Healthcare Quarterly

Emergency department

Mid North Coast Local Health District Performance Profiles

October to December 2018



Coffs Harbour Health Campus: Emergency department (ED) overview October to December 2018

		Change since one year ago
All presentations:1 10,775 patients	10,261	5%
Emergency presentations: ² 10,047 patients	10,031	0%

Coffs Harbour Health Campus: Time patients waited to start treatment³

October to December 2018 Same period NSW last year (this period) Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 1,105 patients 1 0 9 2 6 minutes Median time to start treatment⁴ 7 minutes 8 minutes 12 minutes 90th percentile time to start treatment⁵ 12 minutes 26 minutes Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 3,247 patients 3,243 17 minutes Median time to start treatment⁴ 17 minutes 20 minutes 59 minutes 90th percentile time to start treatment⁵ 62 minutes 72 minutes Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 4,280 patients 4.210 25 minutes Median time to start treatment⁴ 28 minutes 26 minutes 116 minutes 90th percentile time to start treatment⁵ 104 minutes 123 minutes Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 1,345 patients 1,407 22 minutes Median time to start treatment⁴ 23 minutes 29 minutes 120 minutes 90th percentile time to start treatment⁵ 104 minutes 129 minutes

Coffs Harbour Health Campus: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

October to December 2018				Change since one year ago
Attendances used to calculate time to le	eaving the ED: 6 10,775 patients		10,261	5%
Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED		71%	72%	

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- 1. All emergency and non-emergency attendances at the emergency department (ED).
- 2. All attendances 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: October to December 2018.
- 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.

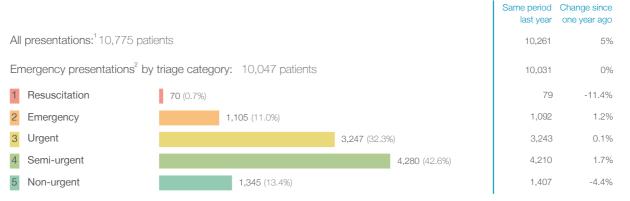
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Major hospitals (B)

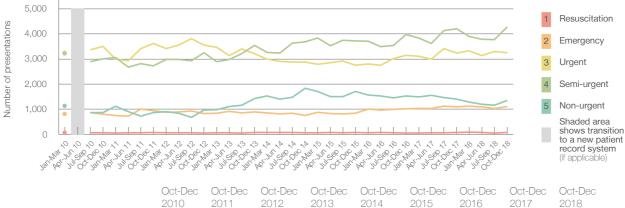
Same period Change since

Coffs Harbour Health Campus: Patients presenting to the emergency department

October to December 2018



Emergency presentations² by quarter, January 2010 to December 2018 [‡]



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Resuscitation	65	69	51	72	66	70	54	79	70
Emergency	805	937	825	886	748	845	1,019	1,092	1,105
Urgent	3,502	3,623	3,551	3,214	2,878	2,747	3,154	3,243	3,247
Semi-urgent	3,005	2,733	3,250	3,542	3,683	3,727	3,973	4,210	4,280
Non-urgent	863	863	970	1,424	1,839	1,703	1,527	1,407	1,345
All emergency presentations	8,240	8,225	8,647	9,138	9,214	9,092	9,727	10,031	10,047

Coffs Harbour Health Campus: Patients arriving by ambulance

October to December 2018

Arrivals used to calculate transfer of care time: 7	2,419 patients
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ED Transfer of care time

Median time

90th percentile time

	29	minutes

11 minutes

	Change since one year ago
2,290	
11 minutes	0 minutes
25 minutes	4 minutes

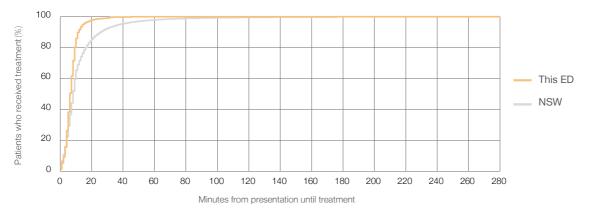
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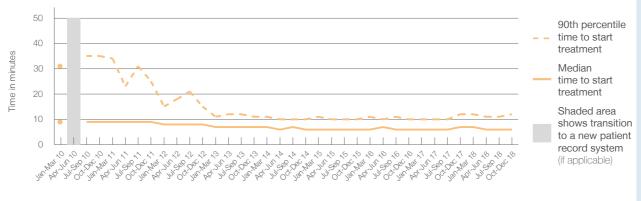
Coffs Harbour Health Campus: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2 October to December 2018

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 1,105	1,092	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 1,105	1,091	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 6 minutes	7 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 12 minutes	12 minutes	26 minutes

Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2018



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 2 patients, January 2010 to December 2018 ⁺⁺



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	9	9	8	7	6	6	6	7	6
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	35	25	15	11	10	10	10	12	12

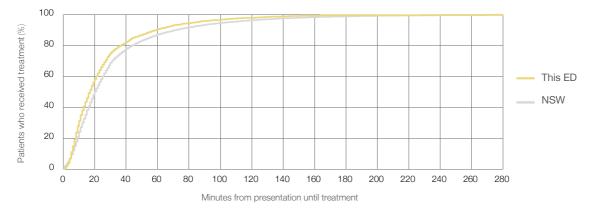
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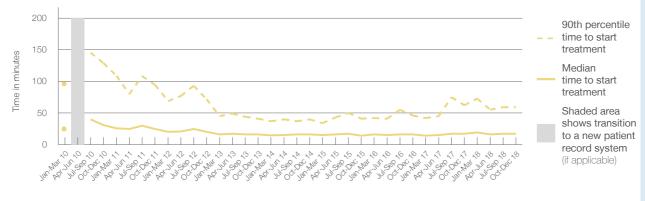
Coffs Harbour Health Campus: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 October to December 2018

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 3,247	3,243	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 3,196	3,167	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	17 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 59 minutes	62 minutes	72 minutes

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2018



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 3 patients, January 2010 to December 2018 ^{†‡}



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	31	25	20	16	16	14	16	17	17
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	129	95	72	41	40	41	46	62	59

