

Healthcare Quarterly

Performance Profiles

Emergency Department

Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District

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Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview January to March 2017

last vear one vear ago All presentations: 1 4,328 patients 4.296 0.7% Emergency presentations:² 4,275 patients 1.8% 4.201

Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment³ January to March 2017

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Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 609 patients	591	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 7 minutes	7 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 23 minutes	21 minutes	26 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 996 patients	1,007	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 19 minutes	17 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 69 minutes	73 minutes	69 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 2,198 patients	1,962	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 32 minutes	28 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	114 minutes	101 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 450 patients	619	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 32 minutes	29 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	114 minutes	104 minutes

Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

January to March 2017 last year one year ago Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 4,317 patients 4,296 0.5% Percentage of patients who spent 82.6% four hours or less in the ED

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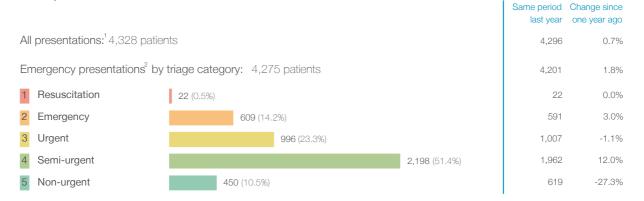
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Source: Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 18 April 2017).

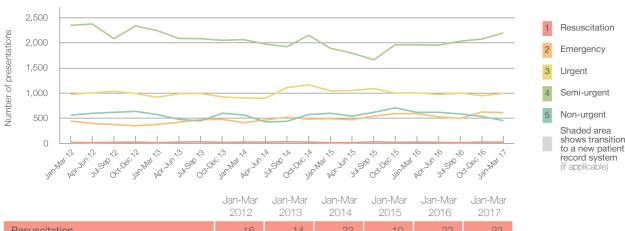
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Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

January to March 2017



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



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Resuscitation	16	14	22	10	22	22
Emergency	447	375	415	488	591	609
Urgent	977	919	902	1,042	1,007	996
Semi-urgent	2,351	2,243	2,068	1,895	1,962	2,198
Non-urgent	559	576	564	597	619	450
All emergency presentations	4,350	4,127	3,971	4,032	4,201	4,275

Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

January to March 2017

Arrivals used to calculate transfer of care time: 7 832 patients

ED Transfer of care time

Median time

12 minutes

12 minutes

25 minutes

22 minutes

3 minutes

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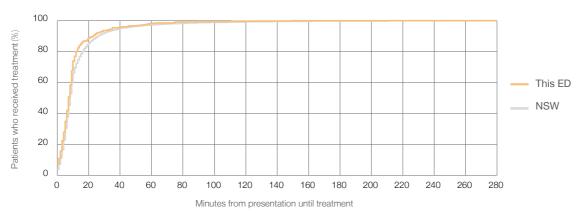
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Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2 January to March 2017

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 609	591	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 560	586	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 7 minutes	7 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 23 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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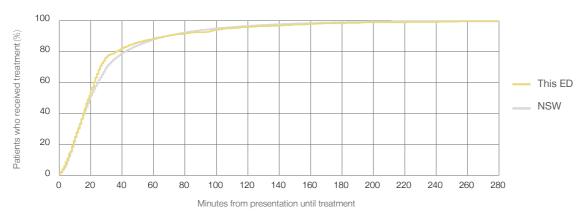
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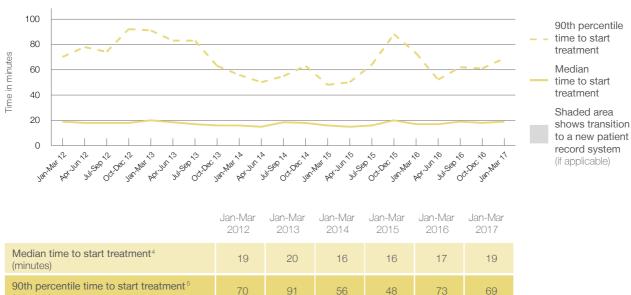
Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 January to March 2017

