

Healthcare Quarterly

Performance Profiles

Emergency Department

Sydney Local Health District

NSW

Canterbury Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview July to September 2017

All presentations:¹ 12,458 patients
Emergency presentations:² 12,427 patients

Same period	Change since
last year	one year ago
11,230	10.9%
11.186	11.1%

I Same period Change since

Same period

Canterbury Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment³

July to September 2017

	last year	(this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 1,214 patients	1,061	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 8 minutes	8 minutes	9 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 21 minutes	17 minutes	29 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 4,525 patients	4,067	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 22 minutes	18 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 78 minutes	58 minutes	83 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 5,483 patients	4,966	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 29 minutes	24 minutes	30 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	94 minutes	121 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 1,160 patients	1,050	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 24 minutes	21 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	103 minutes	118 minutes

Canterbury Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

July to September 2017

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 12,453 patients

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

		last year	one year ago
g the ED:6 12,453 patients		11,230	10.9%
	73.0%	79.7%	

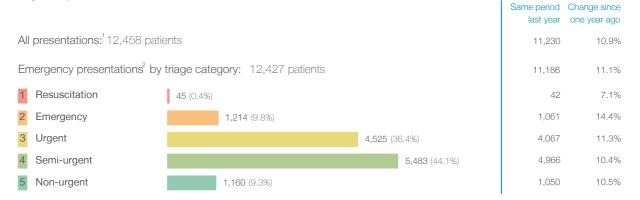
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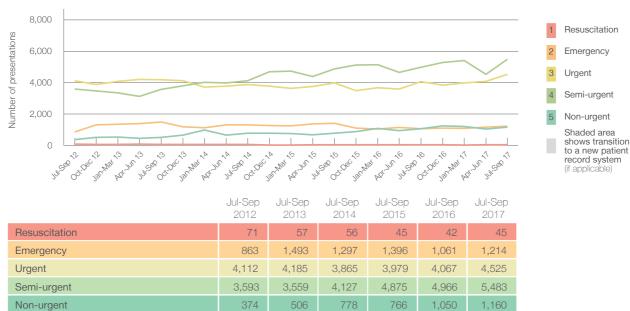
Source: Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 17 October 2017).

Canterbury Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

July to September 2017



Emergency presentations² by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 [‡]



Canterbury Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

9,013

July to September 2017

All emergency presentations

		last year	one year ago
Arrivals used to calculate train	nsfer of care time: 7 2,231 patients	1,842	
ED Transfer of care time			
Median time	12 minutes	11 minutes	1 minute
90th percentile time	23 minutes	21 minutes	2 minutes

9,800

10,123 11,061

11,186

12,427

Same period Change since

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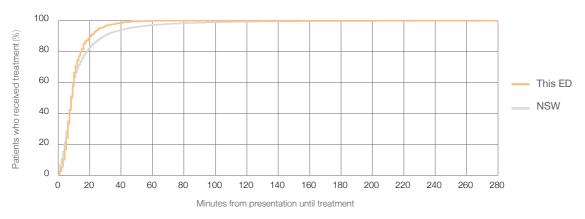
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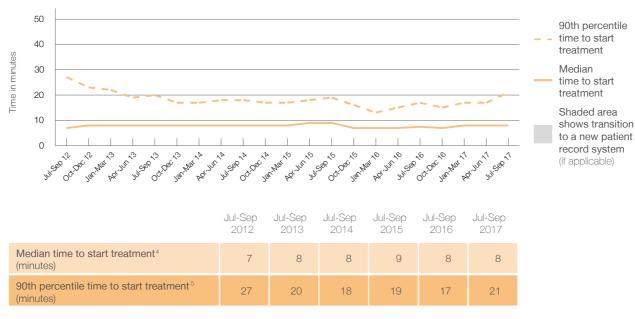
Canterbury Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2 July to September 2017

