

Hospital Quarterly

# Performance Profiles

# **Emergency Department**

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District

January to March 2016

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**Bulli District Hospital:** Emergency department (ED) overview January to March 2016

|  | Same period<br>last year | Change since<br>one year ago |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| All attendances:1 1,693 patients                   | 1,522                    | 11%                          |
| Emergency attendances: <sup>2</sup> 1,401 patients | 1,283                    | 9%                           |

## Bulli District Hospital: Time from presentation to treatment<sup>3</sup>

January to March 2016

|  | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period) |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 26 patients  | 22                       |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 8 minutes  | 6 minutes                | 8 minutes            |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>   | *                        | 35 minutes           |
| Triage 3    Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 122 patients      Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 16 minutes | 127<br>17 minutes        | 20 minutes           |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 48 minutes  | 59 minutes               | 99 minutes           |
| Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 987 patients  | 911                      |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 18 minutes   | 16 minutes               | 26 minutes           |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 101 minutes   | 81 minutes               | 137 minutes          |
| Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 266 patients   | 223                      |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>  | 14 minutes               | 23 minutes           |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 74 minutes  | 83 minutes               | 135 minutes          |
|  |                          |                      |

## Bulli District Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED



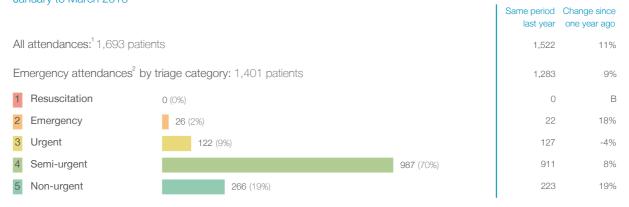
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- 6. All attendances that have a departure time.

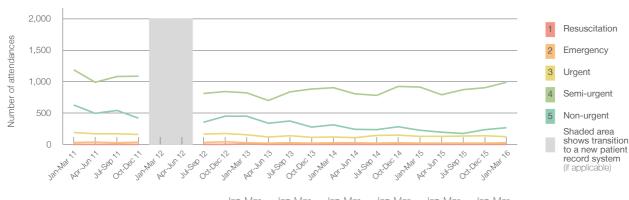
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Source: Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 22 April 2016).

Bulli District Hospital: Patients attending the emergency department January to March 2016



Emergency attendances<sup>2</sup> by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>‡</sup>



|                           | Jan-IVIar<br>2011 | Jan-Ivlar<br>2012 | Jan-Iviar<br>2013 | Jan-Iviar<br>2014 | Jan-Iviar<br>2015 | Jan-Ivlar<br>2016 |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Resuscitation             | 0                 |                   | < 5               | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| Emergency                 | 32                |                   | 29                | 24                | 22                | 26                |
| Urgent                    | 186               |                   | 153               | 115               | 127               | 122               |
| Semi-urgent               | 1,189             |                   | 823               | 901               | 911               | 987               |
| Non-urgent                | 629               |                   | 450               | 308               | 223               | 266               |
| All emergency attendances | 2,036             |                   | 1,455             | 1,348             | 1,283             | 1,401             |

## Bulli District Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance January to March 2016

ED Transfer of care time is not currently available for this hospital.<sup>7</sup>

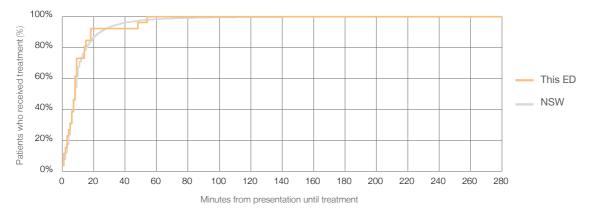
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**Bulli District Hospital:** Time from presentation to treatment, triage 2 January to March 2016

| Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)                          | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period) |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of triage 2 patients: 26   | 22                       |                      |
| Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 26 |                          |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 8 minutes                       | 6 minutes                | 8 minutes            |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> *                      | *                        | 35 minutes           |

Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2016



Time from presentation until treatment (minutes) for triage 2 patients, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