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)		NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 996	1,007	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: 940		
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 19 minutes	17 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 69 minutes	73 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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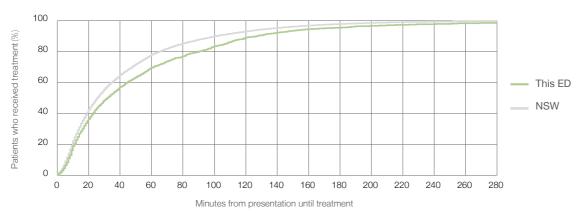
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Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 January to March 2017

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)		Same period last year	NSW (this period)	
Number of triage 4 patients: 2,198			1,962	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 1,973			1,812	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	32 minutes		28 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵		127 minutes	114 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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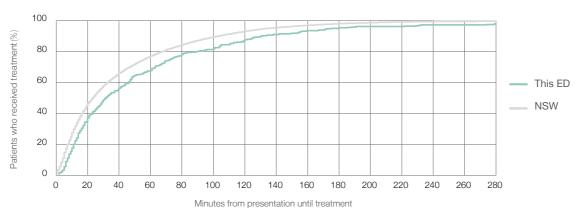
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Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 January to March 2017

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 450	619	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: 359	532	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 32 minutes	29 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 131 minutes	114 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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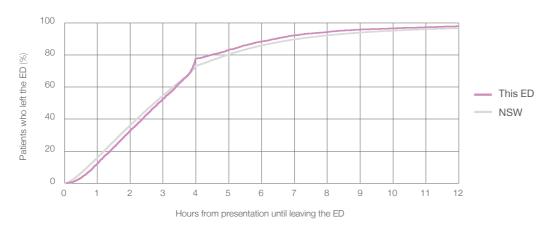
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Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

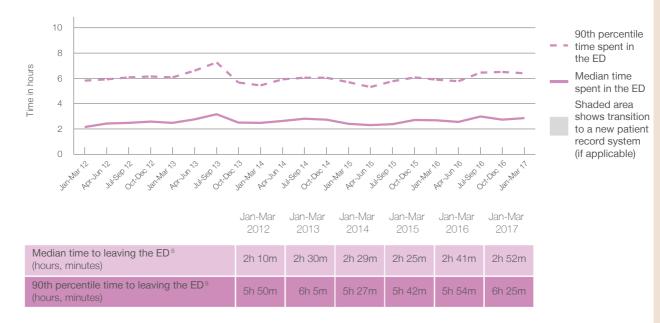
January to March 2017

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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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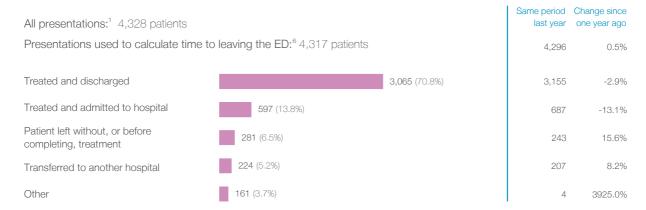
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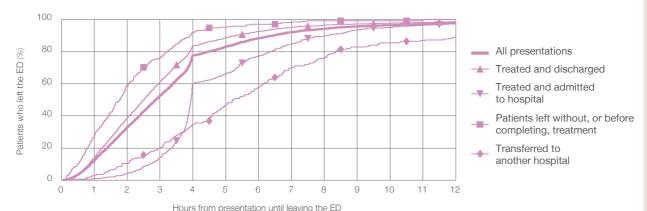
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Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED By mode of separation

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	14.1%	38.8%	61.4%	83.7%	92.6%	96.5%	97.7%	98.7%
Treated and admitted to hospital	1.0%	4.2%	14.1%	60.5%	77.4%	89.8%	95.1%	97.3%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	27.1%	58.6%	76.2%	91.9%	97.1%	99.3%	99.3%	100%
Transferred to another hospital	2.7%	10.4%	20.3%	35.1%	58.1%	76.1%	85.6%	89.2%
All presentations	12.3%	33.0%	52.6%	77.7%	88.4%	94.2%	96.5%	97.9%

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Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial 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: 4,328 patients

Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 4,317 patients

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

77.7%

	Change since one year ago
4,296	0.7%
4,296	0.5%
82.6%	

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, January 2012 to March 2017 11



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- 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 18 April 2017).

