

# Healthcare Quarterly

# Performance Profiles

# **Emergency Department**

Mid North Coast Local Health District

NSW

Same period Change since

Same period

#### $\textbf{Coffs Harbour Base Hospital:} \ \, \textbf{Emergency department} \ \, (\textbf{ED}) \ \, \textbf{overview}$

July to September 2017

All presentations: 1 10,518 patients 9,469 11.1% Emergency presentations: 2 10,210 patients 9,075 12.5%

#### Coffs Harbour Base Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment<sup>3</sup>

July to September 2017

|  | last year           | (this period) |
|--|---------------------|---------------|
| Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 1,123 patients   | 999                 |               |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 6 minutes                | 6 minutes           | 9 minutes     |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>                 | 11 minutes          | 29 minutes    |
|  |                     |               |
| Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 3,416 patie | ents 3,019          |               |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>                          | 16 minutes          | 23 minutes    |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 75 minutes      |                     | 83 minutes    |
|  |                     |               |
| Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 4,137 patients  | 3,537               |               |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 32 minutes               | 28 minutes          | 30 minutes    |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>                 | ninutes 121 minutes | 121 minutes   |
|  |                     |               |
| Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 1,470 patients   | 1,457               |               |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 32 minutes               | 35 minutes          | 26 minutes    |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>                 | nutes 122 minutes   | 118 minutes   |

### Coffs Harbour Base Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

July to September 2017

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 10,515 patients

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED 68.9%

| Change since | Same period |
|--------------|-------------|
| one year ago | last year   |
| 11.1%        | 9,468       |
|              | 70.8%       |

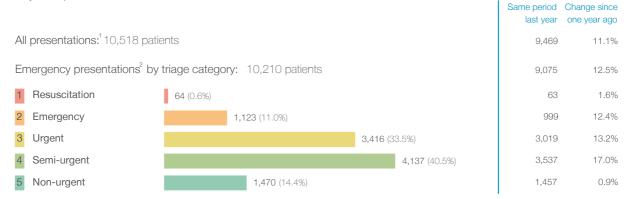
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- 3. Some patients are excluded from ED time measures due to calculation requirements. For details, see the *Technical Supplement: Emergency department measures, July to September 2016.*
- 4. The median is the time by which half of patients started treatment. The other half of patients 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.

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.

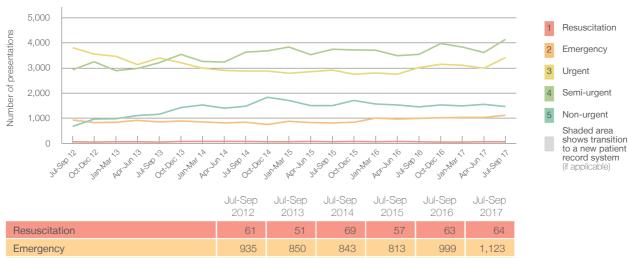
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#### Coffs Harbour Base Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

July to September 2017



Emergency presentations<sup>2</sup> by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 <sup>‡</sup>



3,398

3,211

1.164

8,674

2,879

3,629

1.473

8,893

2,915

3,753

9,043

3,019

3,537

1,457

9,075

3,416

4,137

1.470

Same period Change since

10,210

#### Coffs Harbour Base Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

3,810

2,928

8,409

July to September 2017

All emergency presentations

Urgent

Semi-urgent

Non-urgent

| one year ago |
|--------------|
|              |
|              |
| 0 minutes    |
| 3 minutes    |
|              |
|              |

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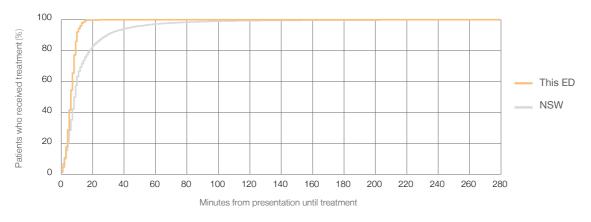
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### Coffs Harbour Base Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2

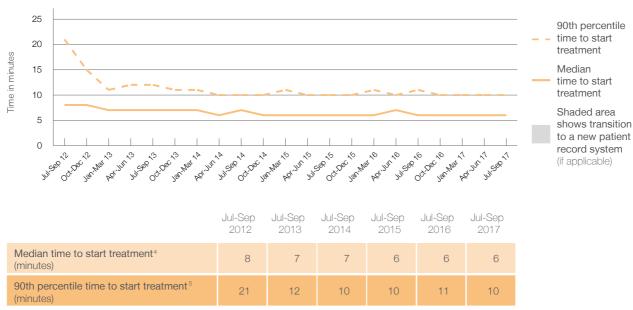
July to September 2017

| Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)                  | Same period<br>last year | NSW (this period) |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Number of triage 2 patients: 1,123                                  | 999                      |                   |
| Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 1,120 |                          |                   |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 6 minutes               | 6 minutes                | 9 minutes         |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 10 minutes     | 11 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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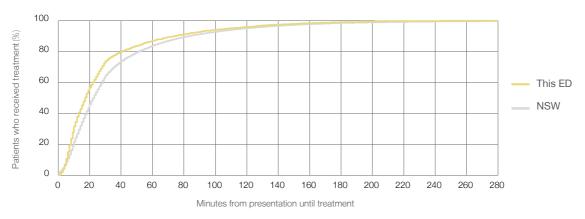
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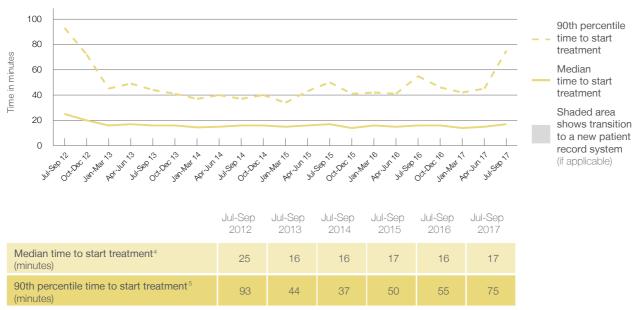
## **Coffs Harbour Base Hospital:** Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 July to September 2017

| Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)           |            | NSW (this period) |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| Number of triage 3 patients: 3,416                                | 3,019      |                   |
| Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3,318 |            |                   |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 17 minutes            | 16 minutes | 23 minutes        |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 75 minutes   | 55 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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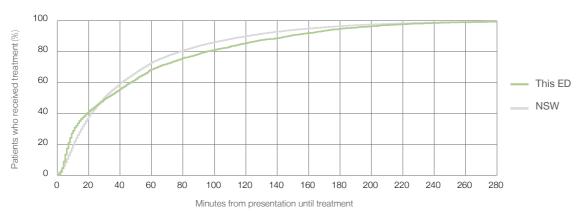
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# **Coffs Harbour Base Hospital:** Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 July to September 2017

| Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)               |            |             | Same period<br>last year | NSW (this period) |
|---|------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Number of triage 4 patients: 4,137                                |            |             | 3,537                    |                   |
| Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3,571 |            |             | 3,250                    |                   |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>                       | 32 minutes |             | 28 minutes               | 30 minutes        |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>              |            | 147 minutes | 121 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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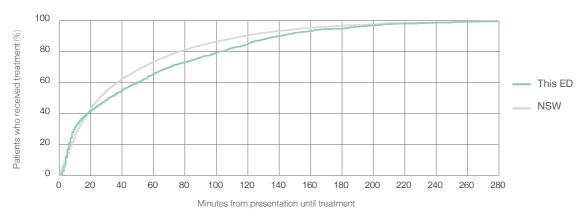
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## **Coffs Harbour Base Hospital:** Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 July to September 2017

| Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)                 |             |             | NSW (this period) |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Number of triage 5 patients: 1,470                                 |             | 1,457       |                   |
| Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time:3 1,296 |             | 1,343       |                   |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>                        | 32 minutes  | 35 minutes  | 26 minutes        |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>               | 140 minutes | 122 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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#### Coffs Harbour Base Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

July to September 2017

All presentations: 10,518 patients

Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 10,515 patients

Median time spent in the ED 8 3 hours and 5 minutes

90th percentile time spent in the ED 9 8 hours and 1 minutes

Same period last year (this period)

9,469
9,468

3 hours and 2 minutes

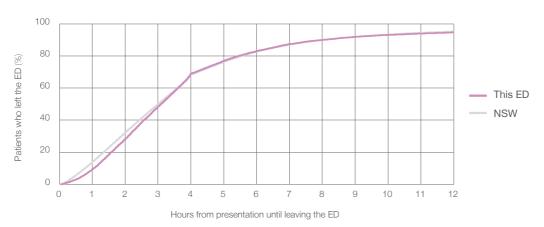
7 hours and 49 minutes

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 $^{\dagger\ddagger}$



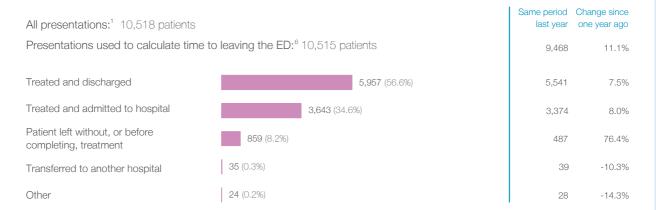
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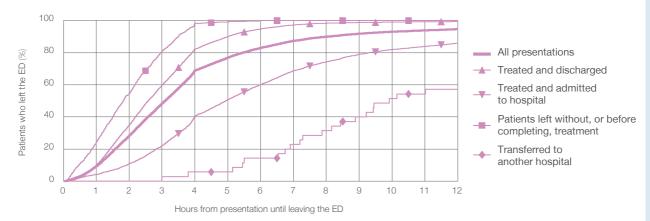
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#### Coffs Harbour Base Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

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  $^{\dagger\ddagger}$ 



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

| Treated and discharged                                | 10.1% | 35.1% | 59.9% | 82.3% | 94.8% | 98.4% | 99.1% | 99.5% |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Treated and admitted to hospital                      | 4.1%  | 10.9% | 22.2% | 40.6% | 60.1% | 74.3% | 82.0% | 86.0% |
| Patient left without, or before completing, treatment | 24.3% | 54.7% | 80.9% | 98.4% | 99.9% | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  |
| Transferred to another hospital                       | 0%    | 0%    | 2.9%  | 5.7%  | 14.3% | 31.4% | 51.4% | 57.1% |
| All presentations                                     | 9.3%  | 28.3% | 48.4% | 68.9% | 83.0% | 90.0% | 93.1% | 94.7% |

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# **Coffs Harbour Base 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: 10,518 patients

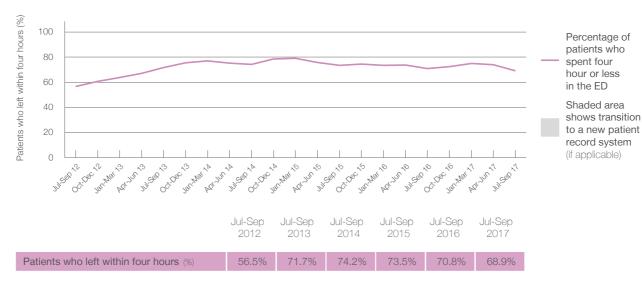
Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 10,515 patients

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

68.9%

|       | Change since one year ago |
|-------|---------------------------|
| 9,469 | 11.1%                     |
| 9,468 | 11.1%                     |
| 70.8% |                           |

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017<sup>†‡</sup>



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- 1. All emergency and non-emergency presentations at the emergency department (ED).
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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 17 October 2017).

