

# Healthcare Quarterly

# Performance Profiles

**Emergency Department** 

Central Coast Local Health District

Same period Change since

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#### Gosford Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview

January to March 2017

	last year	one year ago
All presentations: 16,704 patients	16,613	0.5%
Emergency presentations: <sup>2</sup> 16,603 patients	16,470	0.8%

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

January to March 2017

	last year	(this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 2,055 patients	2,091	
Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 6 minutes	6 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 20 minutes	18 minutes	26 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 6,546 patients	6,462	
Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 21 minutes	21 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 72 minutes	77 minutes	69 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 7,302 patients	7,181	
Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 34 minutes	35 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>	108 minutes	101 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 480 patients	532	
Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 32 minutes	28 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>	107 minutes	104 minutes

## **Gosford Hospital:** Time from presentation until leaving the ED January to March 2017

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 16.704 patients

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Percentage of patients who spent			
four hours or less in the ED			68.0%

	one year ago
16,613	0.5%
69.7%	

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- 6. All presentations that have a departure time.

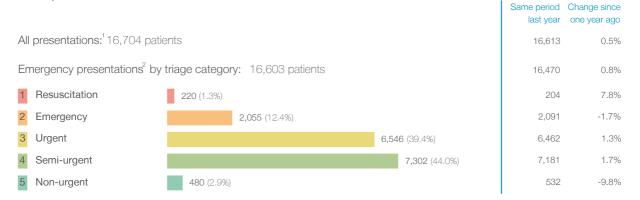
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Source: Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 18 April 2017).

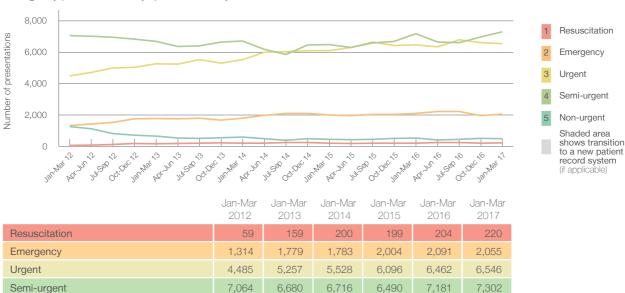
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#### Gosford Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

January to March 2017



Emergency presentations<sup>2</sup> by quarter, January 2012 to March 2017 <sup>‡</sup>



#### Gosford Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

14,184

14,535

14,816

January to March 2017

All emergency presentations

Non-urgent

		last year	one year ago
Arrivals used to calculate transfer of care time: 7 4,675 patients		4,624	
ED Transfer of care time			
Median time	9 minutes	10 minutes	-1 minute
90th percentile time	44 minutes	59 minutes	-15 minutes

7,302

16,603

480

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450

16,470

15,239

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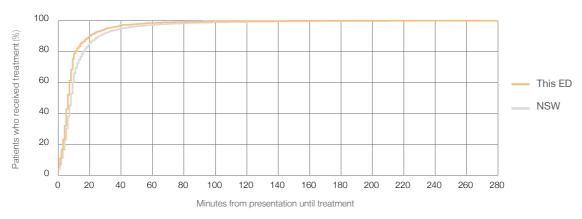
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### Gosford Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2

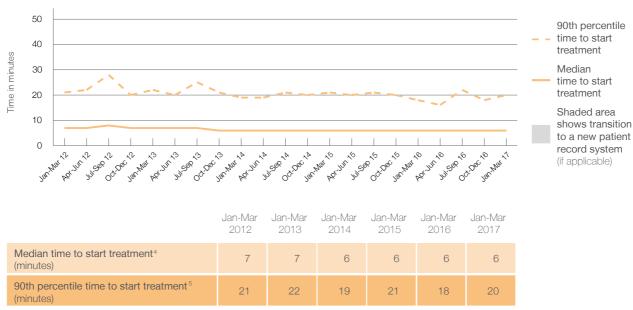
January to March 2017

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 2,055	2,091	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 2,048	2,085	
Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 6 minutes	6 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 20 minutes	18 minutes	26 minutes

Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment(minutes) for triage 2 patients, January 2012 to March 2017



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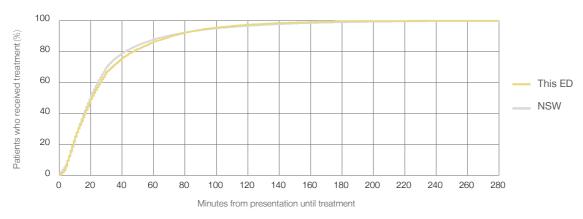
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## **Gosford Hospital:** Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 January to March 2017

