of Care Reporting System (extracted 23 January 2018).

Same period Change since

Concord Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview

October to December 2017

	last year	one year ago
All presentations: 1 10,220 patients	9,980	2.4%
Emergency presentations: ² 10,194 patients	9,959	2.4%

Concord Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment 3

October to December 2017

	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 1,159 patients	1,101	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 9 minutes	8 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	15 minutes	23 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 4,431 patients	3,511	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 26 minutes	18 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 90 minutes	48 minutes	65 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 4,107 patients	4,779	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 27 minutes	25 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	73 minutes	99 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 451 patients	525	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 22 minutes	30 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	94 minutes	103 minutes

Concord Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

October to December 2017

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 10,217 patients

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED 74.6%

	one year ago
9,979	2.4%
75.9%	

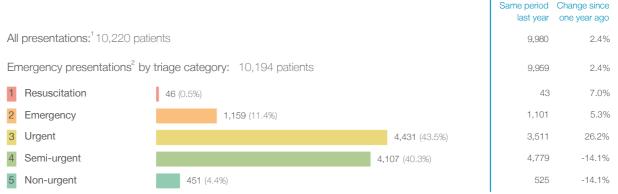
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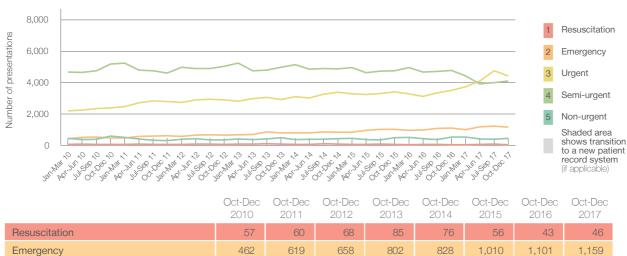
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Concord Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

October to December 2017



Emergency presentations² by quarter, January 2010 to December 2017 [‡]



2,392

5,179

8,683

2,785

4,618

8,380

298

2,891

5,042

9,012

2,924

4,985

9,292

496

3,393

4,867

9,593

429

3,408

4,751

9,703

478

3,511

4,779

9,959

Same period Change since

4,431

4,107 451

10,194

Concord Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

October to December 2017

All emergency presentations

Urgent

Semi-urgent

Non-urgent

		last year	one year ago
Arrivals used to calculate trans	2,251		
ED Transfer of care time			
Median time	12 minutes	11 minutes	1 minute
90th percentile time	21 minutes	19 minutes	2 minutes

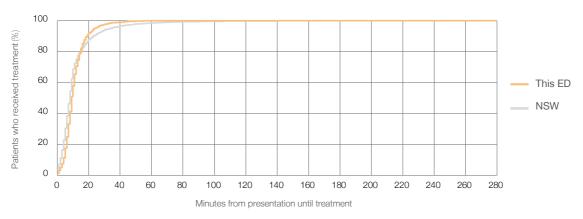
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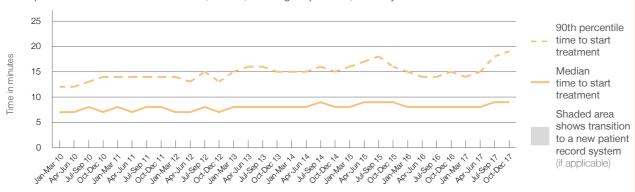
October to December 2017

NSW Same period Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns) (this period) last year Number of triage 2 patients: 1,159 1,101 Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 1,155 1,098 Median time to start treatment 4 9 minutes 8 minutes 8 minutes 90th percentile time to start treatment 5 19 minutes 23 minutes 15 minutes

Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 2 patients, January 2010 to December 2017



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	7	8	7	8	8	9	8	9
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	14	14	13	15	15	16	15	19

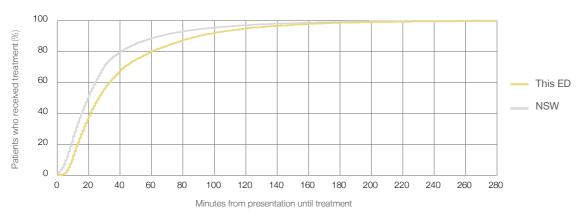
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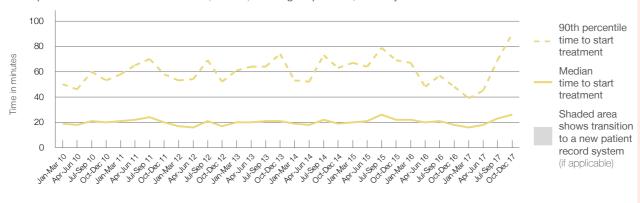
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Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 4,431	3,511	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 4,271	3,415	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 26 minutes	18 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 90 minutes	48 minutes	65 minutes