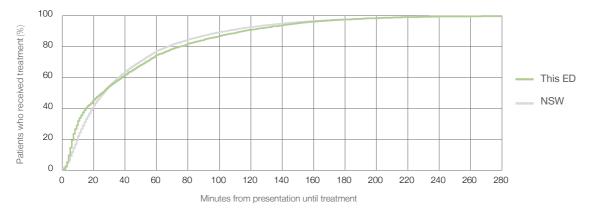
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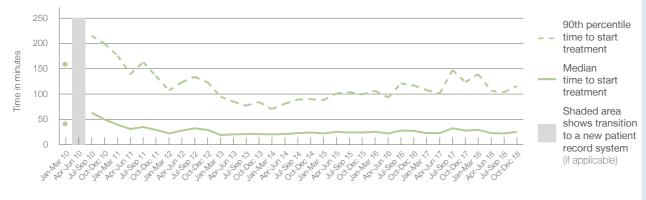
Coffs Harbour Health Campus: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 October to December 2018

NSW Same period Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache) (this period) last year Number of triage 4 patients: 4,280 4.210 Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3,918 3,831 Median time to start treatment⁴ 25 minutes 26 minutes 28 minutes 90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 116 minutes 104 minutes 123 minutes

Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2018



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 4 patients, January 2010 to December 2018



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	50	29	29	21	24	24	27	28	25
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	200	135	123	84	90	99	117	123	116

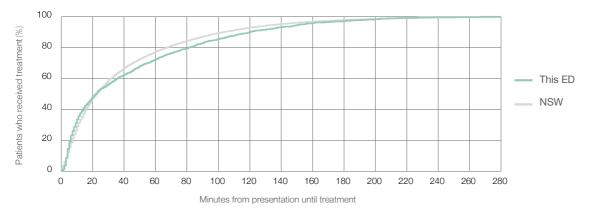
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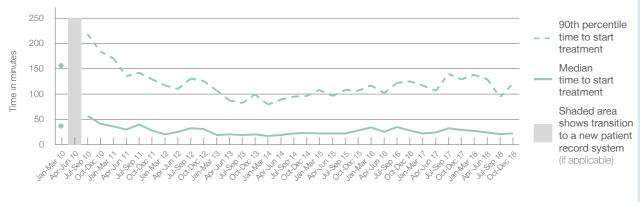
Coffs Harbour Health Campus: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 October to December 2018

NSW Same period Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions) (this period) last year Number of triage 5 patients: 1,345 1,407 Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time:³ 1,217 1,275 Median time to start treatment⁴ 22 minutes 23 minutes 29 minutes 90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 120 minutes 104 minutes 129 minutes

Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2018



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 5 patients, January 2010 to December 2018



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	41	28	31	20	23	28	28	29	22
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	184	129	126	99	96	106	125	129	120

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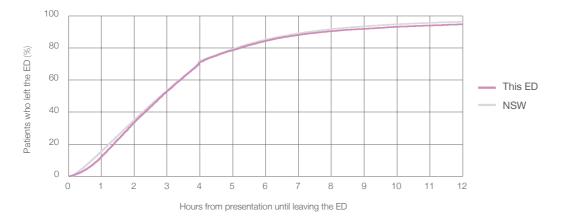
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Coffs Harbour Health Campus: Time patients spent in the ED

October to December 2018

NSW Same period (this period) last vear All presentations:1 10,775 patients 10,261 Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 10,775 patients 10,261 2 hours and 2 hours and Median time spent in the ED ⁸ 2 hours and 51 minutes 54 minutes 49 minutes 7 hours and 7 hours and 90th percentile time spent in the ED 9 7 hours and 48 minutes 21 minutes 19 minutes

Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, October to December 2018



Time patients spent in the ED, by quarter, January 2010 to December 2018



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Median time spent in the ED ⁸ (hours, minutes)	3h 49m	3h 15m	3h 10m	2h 34m	2h 34m	2h 47m	2h 55m	2h 54m	2h 51m
90th percentile time spent in the ED ⁹ (hours, minutes)	13h 26m	11h 58m	10h 10m	6h 35m	6h 23m	7h 26m	7h 23m	7h 21m	7h 48m

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Coffs Harbour Health Campus: Time patients spent in the ED By mode of separation October to December 2018 Same period Change since All presentations:1 10,775 patients last year one year ago Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 10,775 patients 10.261 6,560 (60.9%) Treated and discharged Treated and admitted to hospital 3,576 (33.2%) Patient left without, or before 570 (5.3%) completing, treatment

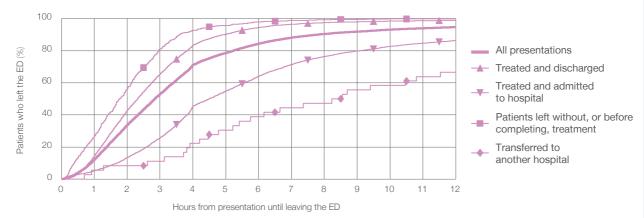
Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, October to December 2018

36 (0.3%)

33 (0.3%)

Transferred to another hospital

Other



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

Treated and discharged	14.5%	42.8%	65.5%	83.4%	94.5%	97.5%	98.4%	99.0%
Treated and admitted to hospital	5.1%	13.4%	25.8%	45.4%	64.1%	76.4%	82.7%	86.4%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	26.7%	56.3%	81.1%	92.8%	97.9%	99.3%	99.8%	99.8%
Transferred to another hospital	5.6%	8.3%	11.1%	22.2%	38.9%	47.2%	58.3%	66.7%
All presentations	12.2%	33.8%	53.0%	71.2%	84.4%	90.4%	93.2%	94.7%

5%

5.1%

6.8%

-5.9%

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10.0%

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3,348

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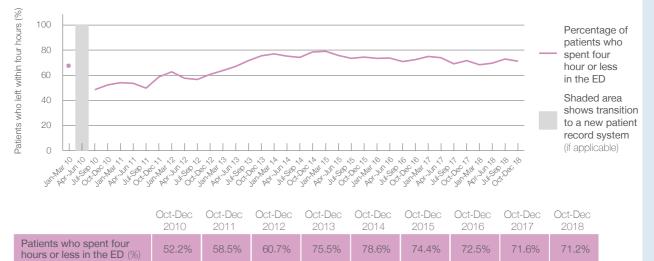
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Coffs Harbour Health Campus: Time spent in the ED Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the	e ED		
October to December 2018		Same period last year	Change since one year ago
All presentations at the emergency department: 110,775 patients		10,261	5%
Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 10,775 patient	ts	10,261	5%
Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED	71.2%	71.6%	

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, January 2010 to December 2018 ^{1‡}



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- 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 22 January 2019).