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 1,214	1,061	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 1,210	1,060	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 8 minutes	8 minutes	9 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 21 minutes	17 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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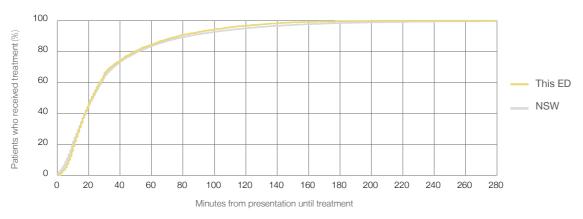
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Canterbury Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 July to September 2017

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 4,525	4,067	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 4,396	4,002	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 22 minutes		23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 78 minutes	58 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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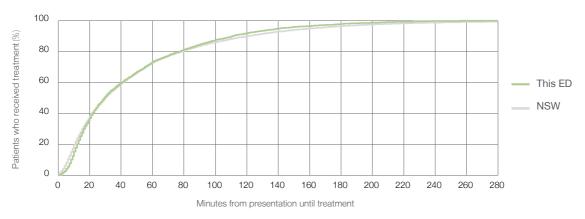
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Canterbury Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 July to September 2017

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 5,483	4,966	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: 4,987	4,616	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 29 minutes	24 minutes	30 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 111 minutes	94 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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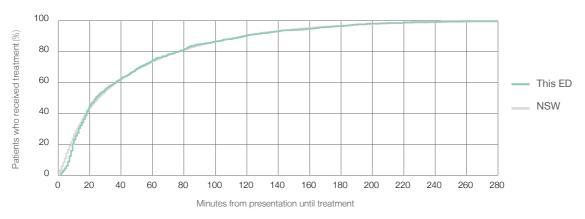
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Canterbury Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 July to September 2017

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 1,160	1,050	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: 906	810	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 24 minutes	21 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	103 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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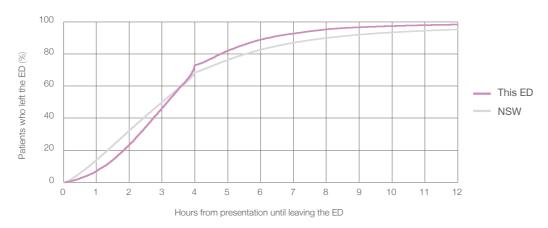
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Canterbury Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

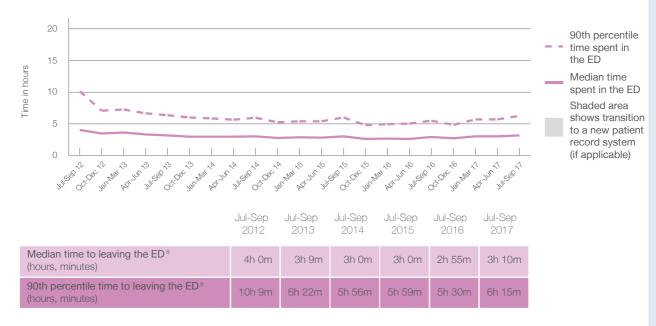
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Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, July to September 2017



Time patients spent in the ED, by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 †‡



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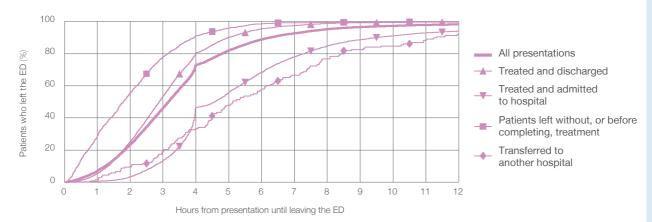
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Canterbury Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

By mode of separation July to September 2017

All presentations: ¹ 12,458 patients	Same period last year	Change since one year ago	
Presentations used to calculate time t	11,230	10.9%	
Treated and discharged	7,850 (63.0%)	7,209	8.9%
Treated and admitted to hospital	3,014 (24.2%)	2,912	3.5%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	1,416 (11.4%)	984	43.9%
Transferred to another hospital	138 (1.1%)	111	24.3%
Other	40 (0.3%)	14	185.7%

Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, July to September 2017 †‡



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

Treated and discharged	5.4%	25.4%	53.5%	80.5%	95.5%	98.8%	99.5%	99.7%
Treated and admitted to hospital	0.5%	3.5%	13.3%	46.5%	68.4%	84.9%	91.1%	94.1%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	28.7%	55.6%	78.1%	91.2%	98.7%	99.5%	99.8%	99.9%
Transferred to another hospital	1.4%	9.4%	18.8%	33.3%	58.0%	76.8%	84.8%	92.0%
All presentations	7.0%	23.5%	46.3%	73.0%	88.9%	95.3%	97.4%	98.3%

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Canterbury 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: 12,458 patients

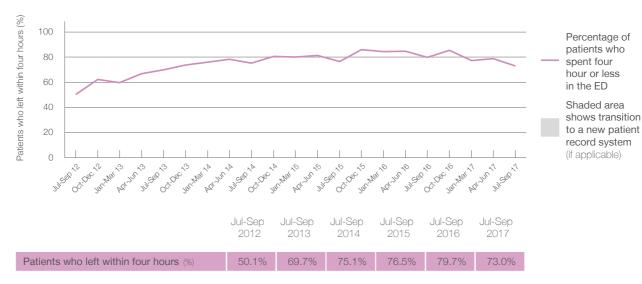
Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 12,453 patients

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

73.0%

	Change since one year ago
11,230	10.9%
11,230	10.9%
79.7%	

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 14



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Treatment time is the earliest time recorded when a healthcare professional provides medical care that is relevant to the patient's presenting problems. For patients who were treated and discharged, departure time is the time when treatment was completed. For all other patients, departure time is the time when the patient actually left the ED.

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).

Concord Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview July to September 2017

All presentations: 10,451 patients
Emergency presentations: 10,422 patients

	Change since one year ago
9,602	8.8%
9,567	8.9%

NSW

Same period

Concord Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment³

July to September 2017

	last year	(this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 1,222 patients	1,082	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 9 minutes	8 minutes	9 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	14 minutes	29 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 4,757 patients	3,348	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 23 minutes	21 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 69 minutes	57 minutes	83 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 3,994 patients	4,714	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 26 minutes	28 minutes	30 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 84 minutes	82 minutes	121 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 381 patients	369	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	23 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 74 minutes	83 minutes	118 minutes

Concord Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED July to September 2017

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 10,451 patients

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED 70.8%

	Change since one year ago
9,600	8.9%
73.2%	

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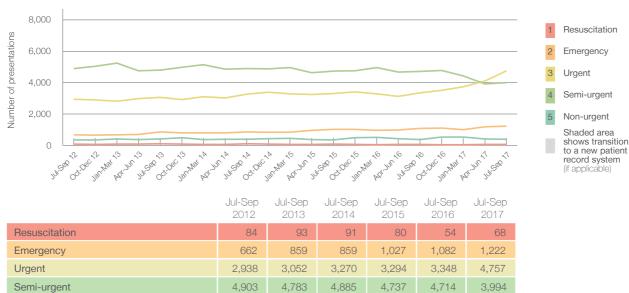
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Concord Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department July to September 2017

Same period Change since last year one year ago All presentations: 10,451 patients 9.602 8.8% Emergency presentations² by triage category: 10,422 patients 9,567 8.9% Resuscitation 68 (0.7%) 54 25.9% 12.9% Emergency 1.082 1,222 (11.7%) 42.1% Urgent 4,757 (45.6%) 3.348 Semi-urgent 3,994 (38.3%) 4,714 -15.3% 381 (3.7%) 369 3.3% Non-urgent

Emergency presentations² by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 [‡]