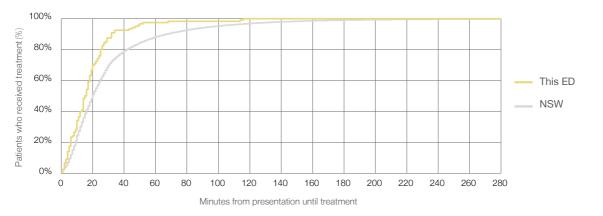
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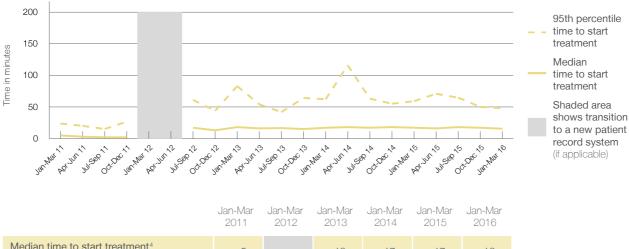
Bulli District Hospital: Time from presentation to treatment, triage 3 January to March 2016

| Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)                      | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period) |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of triage 3 patients: 122   | 127                      |                      |
| Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 120 | 122                      |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 16 minutes                       | 17 minutes               | 20 minutes           |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 48 minutes              | 59 minutes               | 99 minutes           |

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2016



## Time from presentation until treatment (minutes) for triage 3 patients, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> (minutes)          | 5  | 18 | 17 | 17 | 16 |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> (minutes) | 24 | 83 | 62 | 59 | 48 |

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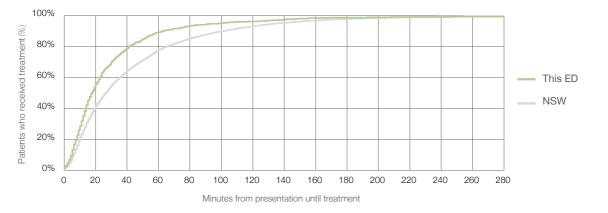
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**Bulli District Hospital:** Time from presentation to treatment, triage 4 January to March 2016

| Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)                          | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period) |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of triage 4 patients: 987   | 911                      |                      |
| Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 972 | 895                      |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>                                  | 16 minutes               | 26 minutes           |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 101 minutes             | 81 minutes               | 137 minutes          |

Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2016



## Time from presentation until treatment (minutes) for triage 4 patients, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> (minutes)          | 5  | 17 | 16 | 16 | 18  |
|--|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> (minutes) | 47 | 82 | 75 | 81 | 101 |

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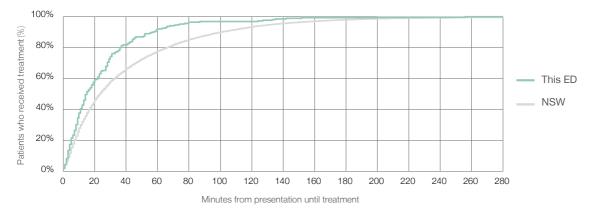
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**Bulli District Hospital:** Time from presentation to treatment, triage 5 January to March 2016

| Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)               | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period) |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of triage 5 patients: 266                                 | 223                      |                      |
| Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time:3 252 | 219                      |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 15 minutes           | 14 minutes               | 23 minutes           |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 74 minutes  | 83 minutes               | 135 minutes          |

Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2016



Time from presentation until treatment (minutes) for triage 5 patients, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



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95th percentile time to start treatment<sup>®</sup>

(minutes)

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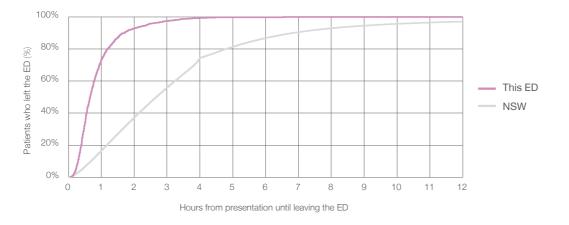
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**Bulli District Hospital:** Time from presentation until leaving the ED January to March 2016

NSW Same period (this period) last vear All attendances:1 1,693 patients 1,522 Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 1,693 patients 1,522 0 hours and 2 hours and Median time to leaving the ED<sup>8</sup> 0 hours and 40 minutes 42 minutes 40 minutes 2 hours and 9 hours and 95th percentile time to leaving the ED<sup>9</sup> 2 hours and 23 minutes 20 minutes 25 minutes

Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, January to March 2016



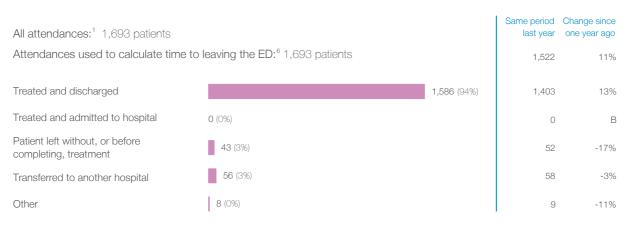
## Time from presentation until leaving the ED, by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016 $^{\dagger \dagger}$



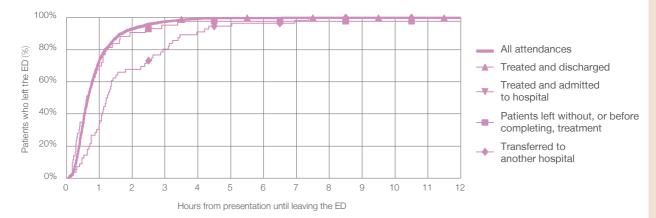
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## Bulli District Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED By mode of separation January to March 2016



## Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, January to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



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

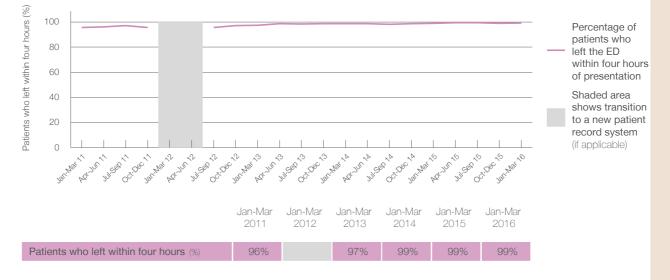
| Treated and discharged                                | 75% | 94% | 98% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
|---|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|
| Treated and admitted to hospital                      | *   | *   | *   | *    | *    | *    | *    | *    |
| Patient left without, or before completing, treatment | 70% | 91% | 95% | 98%  | 98%  | 98%  | 98%  | 98%  |
| Transferred to another hospital                       | 34% | 68% | 80% | 91%  | 96%  | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| All attendances                                       | 73% | 93% | 97% | 99%  | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

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#### Percentage of patients who left the ED within four hours of presentation, by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



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- 6. All attendances 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 95th percentile is the time by which 95% of patients left the ED. The final 5% 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 rounded to whole numbers and therefore percentages may not add to 100%.

Sources: ED data from Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 22 April 2016).

Transfer of care data from Transfer of Care Reporting System (extracted 22 April 2016).

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## Milton and Ulladulla Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview January to March 2016

|  | Same period<br>last year |    |
|--|--------------------------|----|
| All attendances:1 4,293 patients                   | 4,055                    | 6% |
| Emergency attendances: <sup>2</sup> 4,171 patients | 3,890                    | 7% |
|  |                          |    |

## Milton and Ulladulla Hospital: Time from presentation to treatment<sup>3</sup>

January to March 2016 Same period last year (this period) Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 205 patients 233 9 minutes Median time to start treatment<sup>4</sup> 5 minutes 8 minutes 33 minutes 95th percentile time to start treatment<sup>5</sup> 35 minutes 35 minutes Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 1,215 patients 1,094 22 minutes Median time to start treatment<sup>4</sup> 21 minutes 20 minutes 77 minutes 95th percentile time to start treatment<sup>5</sup> 85 minutes 99 minutes Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 2,399 patients 2.211 27 minutes 30 minutes 26 minutes Median time to start treatment<sup>4</sup> 94 minutes 104 minutes 137 minutes 95th percentile time to start treatment<sup>5</sup> Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 339 patients 336 28 minutes Median time to start treatment<sup>4</sup> 23 minutes 23 minutes 97 minutes 135 minutes 95th percentile time to start treatment<sup>6</sup> 101 minutes