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood	last year	(this period)	
Number of triage 3 patients: 6,546	6,462		
Number of triage 3 patients used to calc	6,342		
Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>	21 minutes	20 minutes	
90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>	72 minutes	77 minutes	69 minutes

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment(minutes) for triage 3 patients, January 2012 to March 2017



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> (minutes)	20	23	22	22	21	21
90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> (minutes)	70	89	74	80	77	72

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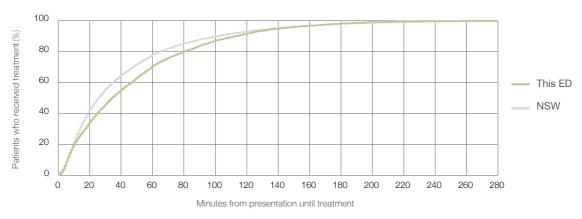
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## **Gosford Hospital:** Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 January to March 2017

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 7,302	7,181	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: 6,913	6,798	
Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 34 minutes	35 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 114 minutes	108 minutes	101 minutes

#### Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment(minutes) for triage 4 patients, January 2012 to March 2017



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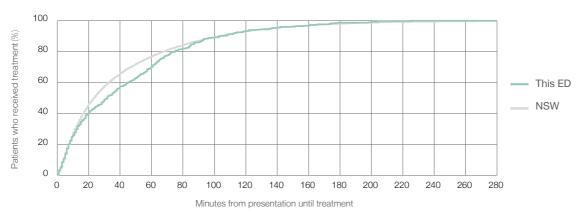
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## **Gosford Hospital:** Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 January to March 2017

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 480	532	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 389	440	
Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 32 minutes	28 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 105 minutes	107 minutes	104 minutes

#### Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment(minutes) for triage 5 patients, January 2012 to March 2017 † †



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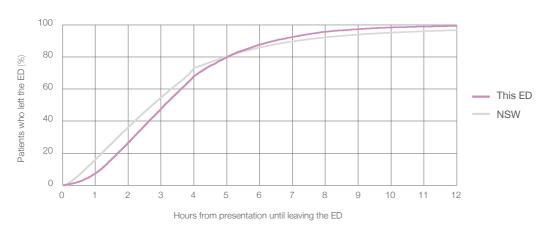
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#### Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, January to March 2017



Time patients spent in the ED, by quarter, January 2012 to March 2017



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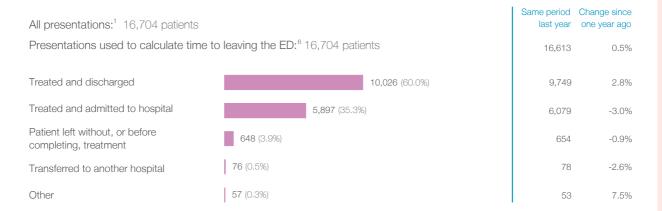
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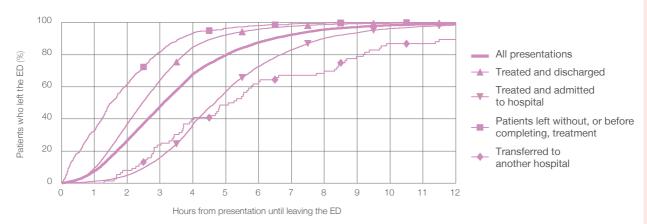
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#### Gosford Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

By mode of separation January to March 2017



Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, January to March 2017 <sup>†‡</sup>



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

Treated and discharged	9.4%	37.0%	64.3%	84.8%	95.9%	98.8%	99.6%	99.8%
Treated and admitted to hospital	1.2%	4.9%	16.1%	36.7%	72.7%	90.3%	96.3%	98.5%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	32.9%	61.7%	81.8%	93.4%	98.1%	99.7%	100%	100%
Transferred to another hospital	0%	7.9%	23.7%	39.5%	63.2%	69.7%	86.8%	89.5%
All presentations	7.6%	26.7%	47.9%	68.0%	87.7%	95.7%	98.4%	99.3%

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#### Gosford Hospital: Time spent in the ED

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED January to March 2017

All presentations at the emergency department: 16,704 patients

Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED:<sup>6</sup> 16,704 patients

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

68.0%

	Change since one year ago
16,613	0.5%
16,613	0.5%
69.7%	

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



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- 5. The 90th percentile is the time by which 90% of patients started treatment. The final 105% of patients took equal to or longer than this time.
- 6. All presentations that have a departure time.
- 7. Transfer of care time refers to the period between arrival of patients at the ED by ambulance and the transfer of responsibility for their care from paramedics to ED staff in an ED treatment zone. For more information see Spotlight on Measurement: measuring transfer of care from the ambulance to the emergency department.
- 8. The median is the time by which half of patients left the ED. The other half of patients took equal to or longer than this time.
- 9. The 90th percentile is the time by which 90% of patients left the ED. The final 10% of patients took equal to or longer than this time.