Concord Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

July to September 2017

All emergency presentations

Non-urgent

Arrivals used to calculate transfer of care time: 7 2,631 patients

ED Transfer of care time

Median time

13 minutes

13 minutes

19 minutes

4 minutes

407

9,194

9,481

8,930

369

9,567

9,479

381

Same period Change since

10,422

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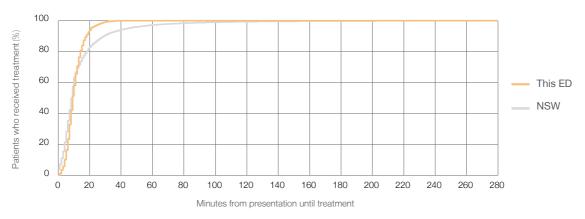
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Concord Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2 July to September 2017

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 1,222	1,082	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 1,212		
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 9 minutes	8 minutes	9 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 18 minutes	14 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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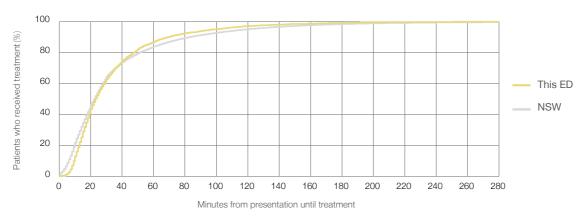
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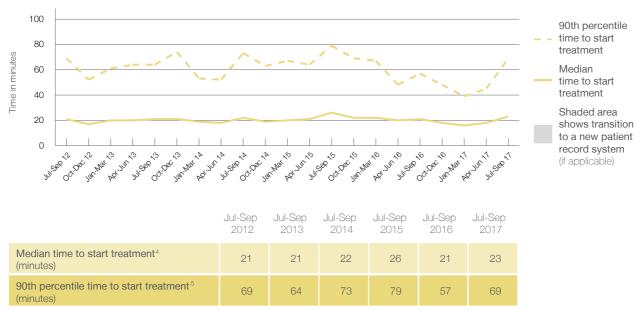
Concord Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 July to September 2017

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 4,757	3,348	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: 4,591	3,276	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 23 minutes	21 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 69 minutes	57 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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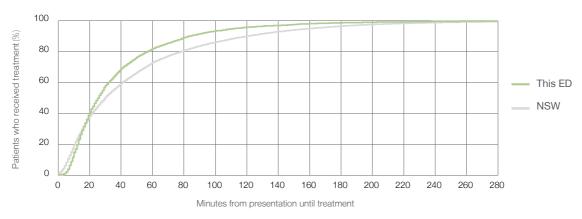
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Concord Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 July to September 2017

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)		NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 3,994		
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time:3 3,730		
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 26 minutes	28 minutes	30 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 84 minutes	82 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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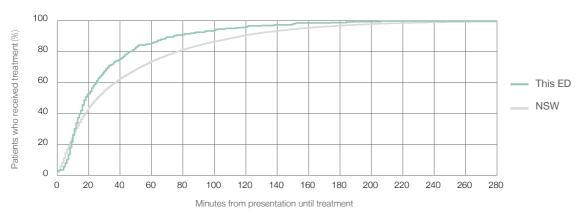
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Concord Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 July to September 2017

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)		NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 381		
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 317		
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 18 minutes	23 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 74 minutes	83 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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7 hours and 1 minutes

Concord Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

July to September 2017

90th percentile time spent in the ED 9

All presentations: 1 10,451 patients

Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 10,451 patients

Median time spent in the ED 8 3 hours and 23 minutes

Same period NSW (this period)

9,602

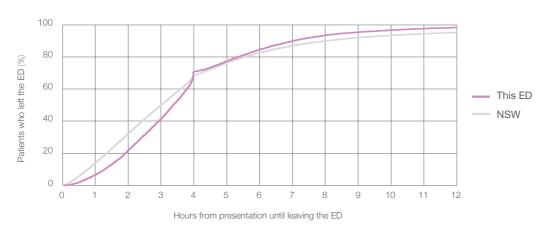
9,600

3 hours and 12 minutes

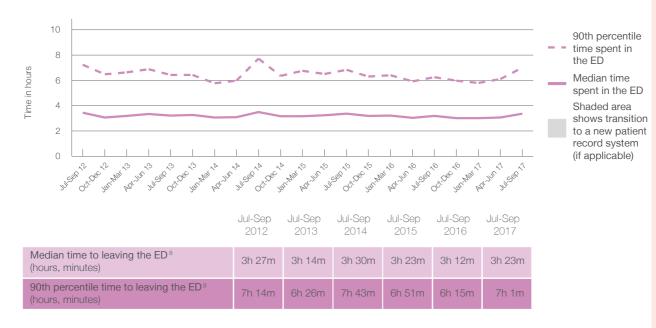
6 hours and 15 minutes

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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