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

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Hawkesbury District Health Services: Emergency department (ED) overview January to March 2017

	last year	one year ago
All presentations: ¹ 6,085 patients	6,138	-0.9%
Emergency presentations: ² 5,757 patients	5,705	0.9%

Hawkesbury District Health Services: Time patients waited to start treatment³

January to March 2017

January to March 2017

	Same period last year	(this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 644 patients	554	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 9 minutes	12 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 20 minutes	27 minutes	26 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 1,677 patients Median time to start treatment ⁴ 15 minutes	1,514 20 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 40 minutes	39 minutes	69 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 3,118 patients Median time to start treatment ⁴ 90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 63 minutes	3,011 21 minutes 57 minutes	26 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 297 patients Median time to start treatment ⁴ 13 minutes 90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 57 minutes	618 20 minutes 71 minutes	23 minutes 104 minutes

Hawkesbury District Health Services: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 6,085 patients Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED

Same period Change since last year one year ago 6.138 -0.9% 82.4%

Same period Change since

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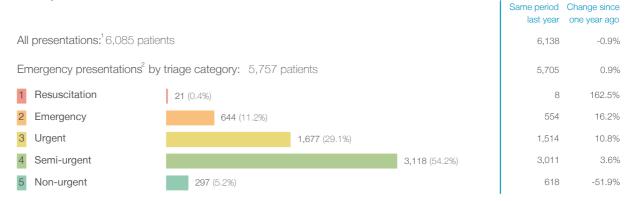
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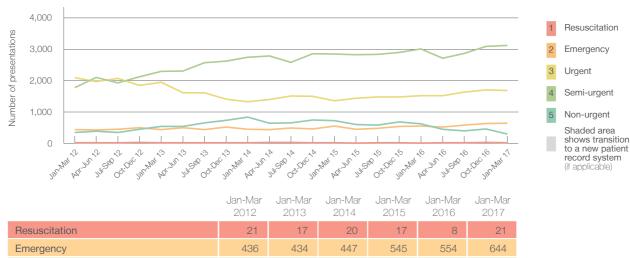
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Hawkesbury District Health Services: Patients presenting to the emergency department

January to March 2017



Emergency presentations² by quarter, January 2012 to March 2017 ^{‡§}



1,949

2,290

5,230

1,322

2,745

5,372

1,355

2,846

5,483

1,514

3,011

5,705

1,677

3,118

5,757

Same period Change since

Hawkesbury District Health Services: Patients arriving by ambulance

2,087

1,775

4,662

January to March 2017

All emergency presentations

Urgent

Semi-urgent

Non-urgent

		last year	one year ago
Arrivals used to calculate tran	sfer of care time: 7 917 patients	1,008	
ED Transfer of care time			
Median time	12 minutes	17 minutes	-5 minutes
90th percentile time	25 minutes	32 minutes	-7 minutes

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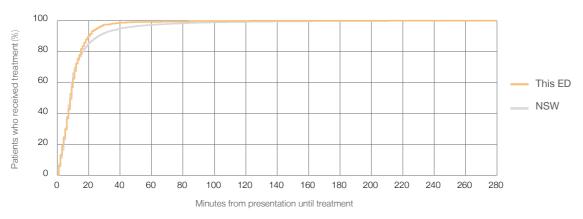
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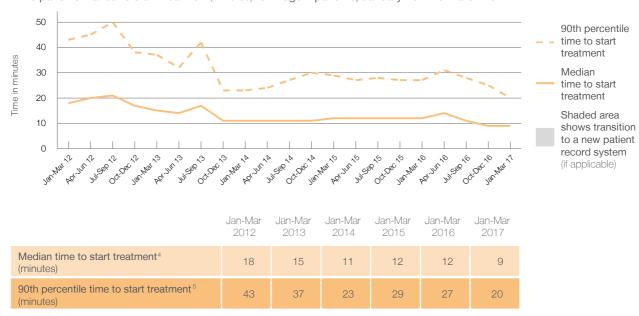
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Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 644		
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: 644	554	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 9 minutes	12 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 20 minutes	27 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 115



