

Emergency department activity

	Oct-Dec 2020	Oct-Dec 2019	Difference	% change	
All arrivals at ED by ambulance	13,079	13,759	-680	-4.9%	
ED Attendances	74,128	58,609	15,519	26.5%	
Emergency presentations	73,971	58,444	15,527	26.6%	
Emergency presentation by triage category	T1: Resuscitation	549	487	62	12.7%
	T2: Emergency	10,710	10,432	278	2.7%
	T3: Urgent	19,428	20,023	-595	-3.0%
	T4: Semi-urgent	20,776	22,068	-1,292	-5.9%
	T5: Non-urgent	22,508	5,434	17,074	314.2%
Admissions to hospital from EDs	20,012	20,927	-915	-4.4%	

Emergency department performance

	Oct-Dec 2020	Oct-Dec 2019	Difference	NSW results	
Time to treatment by triage category	Median time to treatment	7m	7m	0m	9m
	T2: Emergency 90th percentile time to treatment	16m	16m	0m	26m
	% started treatment on time	78.0%	79.1%	-1.1 percentage points	63.1%
	Median time to treatment	18m	17m	1m	20m
	T3: Urgent 90th percentile time to treatment	1h 01m	53m	8m	1h 11m
	% started treatment on time	73.3%	76.4%	-3.1 percentage points	69.3%
	Median time to treatment	23m	23m	0m	27m
	T4: Semi-urgent 90th percentile time to treatment	1h 20m	1h 18m	2m	1h 48m
	% started treatment on time	82.4%	83.2%	-0.8 percentage points	76.4%
	Median time to treatment	2m	23m	-21m	14m
	T5: Non-urgent 90th percentile time to treatment	32m	1h 42m	-70m	1h 30m
	% started treatment on time	98.7%	94.0%	4.7 percentage points	94.3%
Patients starting treatment on time %	84.3%	81.0%	3.3 percentage points	74.1%	
Median time to leave the ED	2h 30m	3h 06m	-36m	2h 51m	
90th percentile time to leave the ED	6h 21m	6h 31m	-10m	7h 42m	
Patients leaving the ED within four hours of presentation	76.5%	72.9%	3.6 percentage points	69.8%	
Transfer of care	Median transfer of care time (minutes)	11m	11m	0m	12m
	90th percentile transfer of care time (minutes)	24m	23m	1m	34m
	Percent on target	93.6%	94.4%	-0.8 percentage points	87.3%

Notes: For Northern Sydney LHD, 73.2% of triage 5 attendances were due to COVID-19 testing provided by EDs. This may have contributed to changes in ED performance. ED attendances includes every patient visit to the ED during the defined period. The vast majority of ED attendances are classified as 'emergency presentations'. The remaining ED attendances include non-emergency visits such as planned returns, pre-arranged admissions, some outpatient visits and private referrals.

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Elective surgery activity

	Oct-Dec 2020	Oct-Dec 2019	Difference	% change
Elective surgery procedures performed	3,519	3,371	148	4.4%
Urgency category				
Urgent	996	835	161	19.3%
Semi-urgent	1,302	1,208	94	7.8%
Non-urgent	1,177	1,264	-87	-6.9%
Patients on waiting list ready for elective surgery at the end of quarter	4,513	4,759	-246	-5.2%
Urgency category				
Urgent	75	50	25	50.0%
Semi-urgent	908	759	149	19.6%
Non-urgent	3,530	3,950	-420	-10.6%

Elective surgery performance

		Oct-Dec 2020	Oct-Dec 2019	Difference	NSW results	
Waiting time (days)	Urgent	Median	10 days	11 days	-1 days	12 days
		90th percentile	25 days	25 days	0 days	26 days
	Semi-urgent	Median	43 days	44 days	-1 days	51 days
		90th percentile	83 days	81 days	2 days	95 days
	Non-urgent	Median	273 days	196 days	77 days	320 days
		90th percentile	366 days	349 days	17 days	435 days
Elective surgery procedures performed on time	All procedures	94.6%	97%	-2.4 percentage points	82.4%	
	Urgent	99.9%	100.0%	-0.1 percentage points	99.8%	
	Semi-urgent	94.9%	96.1%	-1.2 percentage points	88.3%	
	Non-urgent	89.8%	95.9%	-6.1 percentage points	68.3%	

Admitted patient activity

	Oct-Dec 2020	Oct-Dec 2019	Difference	% change	
Episodes	All episodes	37,557	39,083	-1,526	-3.9%
	Acute	34,839	36,231	-1,392	-3.8%
	Acute Overnight	19,080	20,180	-1,100	-5.5%
	Acute Same Day	15,759	16,051	-292	-1.8%
	Non-acute	1,585	1,658	-73	-4.4%
	Mental health	1,133	1,194	-61	-5.1%
Average length of stay (days)	Acute	3.0	2.9	0.1	
	Acute Overnight	4.6	4.4	0.2	
	Non-acute	13.4	14.7	-1.3	
	Mental health	19.5	22.0	-2.5	
Hospital bed days	All bed days	147,759	155,050	-7,291	-4.7%
	Acute	104,329	104,423	-94	-0.1%
	Non-acute	21,282	24,398	-3,116	-12.8%
	Mental health	22,148	26,229	-4,081	-15.6%
Babies born in Northern Sydney public hospitals	1,219	1,446	-227	-15.7%	

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