Transfer of care data from Transfer of Care Reporting System (extracted 22 January 2019).

Kempsey District Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview October to December 2018		
	Same period last year	Change since one year ago
All presentations:1 7,387 patients	7,254	2%
Emergency presentations: 27,121 patients	6,974	2%
Kempsey District Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment ³ October to December 2018	Same period	NSW
	last year	(this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 918 patients	771	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	11 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment 5 24 minutes	27 minutes	26 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 2,386 patients	2,137	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	22 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 62 minutes	59 minutes	72 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 3,290 patients Median time to start treatment ⁴ 26 minutes	3,473 29 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 96 minutes	99 minutes	104 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 508 patients Median time to start treatment ⁴ 26 minutes	574 26 minutes	23 minutes

90th percentile time to start treatment 5

Kempsey District Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

October to December 2018			1	one year ago
Attendances used to calculate time to le	aving the ED: 6 7,387 patients		7,254	2%
Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED		83%	85%	

108 minutes

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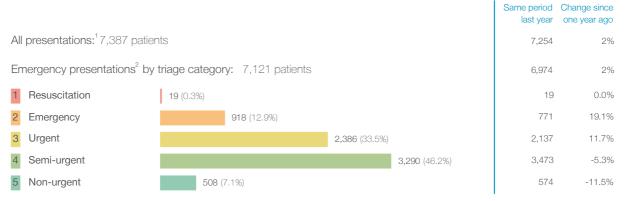
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99 minutes

104 minutes

Kempsey District Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

October to December 2018



Emergency presentations² by quarter, January 2010 to December 2018 [‡]



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Resuscitation	13	20	21	29	34	24	24	19	19
Emergency	361	501	554	597	567	619	843	771	918
Urgent	2,171	2,230	2,055	2,010	2,164	2,057	2,236	2,137	2,386
Semi-urgent	2,224	2,151	2,311	2,254	2,295	2,717	2,894	3,473	3,290
Non-urgent	392	431	433	463	590	666	751	574	508
All emergency presentations	5,161	5,333	5,374	5,353	5,650	6,083	6,748	6,974	7,121

Kempsey District Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance October to December 2018

		Same period last year	Change since one year ago
Arrivals used to calculate trans	sfer of care time: ⁷ 844 patients	811	
ED Transfer of care time			
Median time	12 minutes	11 minutes	1 minute
90th percentile time	22 minutes	24 minutes	-2 minutes

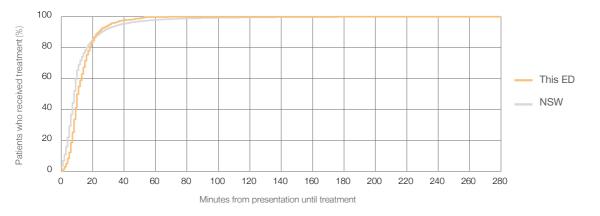
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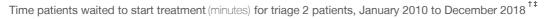
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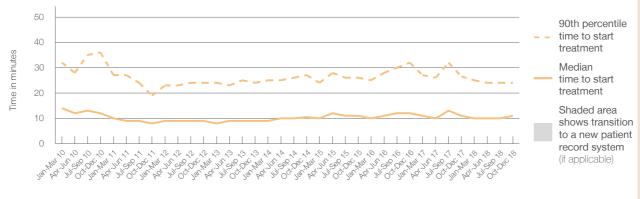
Kempsey District Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2 October to December 2018

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 918	771	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 917	770	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 11 minutes	11 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 24 minutes	27 minutes	26 minutes

Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2018







	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	12	8	9	9	11	11	12	11	11
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	36	19	24	24	27	26	32	27	24

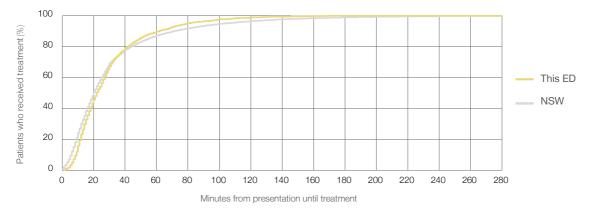
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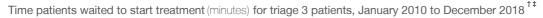
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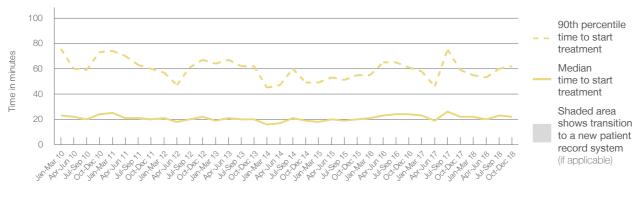
Kempsey District Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 October to December 2018

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 2,386	2,137	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 2,361	2,117	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 22 minutes	22 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 62 minutes	59 minutes	72 minutes

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2018







	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	24	20	22	20	19	20	24	22	22
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	73	60	67	62	49	55	61	59	62

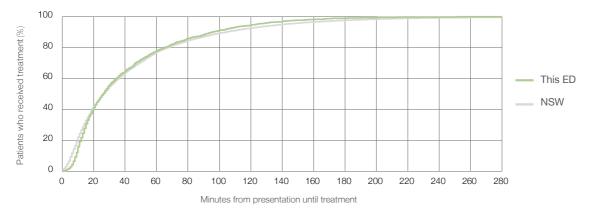
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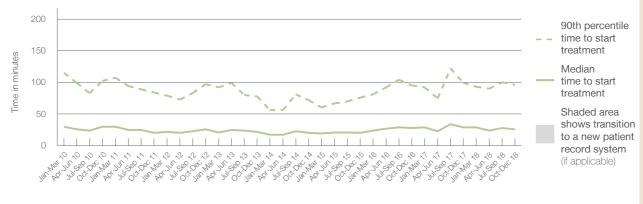
Kempsey District Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 October to December 2018