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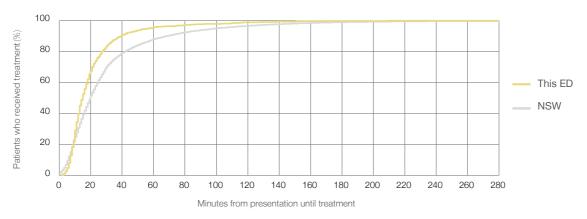
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Hawkesbury District Health Services: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 January to March 2017

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 1,677	1,514	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 1,676	1,513	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 15 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 40 minutes	39 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 11\$



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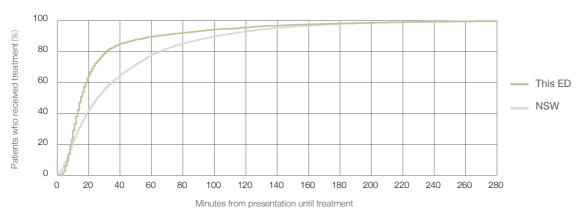
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Hawkesbury District Health Services: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 January to March 2017

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 3,118	3,011	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3,113	2,995	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 15 minutes	21 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 63 minutes	57 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 11\$



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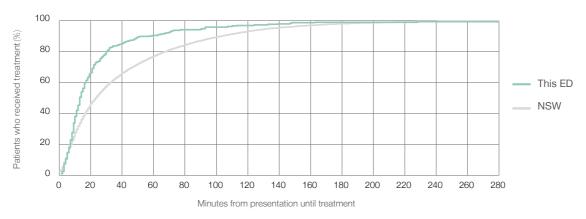
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Hawkesbury District Health Services: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 January to March 2017

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 297	618	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: 291	600	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 13 minutes	20 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 57 minutes	71 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 115



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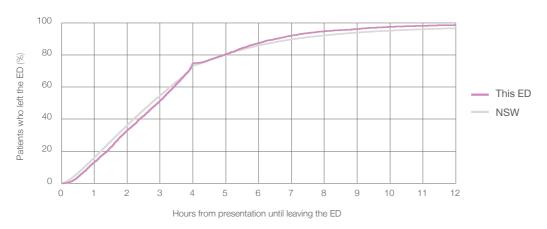
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Hawkesbury District Health Services: Time patients spent in the ED

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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 $^{^{\dagger\pm\,\$}}$



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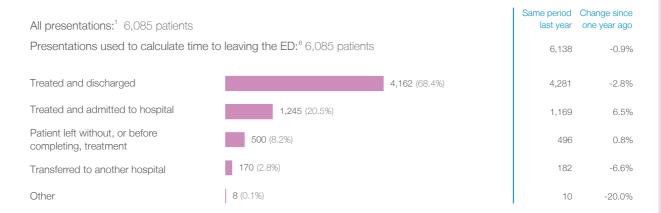
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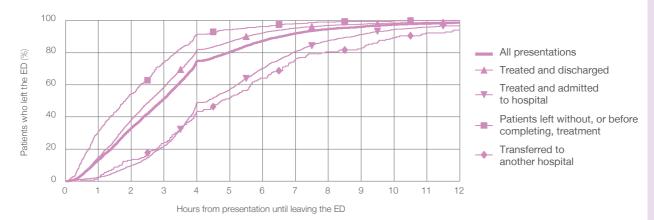
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Hawkesbury District Health Services: Time patients spent in the ED