Note: Presentation time is the earlier of times recorded for the start of clerical registration or the triage process.

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

Note: All percentages are rounded and therefore percentages may not add to 100%.

Sources: ED data from Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 18 April 2017).

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

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#### Wyong Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview

January to March 2017

	last year	one year ago
All presentations: 16,457 patients	16,199	1.6%
Emergency presentations: <sup>2</sup> 16,309 patients	15,986	2.0%

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

January to March 2017

	last year	(this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 1,520 patients	1,748	
Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 7 minutes	7 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 25 minutes	27 minutes	26 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 4,823 patients	4,679	
Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 21 minutes	21 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 67 minutes	67 minutes	69 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 8,653 patients	8,340	
Median time to start treatment	27 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>	87 minutes	101 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 1,218 patients	1,151	
Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 21 minutes	20 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 69 minutes	71 minutes	104 minutes

## **Wyong Hospital:** Time from presentation until leaving the ED January to March 2017

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 16,457 patients

Percentage of patients who spent	
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four hours or less in the ED	72.5%

	one year ago
16,199	1.6%
73.8%	

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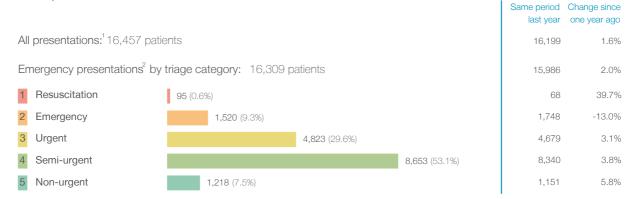
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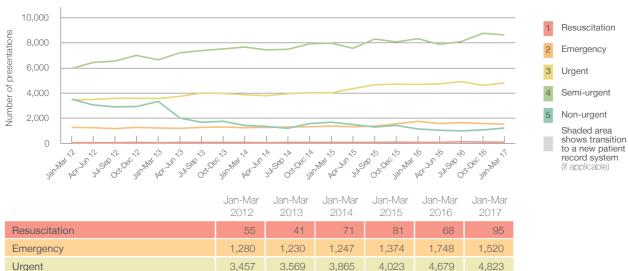
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#### Wyong Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

January to March 2017



Emergency presentations<sup>2</sup> by quarter, January 2012 to March 2017 <sup>‡</sup>



5,967

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14,270

6,661

3,343

14,844

7,682

1.426

14,291

7,970

15,127

8,340

1,151

15.986

8,653

1,218

16.309

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#### Wyong Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

January to March 2017

All emergency presentations

Semi-urgent

Non-urgent

0 minutes
2 minutes

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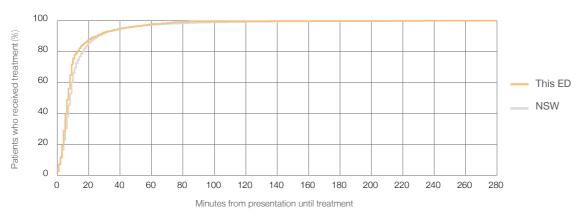
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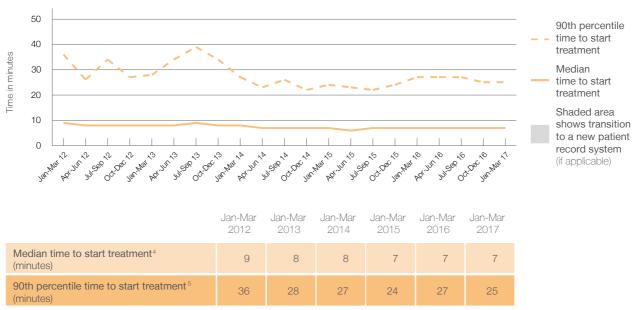
## **Wyong Hospital:** Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2 January to March 2017

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 1,520	1,748	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 1,510	1,733	
Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 7 minutes	7 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 25 minutes	27 minutes	26 minutes

#### Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment(minutes) for triage 2 patients, January 2012 to March 2017



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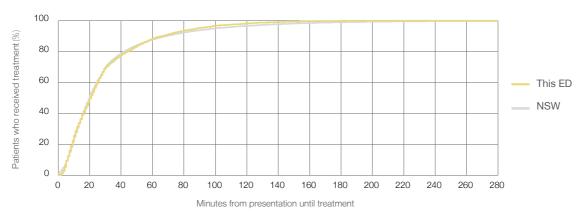
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## **Wyong Hospital:** Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 January to March 2017