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 3 patients, January 2010 to December 2017 †‡



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	20	20	17	21	19	22	18	26
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	53	58	52	74	63	69	48	90

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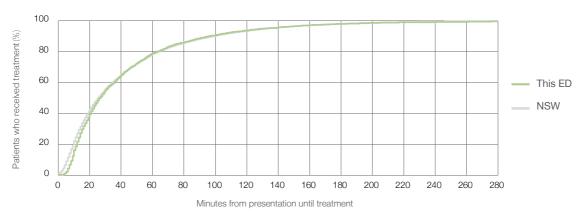
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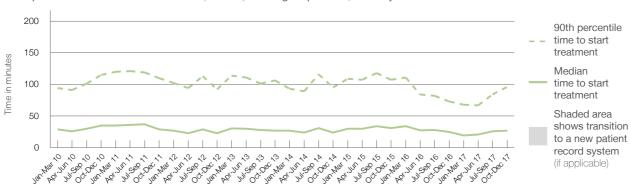
October to December 2017

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)	Same period last year	(this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 4,107	4,779	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 3,817	4,506	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 27 minutes	25 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	73 minutes	99 minutes

Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 4 patients, January 2010 to December 2017 †‡



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	35	29	23	27	24	31	25	27
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	115	110	92	106	95	107	73	96

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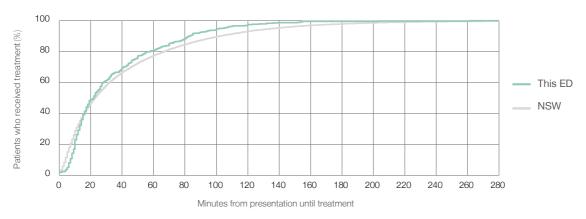
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Concord Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 October to December 2017

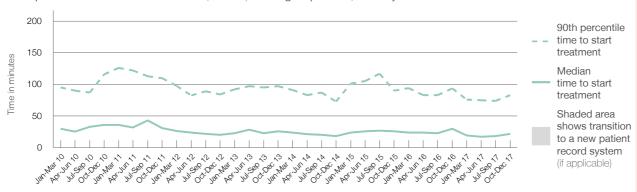
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)							
Number of triage 5 patients: 451							
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 384							
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 22 minutes							
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵		83 minutes					

Same period last year	NSW (this period)
525	
430	
30 minutes	23 minutes
94 minutes	103 minutes

Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 5 patients, January 2010 to December 2017 † ‡



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	36	31	20	26	18	26	30	22
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	116	110	84	97	73	90	94	83

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6 hours and 40 minutes

Concord Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

October to December 2017

90th percentile time spent in the ED $^{\rm 9}$

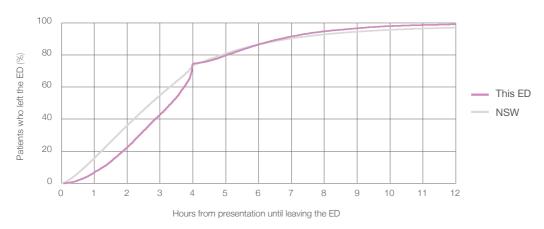
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Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, October to December 2017



Time patients spent in the ED, by quarter, January 2010 to December 2017

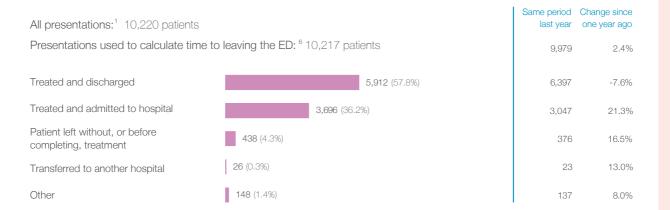


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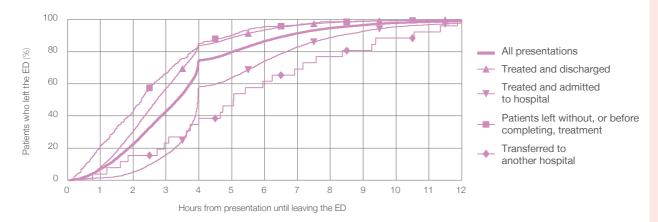
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Concord Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