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 $^{\dagger \ddagger \$}$



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

Treated and discharged	14.8%	38.1%	58.6%	81.8%	92.4%	97.0%	98.5%	99.2%
Treated and admitted to hospital	2.5%	9.9%	22.0%	48.9%	70.2%	87.6%	94.5%	96.9%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	31.0%	54.4%	74.0%	91.6%	96.4%	99.2%	99.8%	100%
Transferred to another hospital	2.4%	12.9%	24.1%	43.5%	64.1%	80.6%	89.4%	94.1%
All presentations	13.3%	33.0%	51.5%	74.8%	87.4%	94.8%	97.5%	98.6%

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^(§) This hospital does not use one of the two major information systems implemented in NSW emergency departments. Caution is advised when comparing results from this emergency department to others. For more information, see Background Paper: Approaches to reporting time measures of emergency department performance, December 2011.

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Hawkesbury District Health Services: 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: 16,085 patients

Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 66,085 patients

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

74.8%

 Same period last year
 Change since one year ago

 6,138
 -0.9%

 6,138
 -0.9%

 82.4%

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, January 2012 to March 2017 †‡



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- 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.
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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).

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Same period Change since

Same period

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Lithgow Health Service: Emergency department (ED) overview

January to March 2017

	last year	one year ago
All presentations: 2,955 patients	3,176	-7.0%
Emergency presentations: ² 2,851 patients	3,028	-5.8%

Lithgow Health Service: Time patients waited to start treatment³

January to March 2017

	last year	(this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 306 patients	324	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 4 minutes	4 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	11 minutes	26 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 892 patients	906	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 9 minutes	10 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 34 minutes	37 minutes	69 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 1,206 patients	1,303	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 9 minutes	10 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 46 minutes	50 minutes	101 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 435 patients	477	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 7 minutes	8 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 43 minutes	42 minutes	104 minutes

Lithgow Health Service: Time from presentation until leaving the ED January to March 2017

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 2,955 patients

Percentage of patients who spent	
r crocinage of patients who spent	07.4
four hours or less in the ED	87.4

	one year ago
3,175	-6.9%
88.4%	

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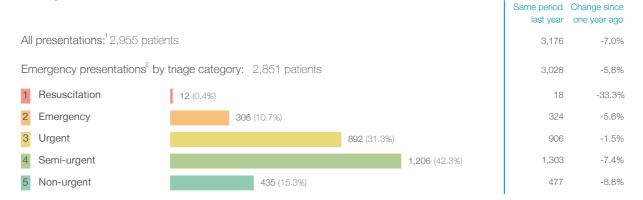
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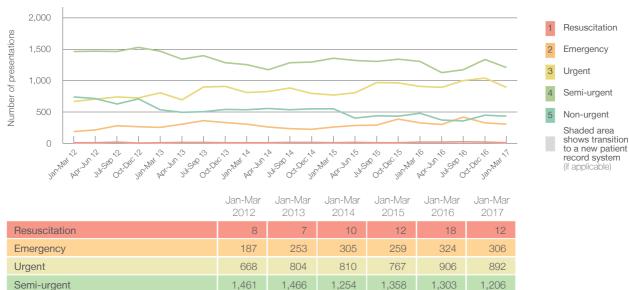
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Lithgow Health Service: Patients presenting to the emergency department

January to March 2017



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



Lithgow Health Service: Patients arriving by ambulance

3,061

January to March 2017

All emergency presentations

Non-urgent

		last year	one year ago
Arrivals used to calculate transfer of care time: 7 576 patients		587	
ED Transfer of care time			
Median time	9 minutes	10 minutes	-1 minute
90th percentile time	22 minutes	20 minutes	2 minutes

3,065

2,912

2,948

477

3,028

435

Same period Change since

2,851

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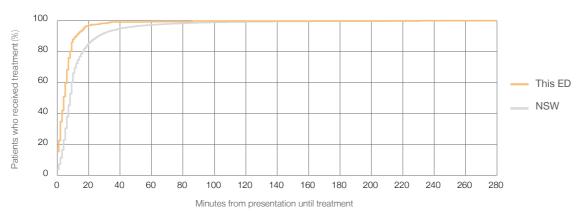
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Lithgow Health Service: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2 January to March 2017