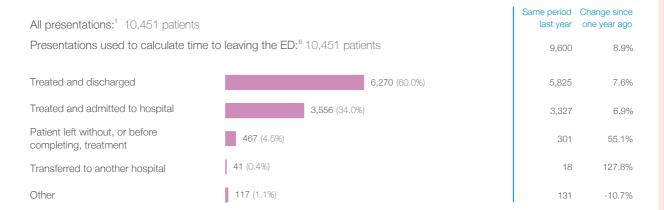
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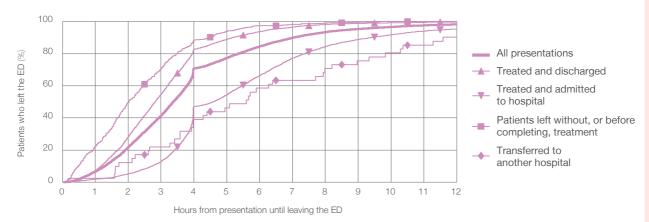
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Concord Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

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 †‡



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

Treated and discharged	7.2%	28.2%	54.9%	82.7%	93.8%	98.2%	99.3%	99.8%
Treated and admitted to hospital	1.9%	5.1%	12.9%	47.1%	66.4%	84.4%	91.8%	95.4%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	22.3%	49.7%	70.7%	88.4%	97.4%	99.1%	100%	100%
Transferred to another hospital	2.4%	12.2%	22.0%	39.0%	58.5%	70.7%	80.5%	90.2%
All presentations	6.6%	21.8%	41.6%	70.8%	84.6%	93.4%	96.7%	98.3%

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Concord 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: 10,451 patients

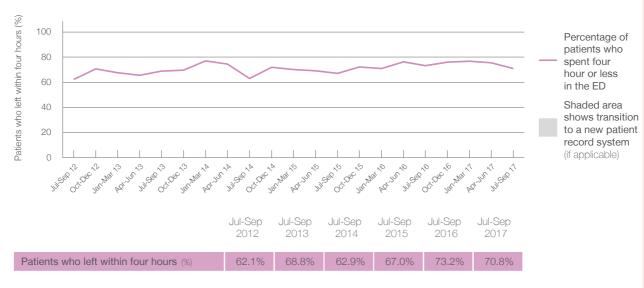
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Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED

70.8%

	Change since one year ago
9,602	8.8%
9,600	8.9%
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Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 †‡



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Same period Change since

Same period

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview July to September 2017

All presentations: 19,682 patients 18,420 6.9% Emergency presentations: 19,160 patients 17,894 7.1%

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment³

July to September 2017

	last year	(this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 3,243 patients	2,744	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	11 minutes	9 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 26 minutes	24 minutes	29 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 10,367 patients	9,524	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 29 minutes	24 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 94 minutes	72 minutes	83 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 4,927 patients	5,009	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 36 minutes	32 minutes	30 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	109 minutes	121 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 474 patients	490	
	490	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 32 minutes	31 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 126 minutes	116 minutes	118 minutes

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

July to September 2017

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 19,680 patients

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

Same period	Change since
last year	one year ago
18,420	6.8%
65.2%	

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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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60.8%