By mode of separation October to December 2017



Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, October to December 2017



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

Treated and discharged	8.1%	30.7%	57.3%	83.7%	93.6%	98.1%	99.4%	99.8%
Treated and admitted to hospital	1.4%	5.0%	15.8%	58.3%	74.2%	88.8%	95.5%	97.9%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	21.2%	43.2%	66.7%	85.2%	95.4%	98.6%	99.5%	99.8%
Transferred to another hospital	3.8%	15.4%	23.1%	38.5%	61.5%	76.9%	88.5%	100%
All presentations	6.9%	22.6%	43.0%	74.6%	86.6%	94.7%	98.0%	99.1%

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Concord Hospital: Time spent in the ED Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED October to December 2017

All presentations at the emergency department: 1 10,220 patients

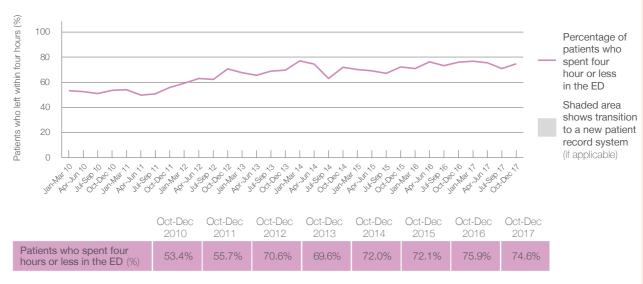
Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 10,217 patients

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

74.6%

Change since one year ago	
2.4%	9,980
2.4%	9,979
	75.9%

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, January 2010 to December 2017 **



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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.

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Sources: ED data from Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 23 January 2018).

Transfer of care data from Transfer of Care Reporting System (extracted 23 January 2018).

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Royal Prince Alfred Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview

October to December 2017

	last year	one year ago
All presentations: 1 19,373 patients	19,246	0.7%
Emergency presentations: ² 18,955 patients	18,765	1.0%

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment ³

October to December 2017

	last year	(this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 3,154 patients	2,842	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	11 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment 5 23 minutes	23 minutes	23 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 10,021 patients	9,965	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 25 minutes	24 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	75 minutes	65 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 5,002 patients	5,366	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 36 minutes	30 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	105 minutes	99 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 640 patients	488	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 35 minutes	30 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment 5 117 minutes	126 minutes	103 minutes

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

October to December 2017

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 19,373 patients

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

	Change since one year ago
19,246	0.7%
64.0%	

Same period Change since

Same period

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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.

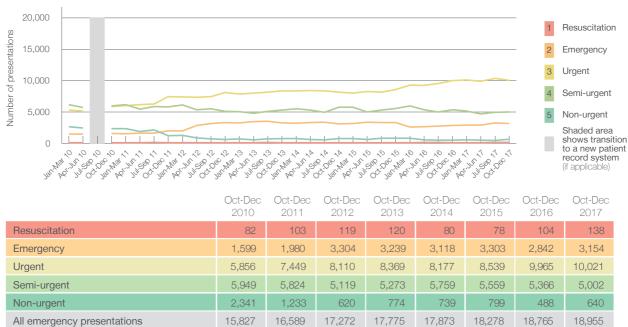
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Royal Prince Alfred Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

October to December 2017

			last year	one year ago	
All presentations: 19,37	3 patients		19,246	0.7%	
Emergency presentation	18,765	1.0%			
1 Resuscitation	138 (0.7%)		104	32.7%	
2 Emergency	3,154 (16.6%)		2,842	11.0%	
3 Urgent		10,021 (52.9%)	9,965	0.6%	
4 Semi-urgent	5,002 (26.4%)		5,366	-6.8%	
5 Non-urgent	640 (3.4%)		488	31.1%	

Emergency presentations² by quarter, January 2010 to December 2017 [‡]



Royal Prince Alfred Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

October to December 2017

		last year	one year ago
Arrivals used to calculate trans	5,183		
ED Transfer of care time			
Median time	15 minutes	14 minutes	1 minute
90th percentile time	29 minutes	25 minutes	4 minutes