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 306	324	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: 302	321	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 4 minutes	4 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 12 minutes	11 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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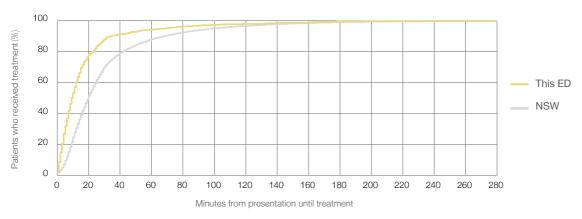
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Lithgow Health Service: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 January to March 2017

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 892	906	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 875	877	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 9 minutes	10 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 34 minutes	37 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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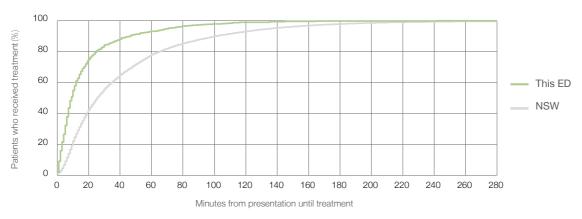
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Lithgow Health Service: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 January to March 2017

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 1,206	1,303	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 1,160	1,241	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 9 minutes	10 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 46 minutes	50 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



(minutes)

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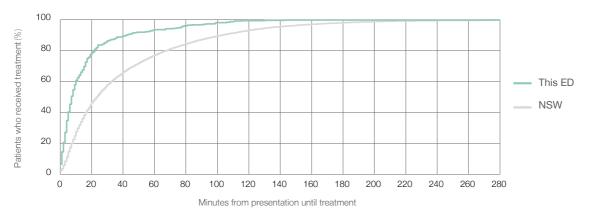
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Lithgow Health Service: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 January to March 2017

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)		(this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 435		
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 406		
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 7 minutes	8 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 43 minutes	42 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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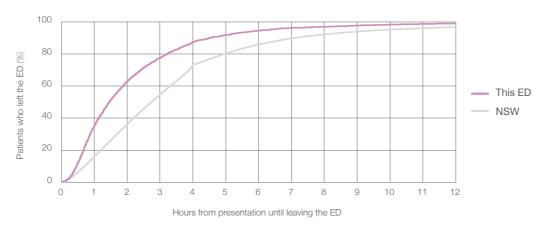
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Lithgow Health Service: Time patients spent in the ED

January to March 2017

NSW (this period)	Same period last year	
	3,176	
	3,175	
2 hours and 44 minutes	1 hours and 25 minutes	
7 hours and 7 minutes	4 hours and 18 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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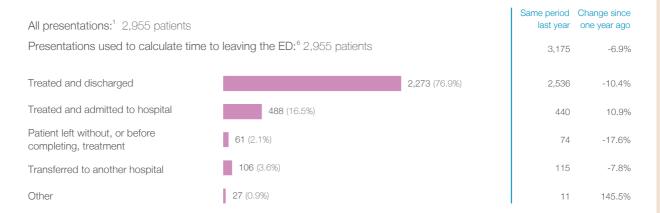
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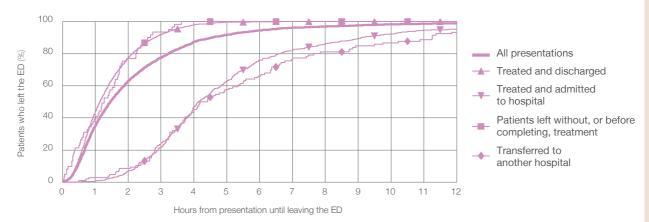
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Lithgow Health Service: Time patients spent in the ED