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 3,290	3,473	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 3,161	3,354	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 26 minutes	29 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 96 minutes	99 minutes	104 minutes

Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2018







	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	30	20	26	22	20	20	28	29	26
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	102	84	97	78	72	76	95	99	96

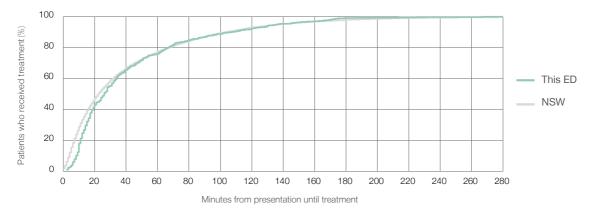
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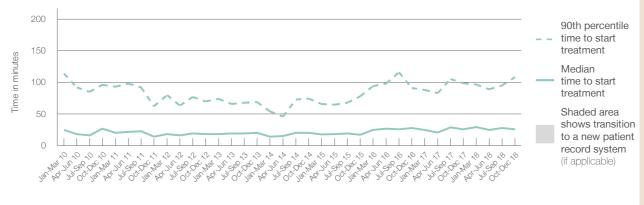
Kempsey District Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 October to December 2018

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 508	574	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 467	520	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	26 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 108 minutes	99 minutes	104 minutes

Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2018



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 5 patients, January 2010 to December 2018 ^{†‡}



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	27	14	18	20	20	17	28	26	26
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	96	62	70	69	75	78	91	99	108

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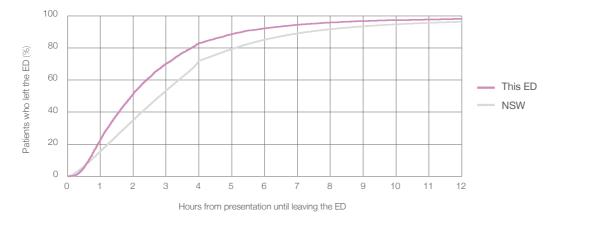
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Kempsey District Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

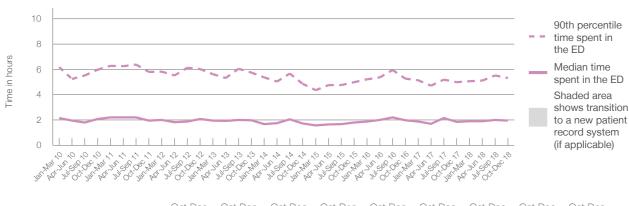
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Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, October to December 2018



Time patients spent in the ED, by quarter, January 2010 to December 2018



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Oct-Dec 2017	2018
Median time spent in the ED ⁸ (hours, minutes)	2h 5m	1h 57m	2h 5m	1h 59m	1h 44m	1h 48m	1h 59m	1h 52m	1h 57m
90th percentile time spent in the ED ⁹ (hours, minutes)	5h 59m	5h 48m	6h 1m	5h 45m	4h 52m	4h 59m	5h 16m	4h 59m	5h 20m

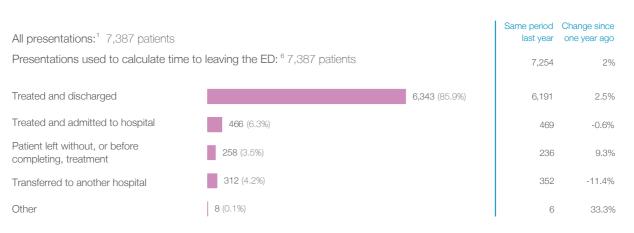
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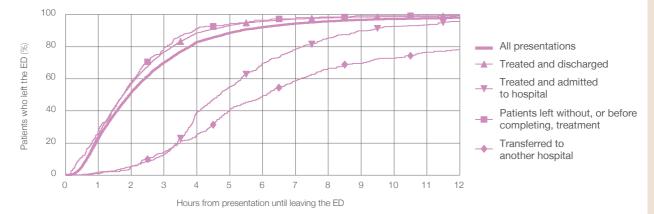
Kempsey District Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

By mode of separation

October to December 2018



Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, October to December 2018



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

Treated and discharged	25.1%	56.9%	76.7%	88.6%	95.8%	98.0%	98.7%	99.2%
Treated and admitted to hospital	1.7%	5.4%	12.9%	39.1%	69.7%	85.6%	92.7%	95.7%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	27.5%	57.8%	79.1%	91.1%	96.5%	98.4%	99.2%	99.6%
Transferred to another hospital	1.0%	5.4%	14.4%	25.3%	49.4%	66.3%	72.8%	78.2%
All presentations	22.8%	51.5%	70.1%	82.9%	92.2%	95.9%	97.3%	98.1%

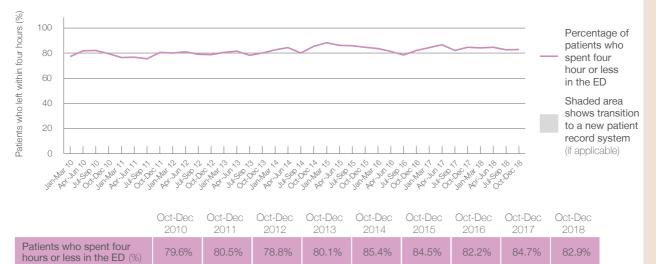
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Kempsey District Hospital: Tin Percentage of patients who spen				
October to December 2018				Change since one year ago
All presentations at the emergency depa	artment: 17,387 patients		7,254	2%
Presentations used to calculate time to	eaving the ED: 6 7,387 patients		7,254	2%
Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED		82.9%	84.7%	

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, January 2010 to December 2018 ^{†‡}



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Sources: ED data from Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 22 January 2019).