Same period Change since

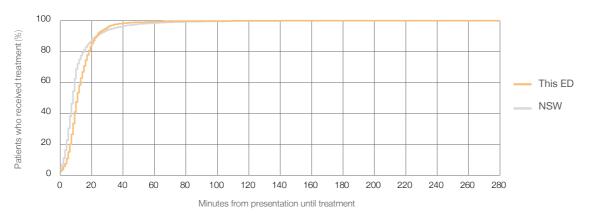
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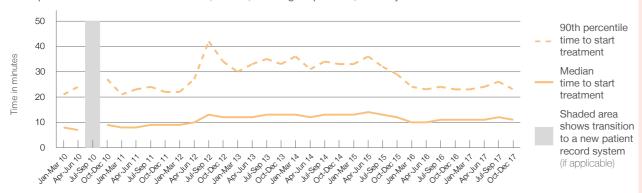
October to December 2017

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 3,154	2,842	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 3,146	2,837	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 11 minutes	11 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 23 minutes	23 minutes	23 minutes

Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 2 patients, January 2010 to December 2017 †‡



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	9	9	12	13	13	12	11	11
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	27	22	34	33	33	29	23	23

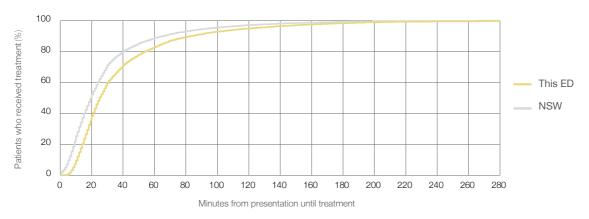
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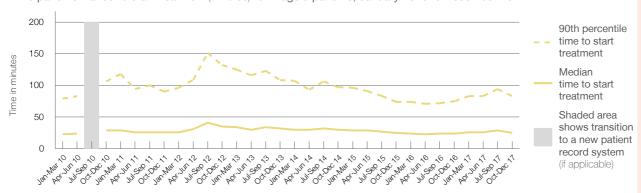
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Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood lo	Same period last year	NSW (this period)	
Number of triage 3 patients: 10,021	9,965		
Number of triage 3 patients used to calcu	9,774		
Median time to start treatment ⁴	25 minutes	24 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	83 minutes	75 minutes	65 minutes

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 3 patients, January 2010 to December 2017 † ‡



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	29	26	35	32	30	25	24	25
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	106	90	132	108	97	74	75	83

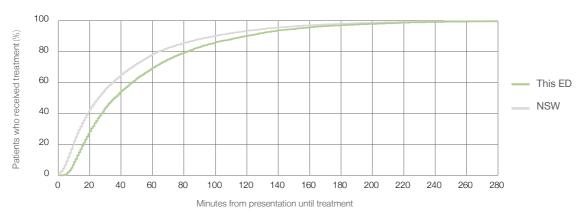
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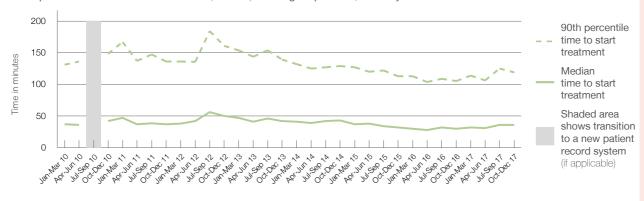
October to December 2017

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle	Same period last year	NSW (this period)	
Number of triage 4 patients: 5,002	5,366		
Number of triage 4 patients used to calcula	5,042		
Median time to start treatment ⁴	36 minutes	30 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	119 minutes	105 minutes	99 minutes

Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 4 patients, January 2010 to December 2017 †‡



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	42	37	50	42	43	32	30	36
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	148	136	161	139	129	113	105	119

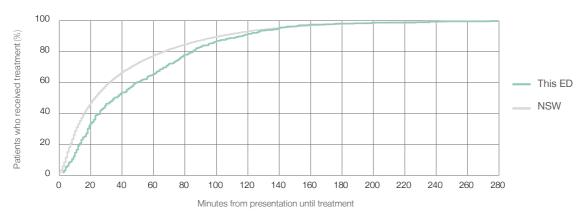
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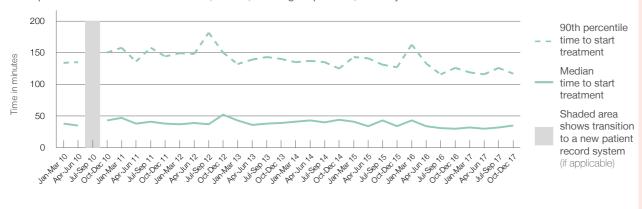
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Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 640	488	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 427	329	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 35 minutes	30 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	126 minutes	103 minutes

Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 5 patients, January 2010 to December 2017



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	43	38	52	39	44	34	30	35
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	150	144	150	140	125	127	126	117

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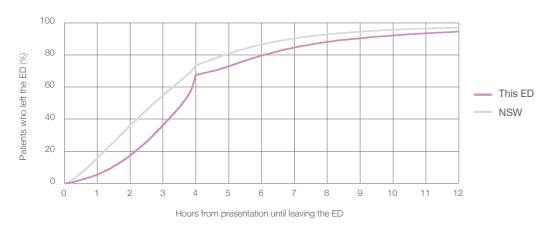
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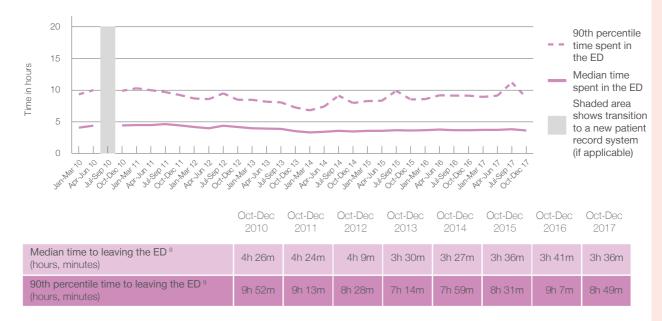
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Same period last year	
19,246	
19,246	
3 hours and 41 minutes	
9 hours and 7 minutes	
	last year 19,246 19,246 3 hours and 41 minutes 9 hours and

Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, October to December 2017



Time patients spent in the ED, by quarter, January 2010 to December 2017

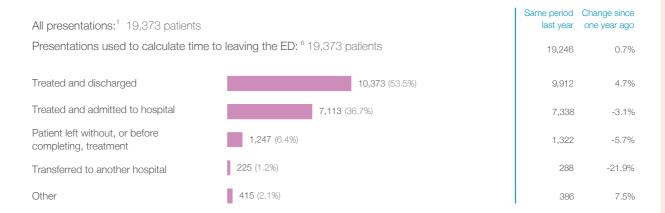


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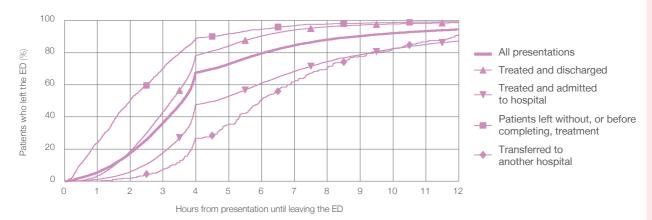
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Royal Prince Alfred Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

By mode of separation October to December 2017



Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, October to December 2017



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

Treated and discharged	3.1%	18.8%	43.3%	78.3%	90.4%	96.2%	97.9%	98.7%
Treated and admitted to hospital	1.1%	5.8%	17.9%	47.6%	61.1%	74.6%	82.5%	87.3%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	23.9%	50.5%	70.3%	88.9%	94.6%	98.0%	98.8%	99.3%
Transferred to another hospital	0%	1.8%	7.1%	26.7%	51.1%	70.7%	82.7%	91.6%
All presentations	5.4%	17.5%	36.5%	67.6%	79.7%	88.1%	92.2%	94.5%

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Royal Prince Alfred Hospital: Time spent in the ED Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED October to December 2017

All presentations at the emergency department: 119,373 patients

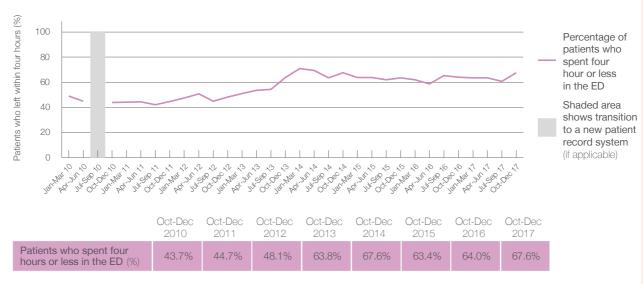
Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 19,373 patients

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



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64.0%	

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, January 2010 to December 2017 †*



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