

Hospital Quarterly

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NSW public hospital activity at record levels

This is the 25th edition of *Hospital Quarterly*, a report that the Bureau of Health Information has produced for the last six years that looks at timeliness in hospitals and emergency departments.

The report shows that there has been a record number of people being admitted to hospital, going to the emergency department to receive treatment, but also in terms of receiving elective surgery procedures during the April to June quarter 2016.

Improvement in emergency department performance measures

In terms of performance in the emergency department, the report shows that despite the increase in the number of people that went to the emergency department to receive treatment, more patients could see their treatment start on time according to their clinical category, but also, the report shows the highest level or proportion of patients that saw their transfer between the care of an ambulance crew to the care of emergency department staff being done within 30 minutes of presentation.

Record numbers of elective surgeries

Decrease in percentage of patients receiving non-urgent surgery on time

When we look at elective surgeries performed in public hospitals in NSW we can see that there has been a 7% increase in the number of elective surgeries, making it the highest ever reported number of elective surgeries performed during a quarter.

We can see that the performance has remained mostly stable with a slight decrease in the proportion of patients that could receive their elective surgery on time according to their clinical category.

For example, for non-urgent surgery, people requiring surgery within 365 days, 95.5% could receive their elective surgery within a year. But that's a 400 increase in the number of people that had to wait longer than a year to receive a non-urgent surgery.

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