## Milton and Ulladulla Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

| January to March 2016                                       |   |     | last year | one year ago |
|---|---|-----|-----------|--------------|
| Attendances used to calculate time to le                    | aving the ED. <sup>6</sup> 4,293 patients |     | 4,055     | 6%           |
| Percentage of patients who<br>left the ED within four hours |   | 89% | 87%       |              |

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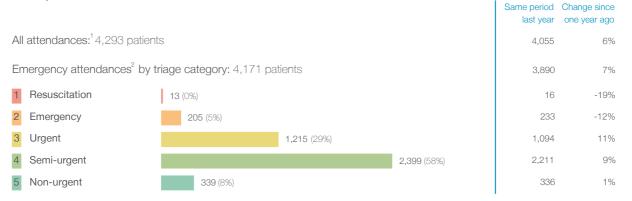
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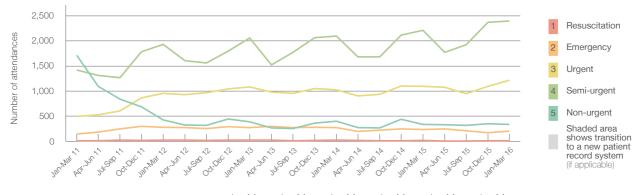
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## Milton and Ulladulla Hospital: Patients attending the emergency department

January to March 2016



Emergency attendances<sup>2</sup> by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>‡</sup>



|                           | Jan-Mar<br>2011 | Jan-Mar<br>2012 | Jan-Mar<br>2013 | Jan-Mar<br>2014 | Jan-Mar<br>2015 | Jan-Mar<br>2016 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Resuscitation             | 10              | 24              | 23              | 25              | 16              | 13              |
| Emergency                 | 145             | 279             | 275             | 273             | 233             | 205             |
| Urgent                    | 496             | 958             | 1,084           | 1,028           | 1,094           | 1,215           |
| Semi-urgent               | 1,419           | 1,933           | 2,060           | 2,095           | 2,211           | 2,399           |
| Non-urgent                | 1,713           | 426             | 386             | 402             | 336             | 339             |
| All emergency attendances | 3,783           | 3,620           | 3,828           | 3,823           | 3,890           | 4,171           |

# **Milton and Ulladulla Hospital:** Patients arriving by ambulance January to March 2016

Arrivals used to calculate transfer of care time: <sup>7</sup> 386 patients

ED Transfer of care time

13 minutes

95th percentile time

Median time

35 minutes

Same period<br/>last yearChange since<br/>one year ago37213 minutes45 minutes-10 minutes

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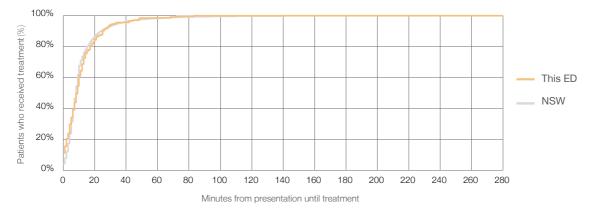
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(§) For some smaller NSW hospitals, transfer of care times reported in Hospital Quarterly are being assessed for data quality and results should be interpreted with caution.

# **Milton and Ulladulla Hospital:** Time from presentation to treatment, triage 2 January to March 2016

| Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)                           | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period) |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of triage 2 patients: 205   | 233                      |                      |
| Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 205 | 233                      |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 9 minutes                        | 5 minutes                | 8 minutes            |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 33 minutes              | 35 minutes               | 35 minutes           |

Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2016



## Time from presentation until treatment (minutes) for triage 2 patients, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



|  | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> (minutes)          | 4    | 5    | 6    | 6    | 5    | 9    |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> (minutes) | 19   | 19   | 25   | 49   | 35   | 33   |