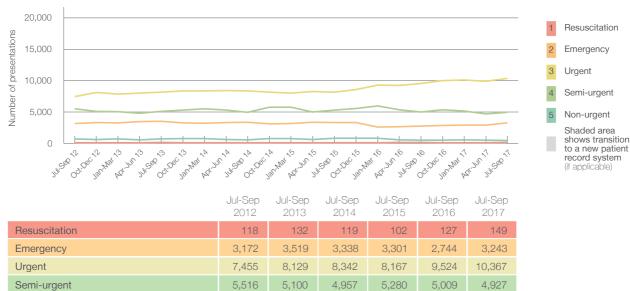
Same period Change since

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

July to September 2017

			last year	one year ago
All presentations: 19,682 patie	ents		18,420	6.9%
Emergency presentations ² by	triage category: 19,160 patients		17,894	7.1%
1 Resuscitation	149 (0.8%)		127	17.3%
2 Emergency	3,243 (16.9%)		2,744	18.2%
3 Urgent		10,367 (54.1%)	9,524	8.9%
4 Semi-urgent	4,927 (25.7%)		5,009	-1.6%
5 Non-urgent	474 (2.5%)		490	-3.3%

Emergency presentations² by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 [‡]



Royal Prince Alfred Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

16,974

17,567

17,288

17,670

July to September 2017

All emergency presentations

Non-urgent

		last year	one year ago
Arrivals used to calculate transfer of care time: 7 5,320 patients		5,232	
ED Transfer of care time			
Median time	17 minutes	14 minutes	3 minutes
90th percentile time	35 minutes	27 minutes	8 minutes

490

17,894

474

Same period Change since

19,160

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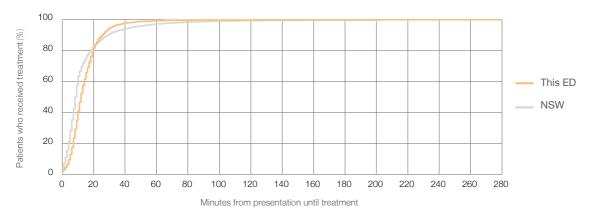
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Royal Prince Alfred Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2

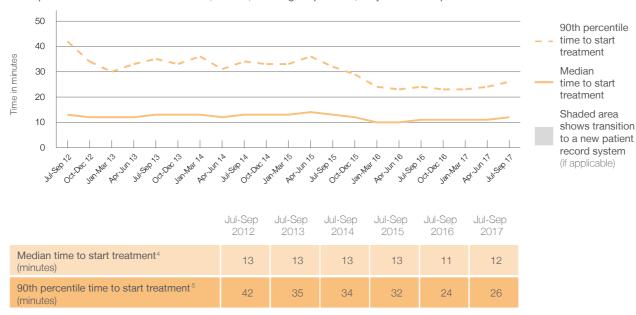
July to September 2017

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 3,243	2,744	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3,233	2,737	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 12 minutes	11 minutes	9 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 26 minutes	24 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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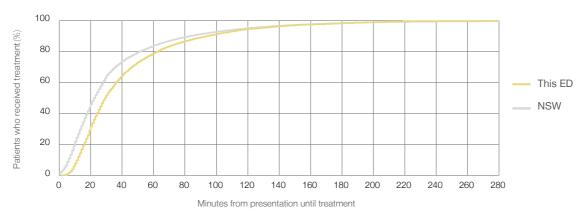
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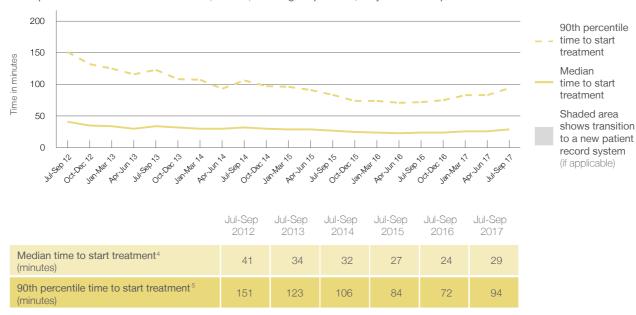
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 July to September 2017