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	44.0%	77.3%	92.0%	98.1%	99.9%	100%	100%	100%
Treated and admitted to hospital	0.8%	7.0%	21.7%	46.9%	76.0%	86.3%	92.4%	95.5%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	39.3%	77.0%	93.4%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Transferred to another hospital	2.8%	8.5%	24.5%	45.3%	66.0%	81.1%	86.8%	93.4%
All presentations	35.3%	62.9%	77.6%	87.4%	94.6%	97.0%	98.2%	99.0%

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Lithgow Health Service: 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: 1 2,955 patients

Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 2,955 patients

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

87.4%

Same period last year one year ago
3,176 -7.0%
3,175 -6.9%

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, January 2012 to March 2017 †‡



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Same period Change since

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Nepean Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview

January to March 2017

	last year	one year ago
All presentations: 17,075 patients	17,011	0.4%
Emergency presentations: ² 16,973 patients	16,895	0.5%

Nepean Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment³

January to March 2017

	last year	(this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 2,558 patients	2,399	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	10 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 38 minutes	39 minutes	26 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 4,968 patients Median time to start treatment ⁴ 28 minutes	4,777 40 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 113 minutes	203 minutes	69 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 7,596 patients	7,408	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 29 minutes	41 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	190 minutes	101 minutes
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Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 1,752 patients	2,224	
<u> </u>	2,224 38 minutes	23 minutes

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

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 17,063 patients

Percentage of patients who spent	
0 1	58.6%
four hours or less in the FD	00.070

Same period	Change since
last year	one year ago
17,011	0.3%
48.5%	

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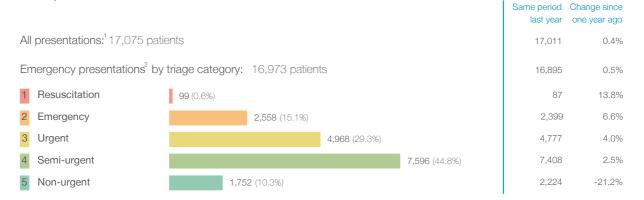
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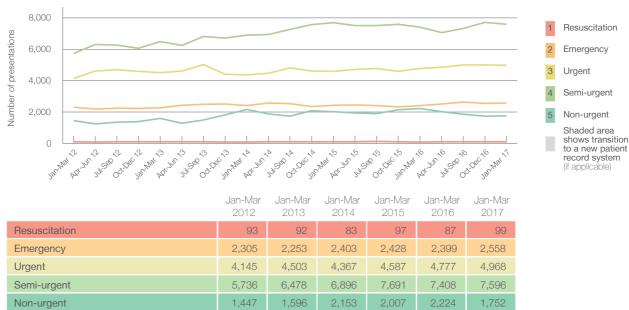
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Nepean Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

January to March 2017



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



Nepean Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

January to March 2017

All emergency presentations

Arrivals used to calculate transfer of care time: 7 4,833 patients

ED Transfer of care time

Median time

11 minutes

11 minutes

90th percentile time

25 minutes

125 minutes

13 minutes

14,739

14,833 patients

4,739

15 minutes

16 minutes

17 minutes

18 minutes

19 minutes

19 minutes

19 minutes

10 minutes

10 minutes

11 minutes

11 minutes

12 minutes

14,922

13.726

15,902

16,810

16,895

16,973

Same period Change since

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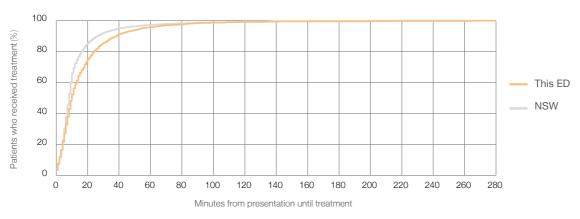
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Nepean Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2 January to March 2017

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)		NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 2,558	2,399	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 2,541		
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 10 minutes	10 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 38 minutes	39 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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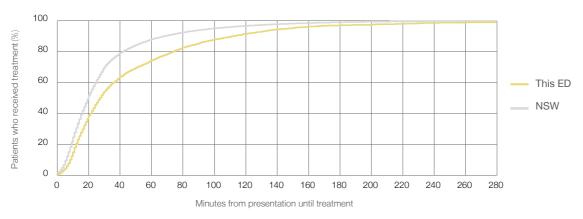
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Nepean Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 January to March 2017