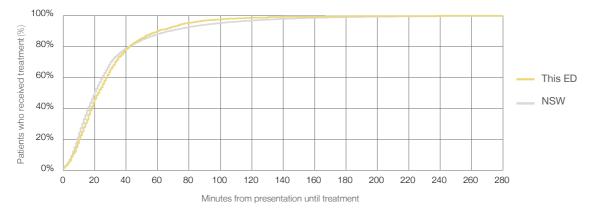
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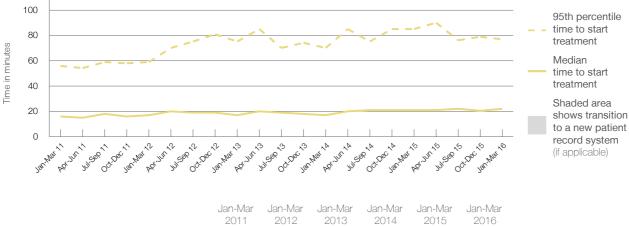
**Milton and Ulladulla Hospital:** Time from presentation to treatment, triage 3 January to March 2016

| Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)                        | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period) |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of triage 3 patients: 1,215   | 1,094                    |                      |
| Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 1,208 | 1,087                    |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 22 minutes                         | 21 minutes               | 20 minutes           |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 77 minutes                | 85 minutes               | 99 minutes           |

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2016



## Time from presentation until treatment (minutes) for triage 3 patients, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



|  | 2011 |    |    |    |    |    |
|--|------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup><br>(minutes)       | 16   | 17 | 17 | 17 | 21 | 22 |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> (minutes) | 56   | 59 | 75 | 70 | 85 | 77 |

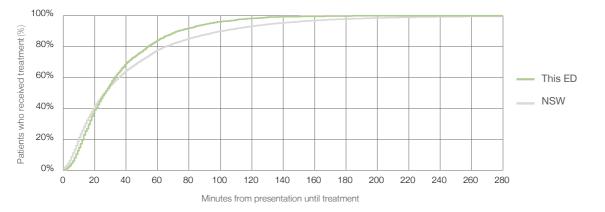
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## Milton and Ulladulla Hospital: Time from presentation to treatment, triage 4 January to March 2016

| Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)                            | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period) |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of triage 4 patients: 2,399   | 2,211                    |                      |
| Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 2,362 | 2,173                    |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 27 minutes                         | 30 minutes               | 26 minutes           |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 94 minutes                | 104 minutes              | 137 minutes          |

Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2016



## Time from presentation until treatment (minutes) for triage 4 patients, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



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(minutes)

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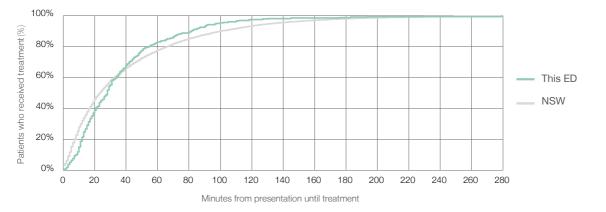
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**Milton and Ulladulla Hospital:** Time from presentation to treatment, triage 5 January to March 2016

| Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)                           | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period) |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of triage 5 patients: 339   | 336                      |                      |
| Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 322 | 312                      |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>                                  | 23 minutes               | 23 minutes           |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 97 minutes              | 101 minutes              | 135 minutes          |

Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2016



Time from presentation until treatment (minutes) for triage 5 patients, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> (minutes)          | 35  | 30  | 20  | 27  | 23  | 28 |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> (minutes) | 148 | 130 | 112 | 111 | 101 | 97 |

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District group 2 hospitals (C2)

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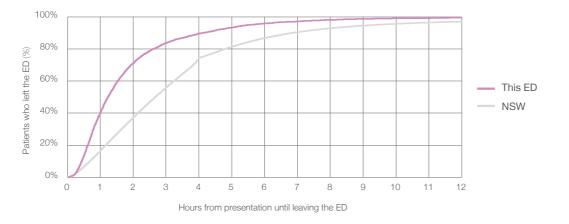
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## Milton and Ulladulla Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

January to March 2016

|  | Same period<br>last year  | NSW<br>(this period)      |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| All attendances:1 4,293 patients   | 4,055                     |                           |
| Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 4,293 patients      | 4,055                     |                           |
| Median time to leaving the ED <sup>8</sup> 1 hours and 14 minutes          | 1 hours and<br>24 minutes | 2 hours and<br>40 minutes |
| 95th percentile time to leaving the ED <sup>9</sup> 5 hours and 33 minutes | 6 hours and<br>15 minutes | 9 hours and 25 minutes    |

Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, January to March 2016



Time from presentation until leaving the ED, by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016  $^{\dagger \ddagger}$ 