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

Same period Change since

Same period

NSW

# **Kempsey Hospital:** Emergency department (ED) overview July to September 2017

All presentations: 7,567 patients 6,490 16.6% Emergency presentations: 7,323 patients 6,388 14.6%

#### Kempsey Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment<sup>3</sup>

July to September 2017

|   | last year   | (this period) |
|---|-------------|---------------|
| Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 879 patients        | 813         |               |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>                             | 12 minutes  | 9 minutes     |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 32 minutes         | 30 minutes  | 29 minutes    |
|   |             |               |
| Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 2,557 patients | 2,317       |               |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 25 minutes                  | 24 minutes  | 23 minutes    |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 75 minutes         | 65 minutes  | 83 minutes    |
|   |             |               |
| Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 3,391 patients     | 2,649       |               |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 34 minutes                  | 29 minutes  | 30 minutes    |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>                    | 104 minutes | 121 minutes   |
|   |             |               |
| Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 461 patients        | 584         |               |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 29 minutes                  | 26 minutes  | 26 minutes    |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>                    | 116 minutes | 118 minutes   |

## **Kempsey Hospital:** Time from presentation until leaving the ED July to September 2017

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 7,567 patients

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED 82.2%

| Same period | Change since |
|-------------|--------------|
| last year   | one year ago |
| 6,490       | 16.6%        |
| 78.6%       |              |

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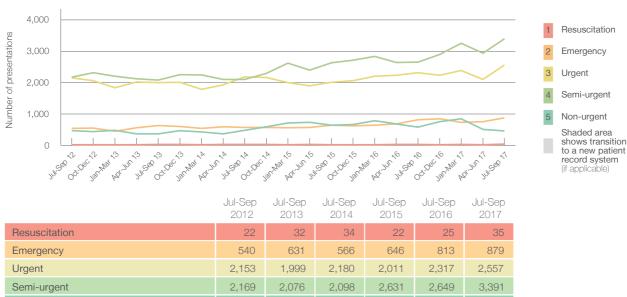
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Source: Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 17 October 2017).

## **Kempsey Hospital:** Patients presenting to the emergency department July to September 2017

Same period Change since last year one year ago All presentations: 7,567 patients 6.490 16.6% Emergency presentations<sup>2</sup> by triage category: 7,323 patients 6,388 14.6% Resuscitation 35 (0.5%) 25 40.0% 8.1% Emergency 879 (12.0%) 813 Urgent 10.4% 2,557 (34.9%) 2.317 Semi-urgent 3,391 (46.3%) 2,649 28.0% 461 (6.3%) 584 -21.1% Non-urgent

Emergency presentations<sup>2</sup> by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 <sup>‡</sup>



#### Kempsey Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

July to September 2017

All emergency presentations

Non-urgent

Arrivals used to calculate transfer of care time: 7 918 patients

ED Transfer of care time

Median time

13 minutes

14 minutes

-1 minutes

90th percentile time

28 minutes

38 minutes

-10 minutes

363

5,101

474

5,952

6,388

5,352

471

5,355

461

7,323

Same period Change since

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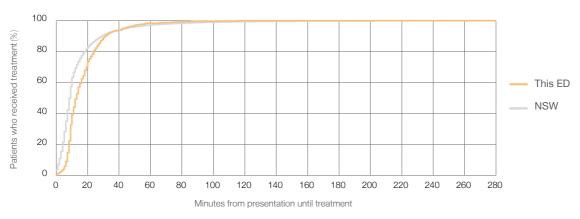
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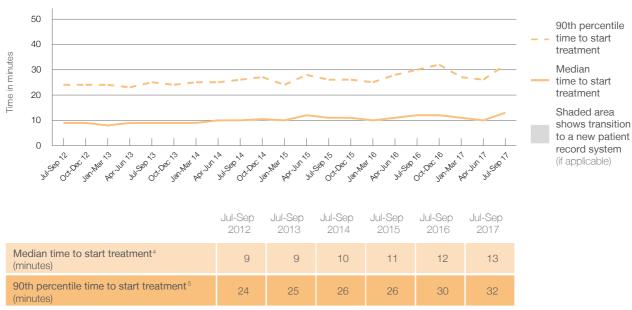
## **Kempsey Hospital:** Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2 July to September 2017

| Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)                           |            | NSW (this period) |
|--|------------|-------------------|
| Number of triage 2 patients: 879   | 813        |                   |
| Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 879 |            |                   |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 13 minutes                       | 12 minutes | 9 minutes         |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 32 minutes              | 30 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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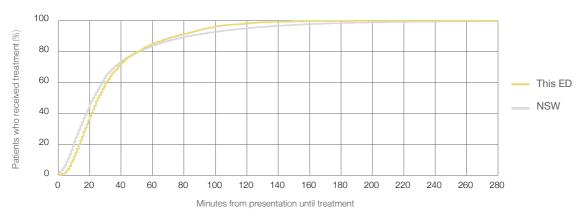
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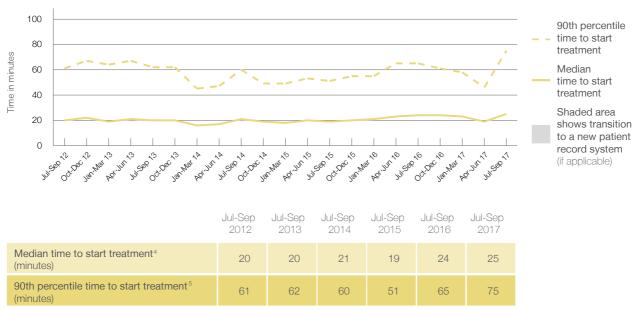
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| Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)             |            | NSW (this period) |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| Number of triage 3 patients: 2,557                                  | 2,317      |                   |
| Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 2,513 |            |                   |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 25 minutes              | 24 minutes | 23 minutes        |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 75 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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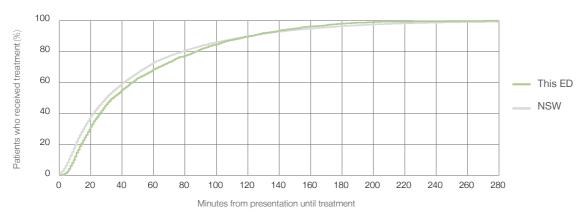
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## **Kempsey Hospital:** Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 July to September 2017

| Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)               | Same period<br>last year | NSW (this period) |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Number of triage 4 patients: 3,391                                | 2,649                    |                   |
| Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3,215 | 2,544                    |                   |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 34 minutes            | 29 minutes               | 30 minutes        |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 122 minutes  | 104 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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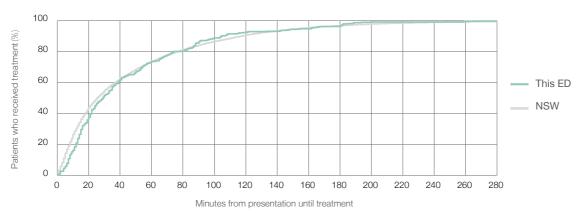
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## **Kempsey Hospital:** Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 July to September 2017

| Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)               |             | NSW (this period) |
|--|-------------|-------------------|
| Number of triage 5 patients: 461                                 | 584         |                   |
| Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: 365  | 516         |                   |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 29 minutes           | 26 minutes  | 26 minutes        |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 105 minutes | 116 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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#### Kempsey Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

July to September 2017

All presentations: <sup>1</sup> 7,567 patients

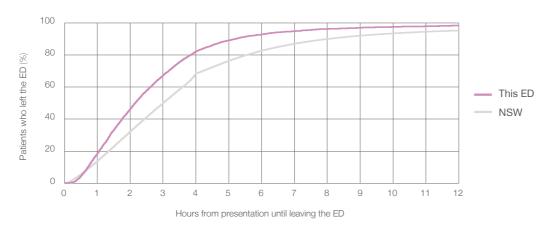
Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: <sup>6</sup> 7,567 patients

Median time spent in the ED <sup>8</sup> 2 hours and 9 minutes

90th percentile time spent in the ED <sup>9</sup> 5 hours and 12 minutes

| NSW (this period)        | Same period last year     |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|                          | 6,490                     |
|                          | 6,490                     |
| 3 hours and<br>0 minutes | 2 hours and<br>13 minutes |
| 8 hours and<br>2 minutes | 5 hours and<br>57 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 $^{\dagger\ddagger}$



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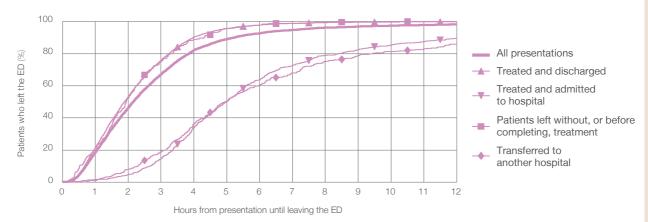
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# **Kempsey Hospital:** Time patients spent in the ED By mode of separation July to September 2017

Same period Change since All presentations: 7,567 patients last year one year ago Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED:<sup>6</sup> 7,567 patients 6,490 16.6% 6,112 (80.8%) Treated and discharged 16.5% 5.248 Treated and admitted to hospital 712 (9.4%) 10.9% Patient left without, or before 343 (4.5%) 52 4% 225 completing, treatment 391 (5.2%) 367 6.5% Transferred to another hospital 9 (0.1%) Other 8 12.5%

Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, July to September 2017  $^{\dagger\ddagger}$ 



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

| Treated and discharged                                | 21.4% | 53.3% | 76.1% | 90.3% | 97.9% | 99.4% | 99.8% | 100%  |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Treated and admitted to hospital                      | 1.5%  | 4.5%  | 14.5% | 34.1% | 63.8% | 78.9% | 85.4% | 89.7% |
| Patient left without, or before completing, treatment | 21.6% | 52.5% | 75.2% | 88.9% | 98.0% | 99.7% | 100%  | 100%  |
| Transferred to another hospital                       | 1.0%  | 7.9%  | 18.7% | 36.3% | 60.4% | 75.2% | 81.3% | 85.9% |
| All presentations                                     | 18.6% | 46.4% | 67.3% | 82.2% | 92.7% | 96.2% | 97.5% | 98.3% |

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# **Kempsey 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: <sup>1</sup> 7,567 patients