Transfer of care data from Transfer of Care Reporting System (extracted 22 January 2019).

District group 2 hospitals (C2) Mid North Coast Local Health District

Macksville District Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview October to December 2018

	Same period last year	Change since one year ago
All presentations:1 3,652 patients	3,804	-4%
Emergency presentations: ² 3,496 patients	3,666	-5%

Macksville District Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment ³

October to December 2018 Same period NSW last year (this period) Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 363 patients 374 9 minutes Median time to start treatment⁴ 9 minutes 8 minutes 21 minutes 90th percentile time to start treatment⁵ 22 minutes 26 minutes Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 1,013 patients 975 20 minutes Median time to start treatment⁴ 21 minutes 20 minutes 51 minutes 90th percentile time to start treatment⁵ 60 minutes 72 minutes Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 1,493 patients 1.564 25 minutes Median time to start treatment⁴ 25 minutes 26 minutes 103 minutes 90th percentile time to start treatment⁵ 114 minutes 104 minutes Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 610 patients 733 27 minutes Median time to start treatment⁴ 23 minutes 26 minutes 100 minutes 90th percentile time to start treatment⁵ 104 minutes 125 minutes

Macksville District Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

October to December 2018		last year	one year ago	
Attendances used to calculate time to I	eaving the ED: 6 3,652 patients		3,804	-4%
Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED		87%	87%	

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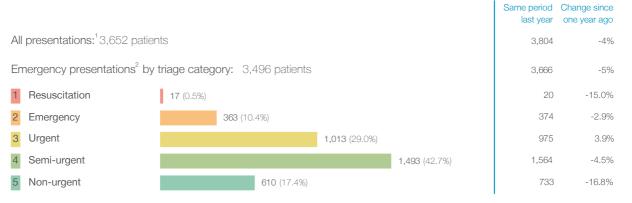
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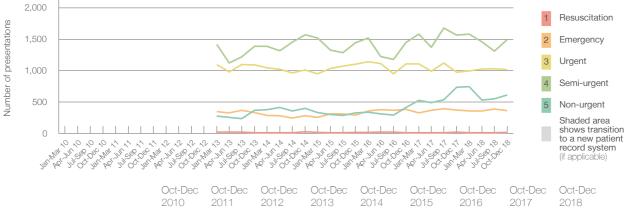
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Macksville District Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

October to December 2018



Emergency presentations² by quarter, January 2010 to December 2018 ^{‡§}



	2010	2011	2012	2010	2014	2010	2010	2011	2010
Resuscitation				11	24	17	11	20	17
Emergency				329	281	290	383	374	363
Urgent				1,089	1,011	1,102	1,104	975	1,013
Semi-urgent				1,386	1,569	1,444	1,448	1,564	1,493
Non-urgent				366	399	325	415	733	610
All emergency presentations				3,181	3,284	3,178	3,361	3,666	3,496

Macksville District Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

October to December 2018

		Same period last year	Change since one year ago
Arrivals used to calculate transf	er of care time: 7 463 patients	439	
ED Transfer of care time			
Median time	12 minutes	11 minutes	1 minute
90th percentile time	26 minutes	26 minutes	0 minutes
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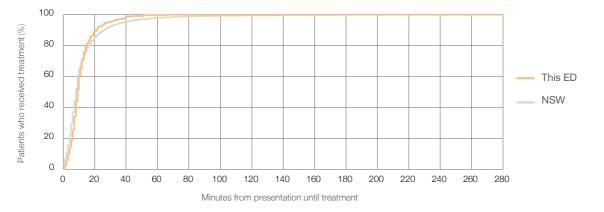
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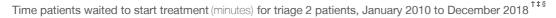
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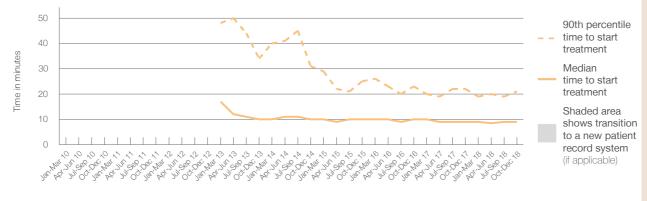
Macksville District Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2 October to December 2018

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 363	374	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 363	364	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 9 minutes	9 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 21 minutes	22 minutes	26 minutes

Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2018







	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)				10	10	10	10	9	9
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)				34	31	25	23	22	21

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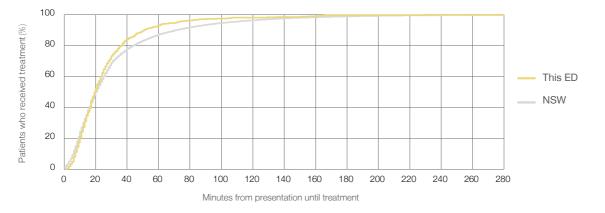
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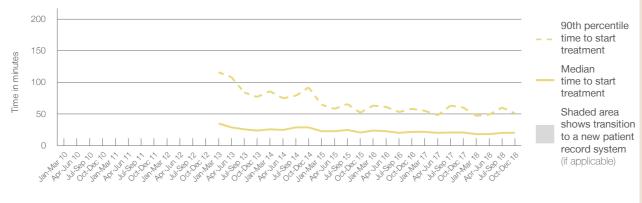
Macksville District Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 October to December 2018

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 1,013	975	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 1,007	940	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 20 minutes	21 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 51 minutes	60 minutes	72 minutes

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2018







	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)				24	29	21	22	21	20
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)				77	92	52	58	60	51

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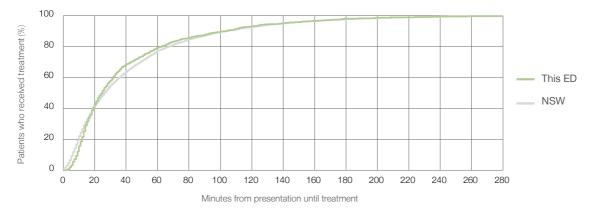
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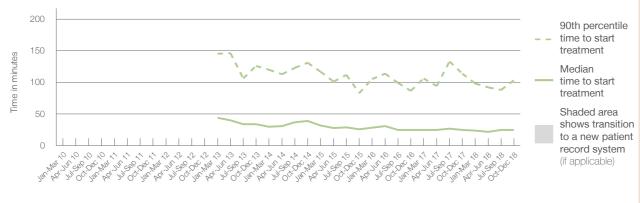
Macksville District Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 October to December 2018