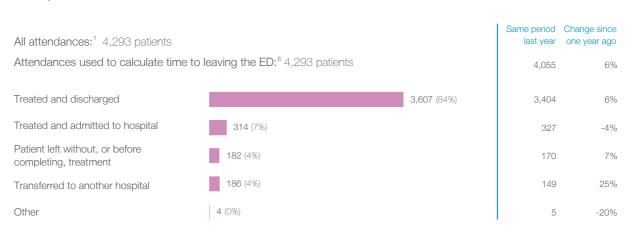


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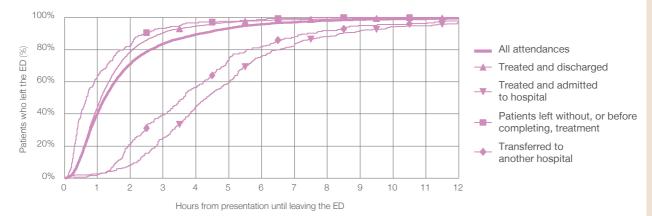
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# **Milton and Ulladulla Hospital:** Time from presentation until leaving the ED By mode of separation

January to March 2016



## Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, January to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



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

| Treated and discharged                                | 44% | 79% | 91% | 95% | 98% | 99%  | 100% | 100% |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| Treated and admitted to hospital                      | 3%  | 8%  | 25% | 45% | 76% | 88%  | 94%  | 97%  |
| Patient left without, or before completing, treatment | 64% | 82% | 93% | 97% | 99% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Transferred to another hospital                       | 2%  | 21% | 39% | 56% | 82% | 92%  | 96%  | 98%  |
| All attendances                                       | 40% | 71% | 84% | 89% | 96% | 98%  | 99%  | 99%  |

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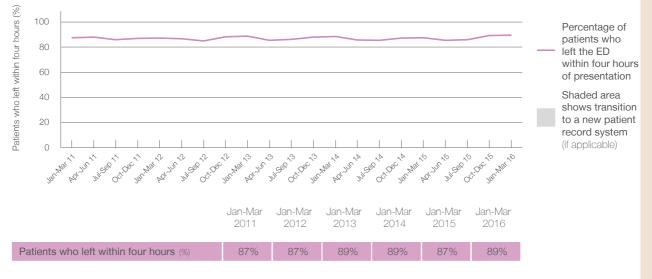
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# Milton and Ulladulla Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED Percentage of patients who left the ED within four hours of presentation January to March 2016

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## Percentage of patients who left the ED within four hours of presentation, by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



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Sources: ED data from Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 22 April 2016). Transfer of care data from Transfer of Care Reporting System (extracted 22 April 2016). Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District

District group 2 hospitals (C2)

| Shellharbour Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview<br>January to March 2016                      |                          |                           |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|   | Same period<br>last year | Change since one year ago |
| All attendances:1 8,110 patients  | 7,573                    | 7%                        |
| Emergency attendances: <sup>2</sup> 7,733 patients  | 7,131                    | 8%                        |
| <b>Shellharbour Hospital:</b> Time from presentation to treatment <sup>3</sup><br>January to March 2016 |                          |                           |
|   | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period)      |
| Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 826 patients  | 654                      |                           |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 6 minutes   | 9 minutes                | 8 minutes                 |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 17 minutes   | 29 minutes               | 35 minutes                |
| Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 2,623 patients                                 | 2,446                    |                           |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 21 minutes  | 22 minutes               | 20 minutes                |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 124 minutes  | 107 minutes              | 99 minutes                |
| Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 3,998 patients                                     | 3,775                    |                           |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>   | 25 minutes               | 26 minutes                |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>  | 152 minutes              | 137 minutes               |
| Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 257 patients  | 242                      |                           |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>   | 24 minutes               | 23 minutes                |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 116 minutes  | 128 minutes              | 135 minutes               |
|   |                          |                           |

## Shellharbour Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

| January to March 2016   |  |     |     | Change since<br>one year ago |
|---|--|-----|-----|------------------------------|
| Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 8,110 patients |  |     |     | 7%                           |
| Percentage of patients who<br>left the ED within four hours           |  | 68% | 72% |                              |