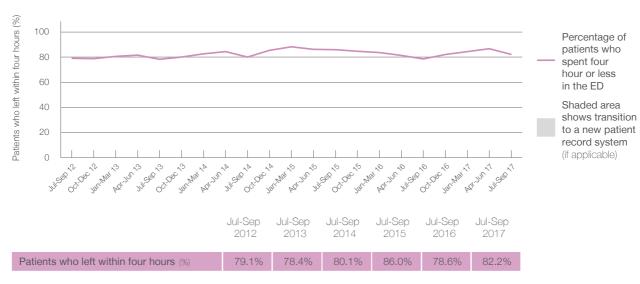
Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: <sup>6</sup> 7,567 patients

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

82.2%

|        | Change since one year ago |
|--------|---------------------------|
| 6,490  | 16.6%                     |
| 6,490  | 16.6%                     |
| 70.00/ |                           |

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017<sup>†‡</sup>



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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.
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- 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).

NSW

Same period Change since

Same period

### Macksville District Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview

July to September 2017

|  | last year | one year ago |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| All presentations: 3,888 patients                    | 3,003     | 29.5%        |
| Emergency presentations: <sup>2</sup> 3,737 patients | 2,806     | 33.2%        |

#### Macksville District Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment<sup>3</sup>

July to September 2017

|   | last year   | (this period) |
|---|-------------|---------------|
| Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 392 patients        | 370         |               |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 9 minutes                   | 9 minutes   | 9 minutes     |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 22 minutes         | 20 minutes  | 29 minutes    |
|   |             |               |
| Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 1,124 patients | 948         |               |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 21 minutes                  | 20 minutes  | 23 minutes    |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 63 minutes         | 53 minutes  | 83 minutes    |
|   |             |               |
| Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 1,677 patients     | 1,178       |               |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 27 minutes                  | 25 minutes  | 30 minutes    |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>                    | 99 minutes  | 121 minutes   |
|   |             |               |
| Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 533 patients        | 291         |               |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 32 minutes                  | 24 minutes  | 26 minutes    |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>                    | 100 minutes | 118 minutes   |

### Macksville District Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

July to September 2017

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 3,887 patients

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED 86.1%

| Same period | Change since |
|-------------|--------------|
| last year   | one year ago |
| 3,003       | 29.4%        |
| 86.2%       |              |

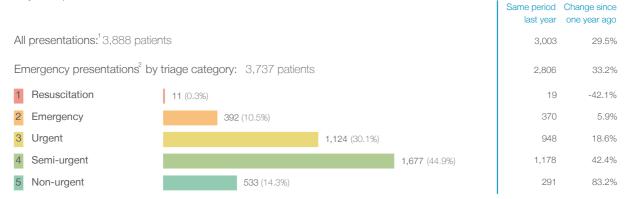
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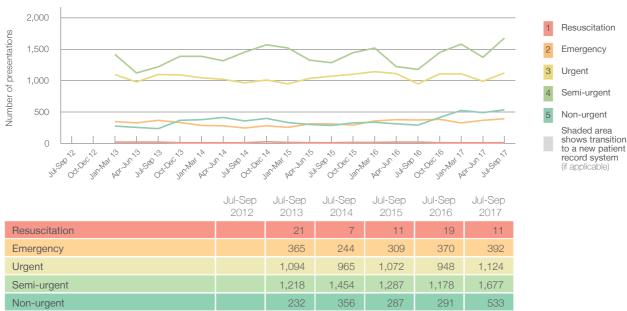
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#### Macksville District Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

July to September 2017



Emergency presentations<sup>2</sup> by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 \*§



#### Macksville District Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

July to September 2017

All emergency presentations

|  | last year  | one year ago   |  |  |
|--|------------|--|--|--|
| Arrivals used to calculate transfer of care time: 7 552 patients |            |  |  |  |
| ED Transfer of care time   |            |  |  |  |
| 11 minutes   | 13 minutes | -2 minutes   |  |  |
| 29 minutes   | 29 minutes | 0 minutes  |  |  |
|  |            |  |  |  |
|  | 11 minutes | of care time: <sup>7</sup> 552 patients 491  11 minutes 13 minutes |  |  |

2,930

3,026

2.966

2.806

3,737

Same period Change since

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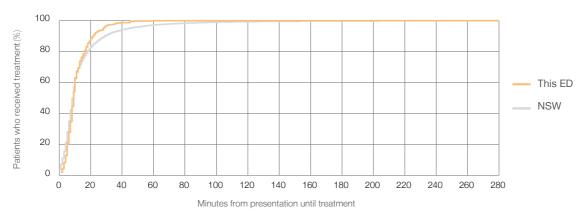
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## **Macksville District Hospital:** Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2 July to September 2017

| Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)              | Same period<br>last year | NSW (this period) |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Number of triage 2 patients: 392                                | 370                      |                   |
| Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: 383 |                          |                   |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 9 minutes           | 9 minutes                | 9 minutes         |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 22 minutes | 20 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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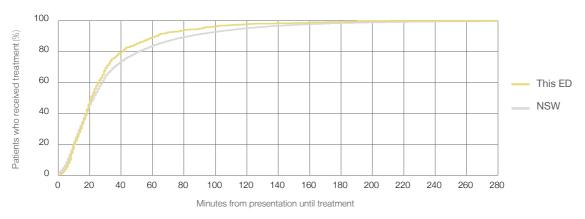
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# **Macksville District Hospital:** Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 July to September 2017

| Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)            |            | Same period<br>last year | NSW (this period) |
|--|------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Number of triage 3 patients: 1,124                                 |            | 948                      |                   |
| Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time:3 1,078 |            | 915                      |                   |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>                        | 21 minutes | 20 minutes               | 23 minutes        |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>               | 63 minutes | 53 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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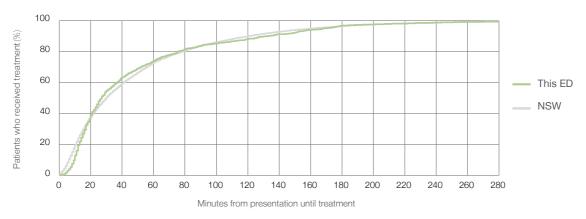
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## **Macksville District Hospital:** Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 July to September 2017

| Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle,                                     | earache)    | Same period<br>last year | NSW (this period) |
|--|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Number of triage 4 patients: 1,677   |             | 1,178                    |                   |
| Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 1,556 |             | 1,115                    |                   |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>                                    | 27 minutes  | 25 minutes               | 30 minutes        |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>                           | 133 minutes | 99 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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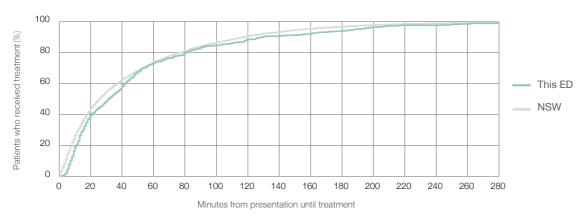
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## **Macksville District Hospital:** Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 July to September 2017

| Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)                           | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period) |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of triage 5 patients: 533   | 291                      |                      |
| Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 479 |                          |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 32 minutes                       | 24 minutes               | 26 minutes           |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 130 minutes             | 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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### Macksville District Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

July to September 2017

All presentations: 3,888 patients

Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 3,887 patients

Median time spent in the ED <sup>8</sup>

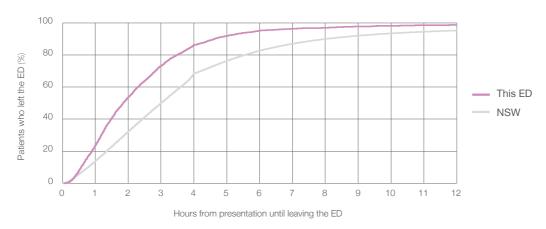
90th percentile time spent in the ED 9

1 hours and 51 minutes

4 hours and 38 minutes

| NSW<br>(this period)     | Same period last year     |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|                          | 3,003                     |
|                          | 3,003                     |
| 3 hours and<br>0 minutes | 1 hours and<br>48 minutes |
| 8 hours and<br>2 minutes | 4 hours and<br>35 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 $^{\dagger \ddagger \, \$}$



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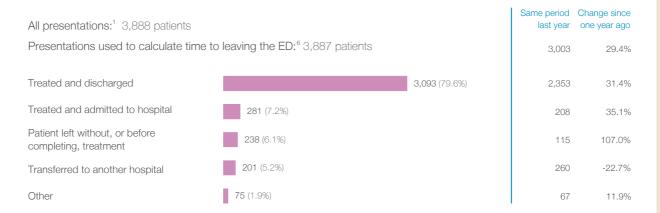
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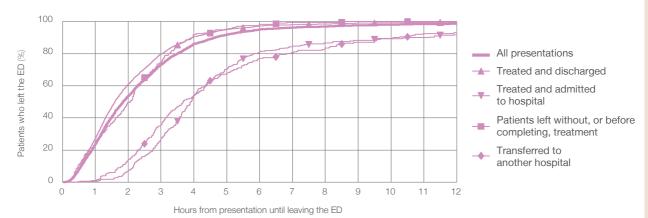
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#### Macksville District Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

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  $^{\dagger \ddagger \$}$ 



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

| Treated and discharged                                | 27.5% | 61.0% | 79.8% | 90.7% | 97.2% | 98.5% | 99.3% | 99.5% |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Treated and admitted to hospital                      | 0.4%  | 7.1%  | 27.0% | 54.1% | 81.1% | 86.8% | 89.3% | 91.8% |
| Patient left without, or before completing, treatment | 24.4% | 49.6% | 74.4% | 92.0% | 98.3% | 99.6% | 100%  | 100%  |
| Transferred to another hospital                       | 1.0%  | 13.9% | 35.8% | 54.2% | 77.1% | 83.6% | 89.6% | 93.0% |
| All presentations                                     | 23.8% | 53.7% | 73.2% | 86.1% | 95.1% | 97.0% | 98.1% | 98.7% |

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# Macksville District 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: 13,888 patients

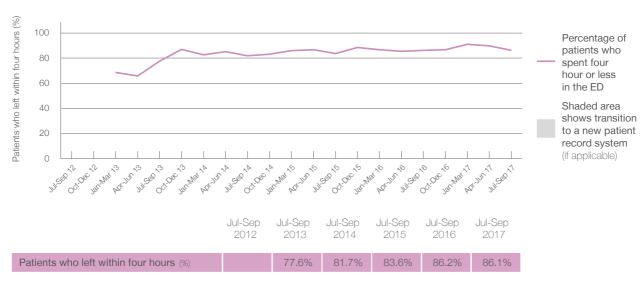
Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 63,887 patients

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

86.1%

|       | one year ago |
|-------|--------------|
| 3,003 | 29.5%        |
| 3,003 | 29.4%        |
| 86.2% |              |

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 118



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

### Port Macquarie Base Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview

July to September 2017

|  | last year | one year ago |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| All presentations: 8,839 patients                    | 8,397     | 5.3%         |
| Emergency presentations: <sup>2</sup> 8,708 patients | 8,160     | 6.7%         |