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 1,493	1,564	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 1,417	1,471	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	25 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 103 minutes	114 minutes	104 minutes

Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2018







	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015		Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)				34	39	26	25	25	25
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)				126	131	83	87	114	103

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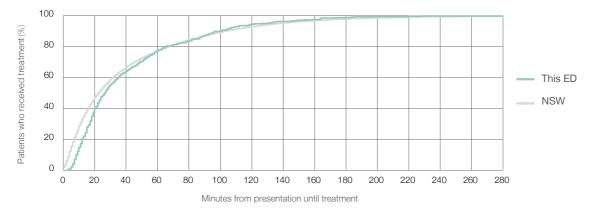
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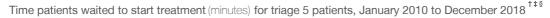
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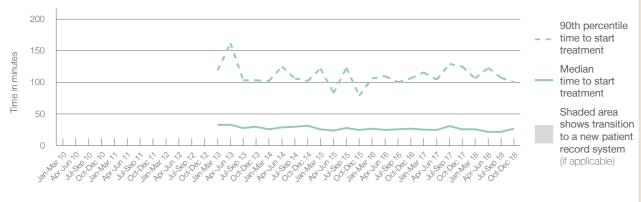
Macksville District Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 October to December 2018

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 610	733	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 563	665	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	26 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 100 minutes	125 minutes	104 minutes

Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2018







	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012		Oct-Dec 2014				Oct-Dec 2018
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)				30	32	25	27	26	27
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)				103	102	79	106	125	100

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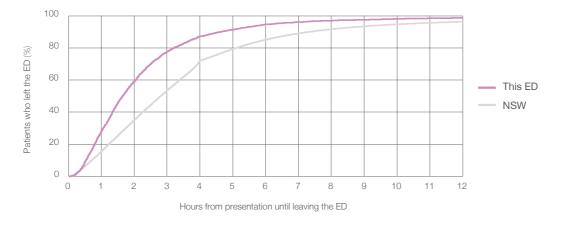
Macksville District Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

October to December 2018

All presentations:¹ 3,652 patients Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: ⁶ 3,652 patients Median time spent in the ED ⁸

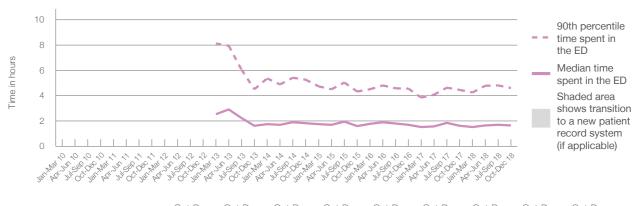
90th percentile time spent in the ED $^{\rm 9}$

Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, October to December 2018



4 hours and 37 minutes





	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018
Median time spent in the ED ⁸ (hours, minutes)				1h 38m	1h 50m	1h 37m	1h 43m	1h 38m	1h 39m
90th percentile time spent in the ED ⁹ (hours, minutes)				4h 31m	5h 16m	4h 20m	4h 33m	4h 28m	4h 37m

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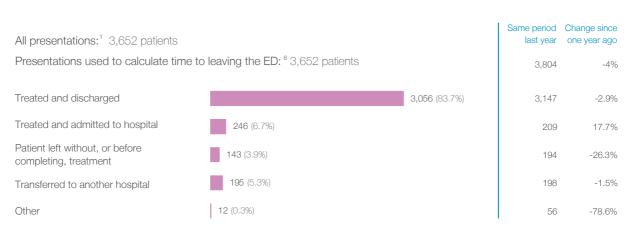
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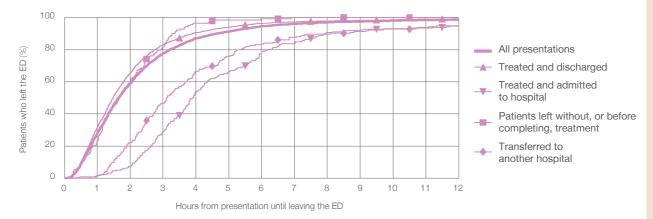
Macksville District Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

By mode of separation

October to December 2018



Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, October to December 2018 $^{\pm\pm\,\$}$



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

Treated and discharged	31.9%	65.4%	83.2%	90.7%	96.4%	97.8%	98.8%	99.3%
Treated and admitted to hospital	1.6%	7.3%	28.9%	53.7%	78.9%	90.7%	93.1%	94.7%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	23.1%	59.4%	81.8%	96.5%	99.3%	100%	100%	100%
Transferred to another hospital	1.5%	22.1%	46.7%	66.7%	83.6%	89.7%	92.8%	94.9%
All presentations	28.0%	59.1%	77.6%	87.2%	94.7%	97.0%	98.1%	98.8%

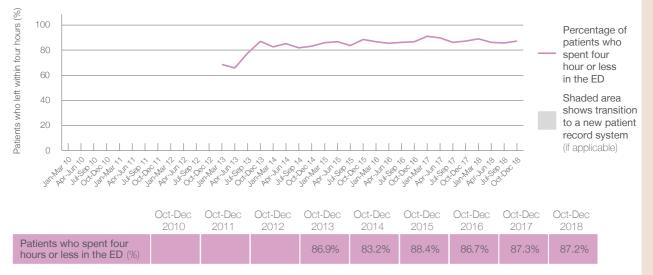
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October to December 2018				Change since one year ago
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Presentations used to calculate time to	leaving the ED: 6 3,652 patients		3,804	-4%
Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED		87.2%	87.3%	

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, January 2010 to December 2018 ^{†‡§}



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District group 2 hospitals (C2) Mid North Coast Local Health District

Port Macquarie Base Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview October to December 2018

		Change since one year ago
All presentations:1 9,729 patients	8,620	13%
Emergency presentations: ² 9,634 patients	8,527	13%