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss,	dehydration)	Same period last year	(this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 4,968		4,777	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: 4,686		4,244	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	28 minutes	40 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	113 minutes	203 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



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	16	17	18	30	40	28
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	49	55	61	118	203	113

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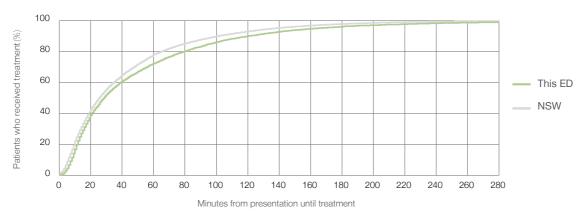
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Nepean Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 January to March 2017

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)		NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 7,596		
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 7,006		
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 29 minutes	41 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	190 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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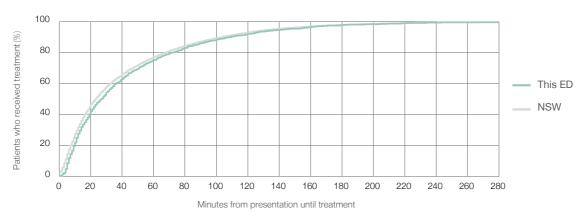
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Nepean Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 January to March 2017

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)		(this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 1,752		
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 1,499		
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 27 minutes	38 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 109 minutes	177 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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Same period

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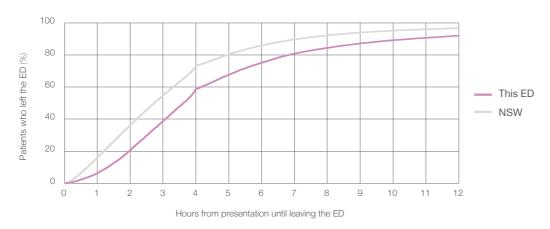
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Nepean Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

January to March 2017

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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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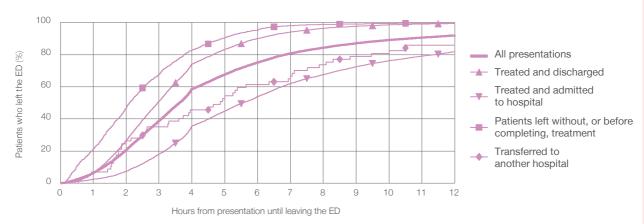
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Nepean Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

By mode of separation
January to March 2017

Same period Change since All presentations: 17,075 patients last year one year ago Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 17,063 patients 17,011 0.3% 8,293 (48.6%) Treated and discharged 1.2% 8.191 Treated and admitted to hospital 7,212 (42.2%) 6,456 11.7% Patient left without, or before 1,309 (7.7%) 2 244 -41.7% completing, treatment 57 (0.3%) 7.5% Transferred to another hospital 204 (1.2%) Other 67 204.5%

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	6.3%	26.7%	51.1%	74.1%	90.1%	96.4%	98.6%	99.5%
Treated and admitted to hospital	2.4%	7.5%	18.0%	35.6%	53.9%	67.6%	76.3%	81.9%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	21.3%	46.8%	67.8%	82.9%	95.4%	98.8%	99.5%	99.8%
Transferred to another hospital	7.0%	26.3%	35.1%	45.6%	61.4%	73.7%	82.5%	86.0%
All presentations	6.4%	20.7%	38.8%	58.6%	75.2%	84.4%	89.2%	92.0%

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Nepean 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: 17,075 patients

Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 17,063 patients

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



	Change since one year ago
17,011	0.4%
17,011	0.3%
48.5%	

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, January 2012 to March 2017 †‡



- * Suppressed due to small numbers and to protect privacy. Relevant graphs are also suppressed.
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- 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 18 April 2017).

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