#### Port Macquarie Base Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment<sup>3</sup>

July to September 2017

|   | Same period last year | NSW<br>(this period) |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 1,167 patients      | 1,224                 |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 9 minutes                   | 11 minutes            | 9 minutes            |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 22 minutes         | 29 minutes            | 29 minutes           |
|   |                       |                      |
| Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 3,525 patients | 3,362                 |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 21 minutes                  | 22 minutes            | 23 minutes           |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 63 minutes         | 66 minutes            | 83 minutes           |
|   |                       |                      |
| Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 3,592 patients     | 3,147                 |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 28 minutes                  | 25 minutes            | 30 minutes           |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 93 minutes         | 92 minutes            | 121 minutes          |
|   |                       |                      |
| Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 358 patients        | 383                   |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 26 minutes                  | 29 minutes            | 26 minutes           |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>                    | 93 minutes            | 118 minutes          |

#### Port Macquarie Base Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

July to September 2017

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 8,838 patients

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

| Change since | Same period |
|--------------|-------------|
| one year ago | last year   |
| 5.3%         | 8,397       |
|              | 68.9%       |

Same period Change since

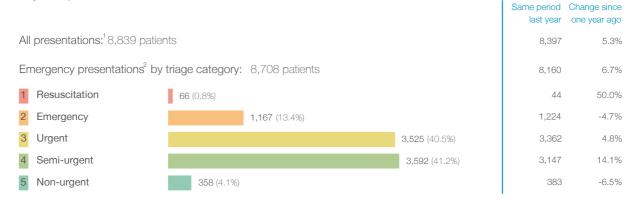
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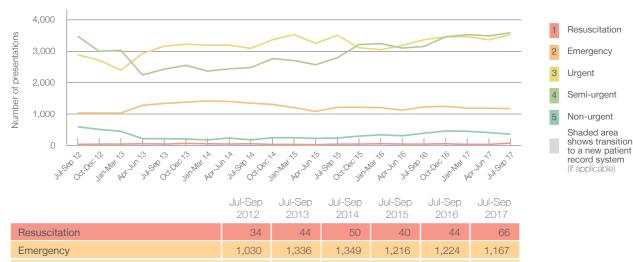
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#### Port Macquarie Base Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

July to September 2017



Emergency presentations<sup>2</sup> by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 <sup>‡</sup>



3,156

2,427

7,174

3,093

2,476

7,144

3,506

2,796

7,788

3,362

3,147

8,160

3,525

3,592

8,708

Same period Change since

### Port Macquarie Base Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

2.883

3,480

8.017

July to September 2017

All emergency presentations

Urgent

Semi-urgent

Non-urgent

Arrivals used to calculate transfer of care time: 7 2,318 patients

ED Transfer of care time

Median time

13 minutes

40 minutes

1 minutes

40 minutes

1 minutes

40 minutes

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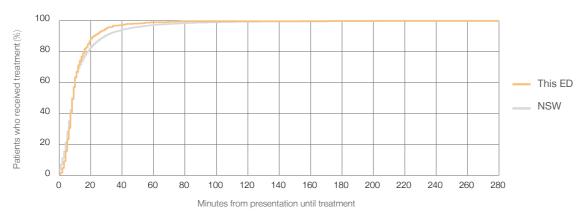
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### Port Macquarie Base Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2

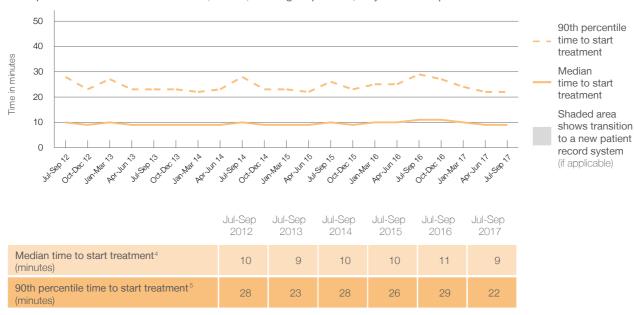
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| Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)                             | Same period<br>last year | (this period) |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|
| Number of triage 2 patients: 1,167   |                          |               |
| Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 1,161 |                          |               |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 9 minutes                          | 11 minutes               | 9 minutes     |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 22 minutes                | 29 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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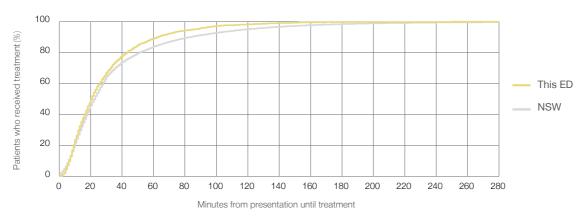
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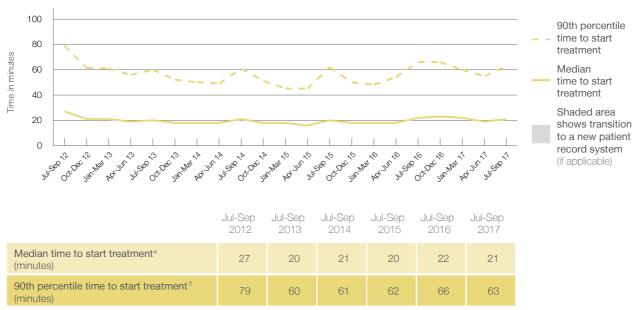
# **Port Macquarie Base Hospital:** Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 July to September 2017

| Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)                        | Same period<br>last year | NSW (this period) |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Number of triage 3 patients: 3,525   | 3,362                    |                   |
| Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 3,428 |                          |                   |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 21 minutes                         | 22 minutes               | 23 minutes        |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 63 minutes                | 66 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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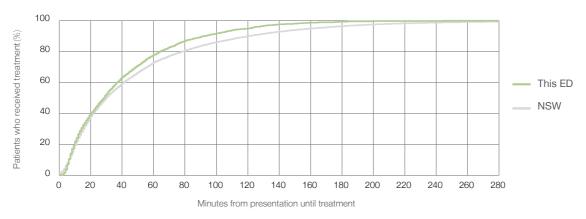
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# **Port Macquarie Base Hospital:** Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 July to September 2017

| Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)                            | Same period<br>last year | NSW (this period) |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Number of triage 4 patients: 3,592   | 3,147                    |                   |
| Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 3,003 |                          |                   |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 28 minutes                         | 25 minutes               | 30 minutes        |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 93 minutes                | 92 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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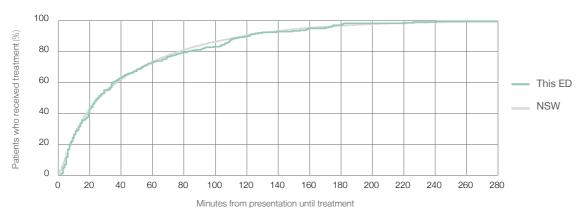
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# **Port Macquarie Base Hospital:** Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 July to September 2017

| Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)                           | Same period<br>last year | NSW (this period) |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Number of triage 5 patients: 358   | 383                      |                   |
| Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 238 |                          |                   |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 26 minutes                       | 29 minutes               | 26 minutes        |
| 90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>                         | 93 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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#### Port Macquarie Base Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

July to September 2017

All presentations: 8,839 patients

Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 8,838 patients

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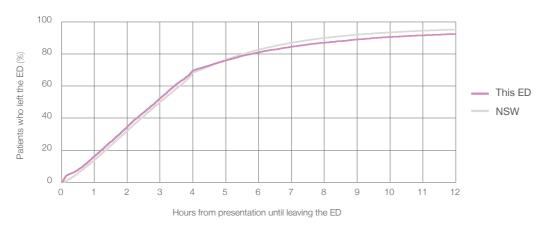
Median time spent in the ED 8 2 hours and 53 minutes

20th percentile time spent in the ED 9 2 hours and 25 minutes

90th percentile time spent in the ED <sup>9</sup> 9 hours and 35 minutes

| NSW<br>(this period)     | Same period last year     |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|                          | 8,397                     |
|                          | 8,397                     |
| 3 hours and<br>0 minutes | 2 hours and<br>56 minutes |
| 8 hours and<br>2 minutes | 8 hours and<br>7 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 $^{\dagger\ddagger}$



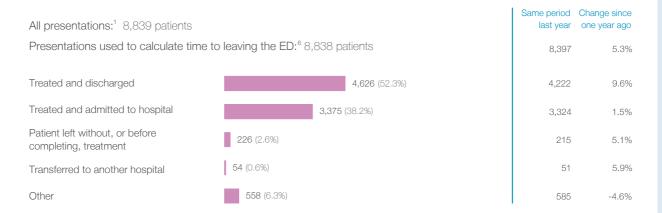
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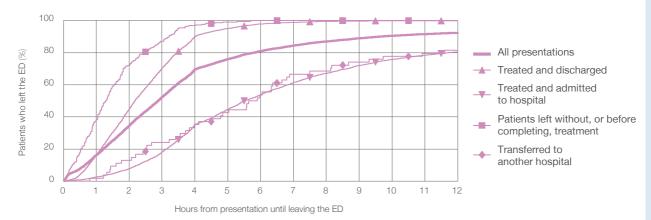
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#### Port Macquarie Base Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

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  $^{\dagger\ddagger}$ 



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

| Treated and discharged                                | 16.5% | 45.0% | 70.5% | 90.1% | 97.9% | 99.5% | 99.9% | 99.9% |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Treated and admitted to hospital                      | 2.5%  | 7.9%  | 18.2% | 35.0% | 53.8% | 67.1% | 75.8% | 80.6% |
| Patient left without, or before completing, treatment | 38.1% | 72.1% | 87.2% | 96.9% | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  |
| Transferred to another hospital                       | 1.9%  | 13.0% | 24.1% | 35.2% | 53.7% | 68.5% | 77.8% | 81.5% |
| All presentations                                     | 16.3% | 34.6% | 52.4% | 69.5% | 81.0% | 87.0% | 90.6% | 92.4% |

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# Port Macquarie Base 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: 18,839 patients

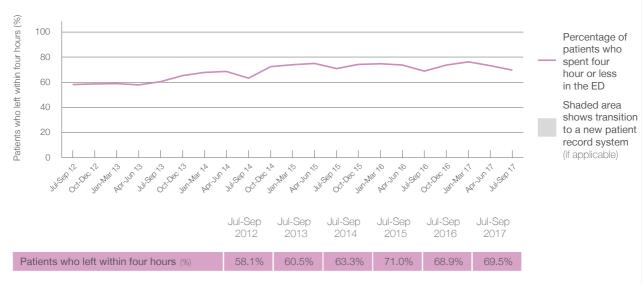
Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 68,838 patients

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

69.5%

|       | Change since one year ago |
|-------|---------------------------|
| 8,397 | 5.3%                      |
| 8,397 | 5.3%                      |
| 68.9% |                           |

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017<sup>†‡</sup>



- \* 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).