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood	Same period last year	NSW (this period)	
Number of triage 3 patients: 4,823		4,679	
Number of triage 3 patients used to cal	4,634		
Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>	21 minutes	21 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>	67 minutes	67 minutes	69 minutes

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment(minutes) for triage 3 patients, January 2012 to March 2017



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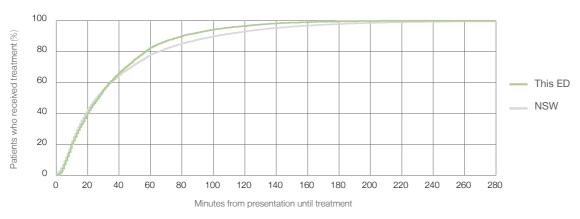
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## **Wyong Hospital:** Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 January to March 2017

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 8,653	8,340	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 8,417	8,085	
Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 27 minutes	27 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 80 minutes	87 minutes	101 minutes

#### Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment(minutes) for triage 4 patients, January 2012 to March 2017



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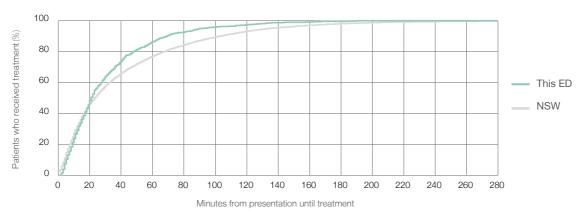
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## **Wyong Hospital:** Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 January to March 2017

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 1,218	1,151	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 1,166	1,113	
Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 21 minutes	20 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 69 minutes	71 minutes	104 minutes

Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment(minutes) for triage 5 patients, January 2012 to March 2017



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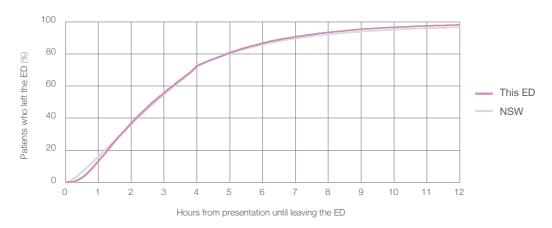
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#### Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, January to March 2017



Time patients spent in the ED, by quarter, January 2012 to March 2017



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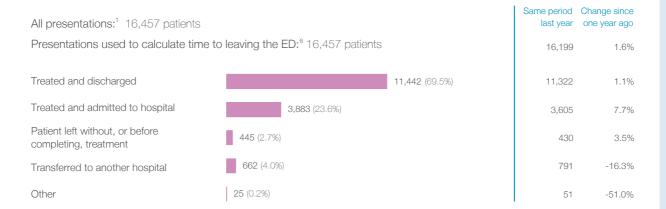
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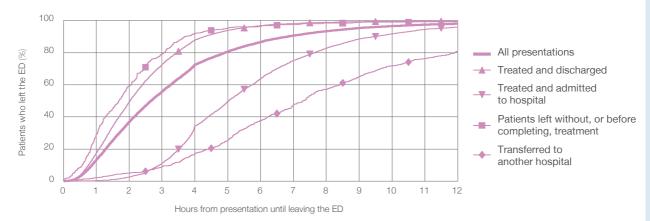
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#### Wyong Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

By mode of separation January to March 2017



Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, January to March 2017 <sup>†‡</sup>



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

Treated and discharged	17.6%	49.5%	72.7%	87.9%	96.9%	98.9%	99.5%	99.8%
Treated and admitted to hospital	0.3%	2.5%	11.2%	34.2%	63.9%	82.8%	91.8%	95.9%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	29.2%	59.6%	79.1%	92.1%	96.4%	98.4%	99.1%	99.6%
Transferred to another hospital	2.3%	5.0%	8.9%	17.1%	37.8%	57.3%	71.8%	81.0%
All presentations	13.3%	37.0%	55.8%	72.5%	86.7%	93.4%	96.6%	98.1%

<sup>(†)</sup> Data points are not shown in graphs for quarters when patient numbers are too small.

Caution is advised when interpreting abrupt changes over time at the hospital level. For example, performance before and after transition to a new information system is not directly comparable. For more information, see Background Paper: Approaches to reporting time measures of emergency department performance, December 2011.

From March 2017, Hospital Quarterly reports the 90th percentile time, rather than the 95th percentile time, for related ED measures.

#### Wyong Hospital: Time spent in the ED

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED January to March 2017

All presentations at the emergency department: 16,457 patients

Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 16,457 patients

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

72.5%

	Change since one year ago
16,199	1.6%
16,199	1.6%
73.8%	

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



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

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