Port Macquarie Base Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment ^a

October to December 2018 Same period NSW last year (this period) Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 1,277 patients 1 089 9 minutes Median time to start treatment⁴ 8 minutes 8 minutes 23 minutes 90th percentile time to start treatment⁵ 21 minutes 26 minutes Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 3,714 patients 3,074 20 minutes Median time to start treatment⁴ 19 minutes 20 minutes 60 minutes 90th percentile time to start treatment⁵ 56 minutes 72 minutes Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 4,051 patients 3.826 26 minutes Median time to start treatment⁴ 27 minutes 26 minutes 86 minutes 90th percentile time to start treatment⁵ 104 minutes 87 minutes Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 540 patients 483 20 minutes Median time to start treatment⁴ 23 minutes 21 minutes 91 minutes 90th percentile time to start treatment⁵ 104 minutes 101 minutes

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

October to December 2018			Change since one year ago
Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 9,729 patients		8,620	13%
Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED	71%	72%	

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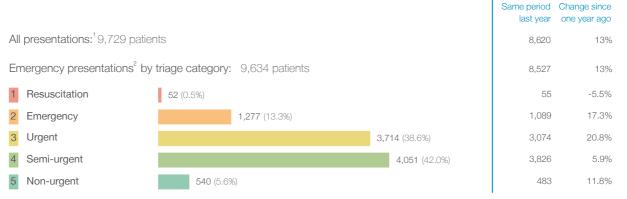
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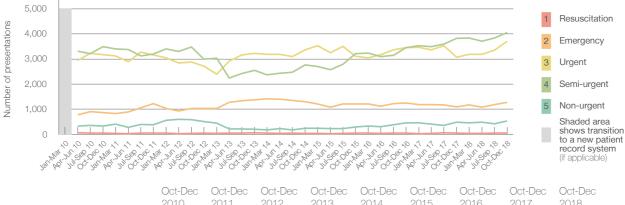
Same period Change since

Port Macquarie Base Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department

October to December 2018



Emergency presentations² by quarter, January 2010 to December 2018 [‡]



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Resuscitation	49	54	43	59	32	44	46	55	52
Emergency	869	1,224	1,028	1,371	1,304	1,213	1,242	1,089	1,277
Urgent	3,171	3,167	2,710	3,223	3,360	3,111	3,457	3,074	3,714
Semi-urgent	3,497	3,203	2,993	2,548	2,761	3,207	3,457	3,826	4,051
Non-urgent	328	375	505	202	245	297	459	483	540
All emergency presentations	7,914	8,023	7,279	7,403	7,702	7,872	8,661	8,527	9,634

Port Macquarie Base Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance October to December 2018

	Same period last year	Change since one year ago
Arrivals used to calculate transfer of care time: 7 2,214 patients	2,033	
ED Transfer of care time		
Median time 14 minutes	11 minutes	3 minutes
90th percentile time 45 minutes	31 minutes	14 minutes

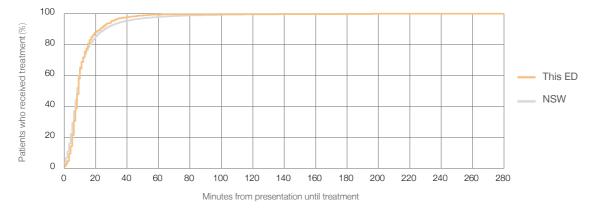
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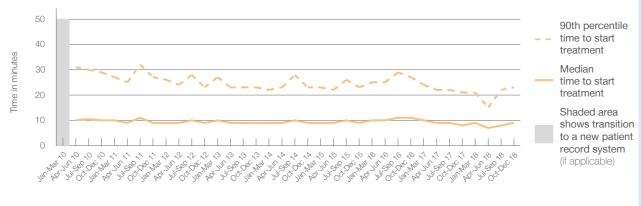
Port Macquarie Base Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2 October to December 2018

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 1,277	1,089	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 1,271	1,086	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 9 minutes	8 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 23 minutes	21 minutes	26 minutes

Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2018







	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	10	9	9	9	9	9	11	8	9
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	29	27	23	23	23	23	27	21	23

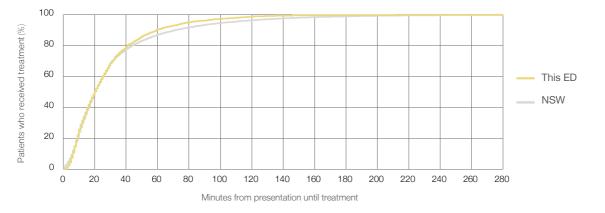
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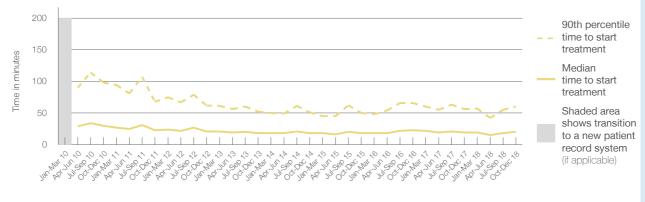
Port Macquarie Base Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 October to December 2018

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 3,714	3,074	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 3,635	3,023	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 20 minutes	19 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 60 minutes	56 minutes	72 minutes

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2018



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 3 patients, January 2010 to December 2018 ^{†‡}



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	30	23	21	18	18	18	23	19	20
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	98	68	62	52	51	50	66	56	60

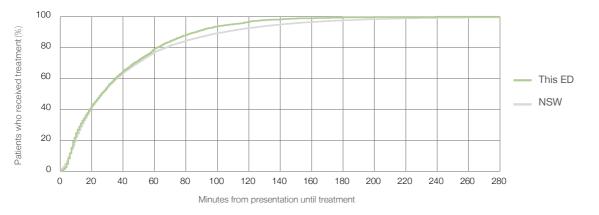
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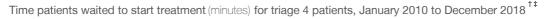
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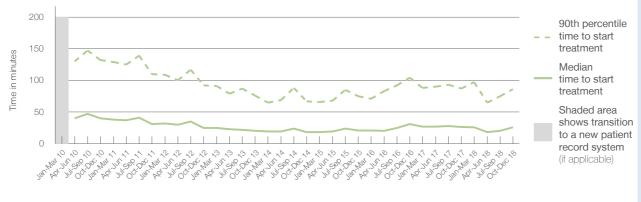
Port Macquarie Base Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 October to December 2018

