

Emergency department activity

	Oct-Dec 2020	Oct-Dec 2019	Difference	% change	
All arrivals at ED by ambulance	11,165	11,782	-617	-5.2%	
ED Attendances	42,273	44,426	-2,153	-4.8%	
Emergency presentations	42,052	44,136	-2,084	-4.7%	
Emergency presentation by triage category	T1: Resuscitation	312	350	-38	-10.9%
	T2: Emergency	6,332	5,937	395	6.7%
	T3: Urgent	20,405	20,940	-535	-2.6%
	T4: Semi-urgent	12,781	15,140	-2,359	-15.6%
	T5: Non-urgent	2,222	1,769	453	25.6%
Admissions to hospital from EDs	13,571	14,424	-853	-5.9%	

Emergency department performance

	Oct-Dec 2020	Oct-Dec 2019	Difference	NSW results	
Time to treatment by triage category	Median time to treatment	11m	11m	0m	9m
	T2: Emergency 90th percentile time to treatment	23m	23m	0m	26m
	% started treatment on time	49.0%	48.2%	0.8 percentage points	63.1%
	Median time to treatment	21m	24m	-3m	20m
	T3: Urgent 90th percentile time to treatment	59m	1h 15m	-16m	1h 11m
	% started treatment on time	70.0%	63.8%	6.2 percentage points	69.3%
	Median time to treatment	26m	31m	-5m	27m
	T4: Semi-urgent 90th percentile time to treatment	1h 27m	1h 53m	-26m	1h 48m
	% started treatment on time	82.0%	73.9%	8.1 percentage points	76.4%
	Median time to treatment	13m	25m	-12m	14m
	T5: Non-urgent 90th percentile time to treatment	1h 11m	1h 48m	-37m	1h 30m
	% started treatment on time	96.7%	91.8%	4.9 percentage points	94.3%
Patients starting treatment on time %	71.6%	65.9%	5.7 percentage points	74.1%	
Median time to leave the ED	3h 24m	3h 29m	-5m	2h 51m	
90th percentile time to leave the ED	7h 42m	8h 07m	-25m	7h 42m	
Patients leaving the ED within four hours of presentation	68.4%	68.8%	-0.4 percentage points	69.8%	
Transfer of care	Median transfer of care time (minutes)	14m	14m	0m	12m
	90th percentile transfer of care time (minutes)	36m	30m	6m	34m
	Percent on target	85.7%	89.5%	-3.8 percentage points	87.3%

Notes: For Sydney LHD, 33.4% 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	5,703	5,955	-252	-4.2%
Urgency category				
Urgent	1,549	1,558	-9	-0.6%
Semi-urgent	1,520	1,775	-255	-14.4%
Non-urgent	2,364	2,354	10	0.4%
Patients on waiting list ready for elective surgery at the end of quarter	4,212	4,362	-150	-3.4%
Urgency category				
Urgent	62	65	-3	-4.6%
Semi-urgent	718	703	15	2.1%
Non-urgent	3,432	3,594	-162	-4.5%

Elective surgery performance

		Oct-Dec 2020	Oct-Dec 2019	Difference	NSW results	
Waiting time (days)	Urgent	Median	5 days	5 days	0 days	12 days
		90th percentile	19 days	19 days	0 days	26 days
	Semi-urgent	Median	31 days	26 days	5 days	51 days
		90th percentile	77 days	74 days	3 days	95 days
	Non-urgent	Median	99 days	65 days	34 days	320 days
		90th percentile	347 days	273 days	74 days	435 days
Elective surgery procedures performed on time	All procedures	97.1%	100%	-2.9 percentage points	82.4%	
	Urgent	100.0%	99.9%	0.1 percentage points	99.8%	
	Semi-urgent	98.6%	100.0%	-1.4 percentage points	88.3%	
	Non-urgent	94.2%	100.0%	-5.8 percentage points	68.3%	

Admitted patient activity

	Oct-Dec 2020	Oct-Dec 2019	Difference	% change	
Episodes	All episodes	42,481	44,831	-2,350	-5.2%
	Acute	40,362	41,815	-1,453	-3.5%
	Acute Overnight	20,140	21,320	-1,180	-5.5%
	Acute Same Day	20,222	20,495	-273	-1.3%
	Non-acute	943	1,023	-80	-7.8%
	Mental health	1,176	1,993	-817	-41.0%
Average length of stay (days)	Acute	2.9	3.0	-0.1	
	Acute Overnight	4.8	4.9	-0.1	
	Non-acute	17.0	15.0	2.0	
	Mental health	17.5	11.1	6.4	
Hospital bed days	All bed days	153,029	163,079	-10,050	-6.2%
	Acute	116,466	125,662	-9,196	-7.3%
	Non-acute	16,038	15,347	691	4.5%
	Mental health	20,525	22,070	-1,545	-7.0%
Babies born in Sydney public hospitals	1,440	1,490	-50	-3.4%	

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