NSW Same period Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration) (this period) last year Number of triage 3 patients: 10,367 9 5 2 4 Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: 10,138 9.365 Median time to start treatment⁴ 29 minutes 24 minutes 23 minutes 90th percentile time to start treatment⁵ 94 minutes 83 minutes 72 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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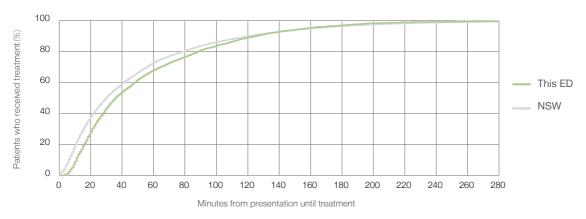
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Royal Prince Alfred Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 July to September 2017

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 4,927	5,009	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: 4,652	4,755	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 36 minutes	32 minutes	30 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 125 minutes	109 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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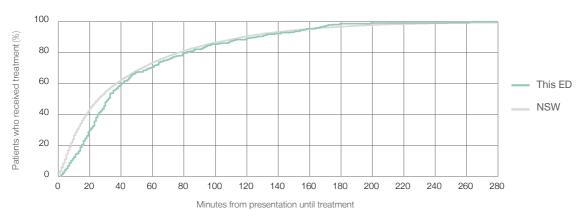
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Royal Prince Alfred Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 July to September 2017

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 474	490	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: 323	341	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 32 minutes	31 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 126 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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Royal Prince Alfred Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

July to September 2017

All presentations: 19,682 patients

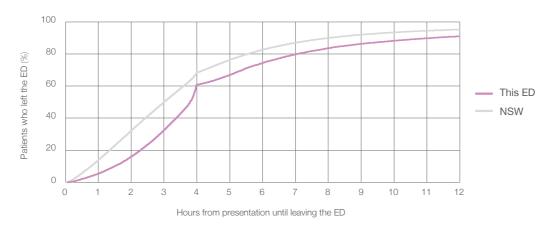
Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 19,680 patients

Median time spent in the ED 3 3 hours and 48 minutes

90th percentile time spent in the ED 9 11 hours and 12 minutes

NSW (this period)	Same period last year
	18,420
	18,420
3 hours and 0 minutes	3 hours and 41 minutes
8 hours and 2 minutes	9 hours and 6 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 †‡



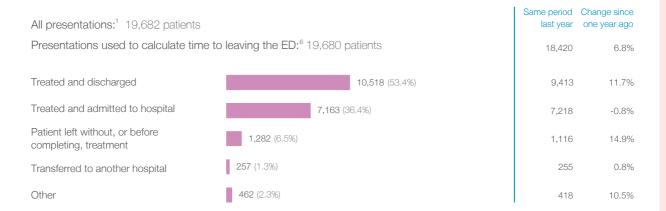
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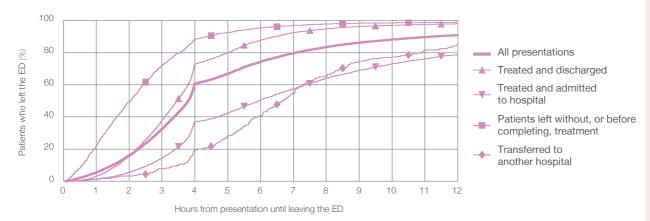
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Royal Prince Alfred Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

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 †‡



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

Treated and discharged	3.0%	15.9%	37.8%	73.0%	87.7%	94.8%	97.1%	98.0%
Treated and admitted to hospital	1.2%	5.5%	14.4%	36.9%	50.6%	64.1%	73.1%	79.0%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	22.2%	49.8%	71.8%	88.4%	95.5%	97.9%	98.6%	99.1%
Transferred to another hospital	1.2%	3.1%	7.8%	19.5%	40.5%	65.0%	77.4%	84.8%
All presentations	5.5%	16.1%	32.6%	60.8%	74.4%	83.6%	88.2%	91.0%

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

All presentations at the emergency department: 19,682 patients

Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 19,680 patients

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



	Change since one year ago
18,420	6.9%
18,420	6.8%
65.2%	

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, July 2012 to September 2017 14



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- 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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