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 4,051	3,826	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 3,503	3,290	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 26 minutes	27 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 86 minutes	87 minutes	104 minutes

Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2018







	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	40	31	25	20	18	21	31	27	26
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	132	110	92	76	67	75	104	87	86

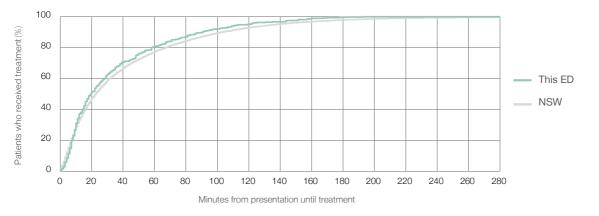
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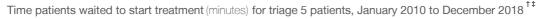
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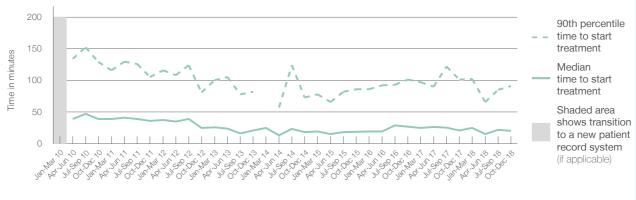
Port Macquarie Base Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 October to December 2018

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 540	483	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 413	321	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 20 minutes	21 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 91 minutes	101 minutes	104 minutes

Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2018







	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	39	36	25	21	18	19	27	21	20
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	129	105	81	82	73	86	101	101	91

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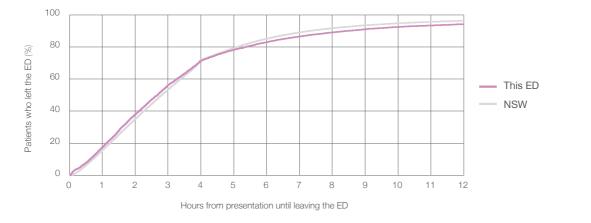
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Port Macquarie Base Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED

October to December 2018

NSW Same period last vear (this period) All presentations:¹ 9,729 patients 8,620 Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 9,729 patients 8.620 2 hours and 2 hours and Median time spent in the ED ⁸ 2 hours and 41 minutes 49 minutes 41 minutes 7 hours and 7 hours and 90th percentile time spent in the ED 9 8 hours and 26 minutes 50 minutes 19 minutes

Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, October to December 2018



Time patients spent in the ED, by quarter, January 2010 to December 2018



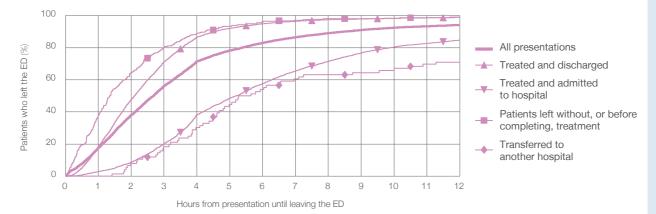
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Median time spent in the ED ⁸ (hours, minutes)	3h 3m	3h 2m	3h 14m	2h 54m	2h 38m	2h 44m	2h 46m	2h 41m	2h 41m
90th percentile time spent in the ED ⁹ (hours, minutes)	10h 0m	10h 19m	11h 13m	8h 42m	6h 59m	7h 11m	6h 44m	7h 50m	8h 26m

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Port Macquarie Base Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED By mode of separation October to December 2018 Same period Change since All presentations:¹ 9,729 patients last year one year ago Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 9,729 patients 8.620 5,763 (59.2%) Treated and discharged 4.939 Treated and admitted to hospital 3,102 (31.9%) 2,860 Patient left without, or before 313 (3.2%) 248 completing, treatment 76 (0.8%) 79 Transferred to another hospital 475 (4.9%) Other 494

Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, October to December 2018



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

Treated and discharged	18.3%	47.8%	71.2%	86.7%	94.8%	97.4%	98.3%	98.8%
Treated and admitted to hospital	2.8%	8.7%	20.2%	38.2%	57.5%	71.5%	80.4%	84.8%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	37.7%	64.5%	80.5%	89.1%	95.8%	98.1%	98.4%	99.0%
Transferred to another hospital	0%	7.9%	18.4%	30.3%	53.9%	63.2%	67.1%	71.1%
All presentations	17.5%	38.0%	56.2%	71.5%	82.9%	89.0%	92.4%	94.2%

13%

16.7%

8.5%

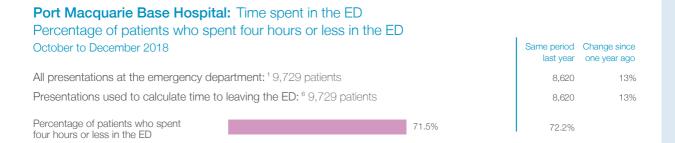
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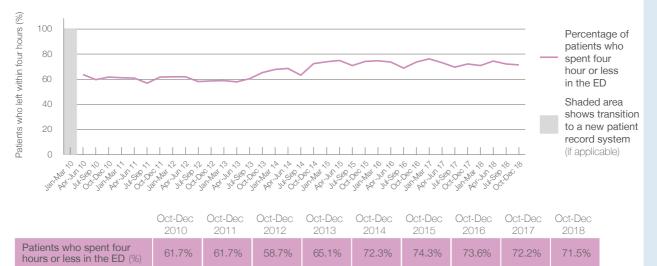
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Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, January 2010 to December 2018 ^{‡‡}



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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: October to December 2018.
- 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.
- The 90th percentile is the time by which 90% of patients left the ED. The final 10% of patients took equal to or longer 9. 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 22 January 2019).

Transfer of care data from Transfer of Care Reporting System (extracted 22 January 2019).

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