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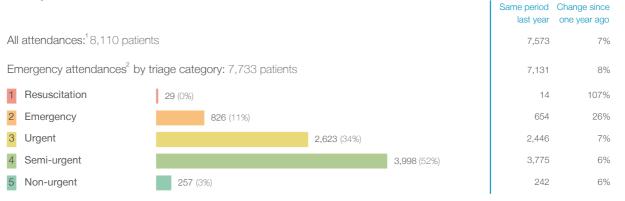
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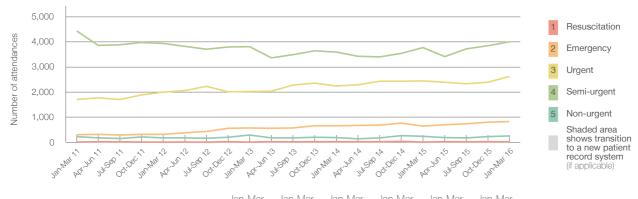
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## Shellharbour Hospital: Patients attending the emergency department

January to March 2016



Emergency attendances<sup>2</sup> by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>‡</sup>



|                           | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Resuscitation             | 10    | 12    | 16    | 30    | 14    | 29    |
| Emergency                 | 303   | 319   | 569   | 662   | 654   | 826   |
| Urgent                    | 1,710 | 1,998 | 2,029 | 2,248 | 2,446 | 2,623 |
| Semi-urgent               | 4,441 | 3,933 | 3,808 | 3,597 | 3,775 | 3,998 |
| Non-urgent                | 226   | 172   | 287   | 186   | 242   | 257   |
| All emergency attendances | 6,690 | 6,434 | 6,709 | 6,723 | 7,131 | 7,733 |

## Shellharbour Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance January to March 2016

|  | Same period<br>last year   | Change since<br>one year ago  |
|--|--|---|
| care time: <sup>7</sup> 1,600 patients | 1,436  |   |
|  |  |   |
| 1 minutes                              | 11 minutes   | 0 minutes   |
| 35 minutes                             | 41 minutes   | -6 minutes  |
|  |  |   |
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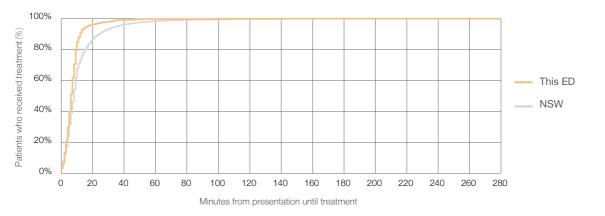
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Shellharbour Hospital: Time from presentation to treatment, triage 2 January to March 2016

| Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)                           | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period) |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of triage 2 patients: 826   | 654                      |                      |
| Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 824 | 653                      |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 6 minutes                        | 9 minutes                | 8 minutes            |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 17 minutes              | 29 minutes               | 35 minutes           |

Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2016



## Time from presentation until treatment (minutes) for triage 2 patients, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



| Median time to start treatment4911109695th percentile time to start treatment5343933252917 |  | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|--|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| $\cdot$            |  | 9    | 11   | 10   | 10   | 9    | 6    |
| (minutes)  | 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> (minutes) | 34   | 39   | 33   | 25   | 29   | 17   |

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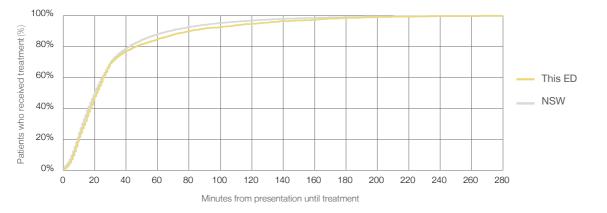
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**Shellharbour Hospital:** Time from presentation to treatment, triage 3 January to March 2016

| Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)                        | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period) |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of triage 3 patients: 2,623   | 2,446                    |                      |
| Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 2,571 | 2,416                    |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 21 minutes                         | 22 minutes               | 20 minutes           |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>                           | 107 minutes              | 99 minutes           |

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2016



Time from presentation until treatment (minutes) for triage 3 patients, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> (minutes)          | 26  | 26  | 26  | 23 | 22  | 21  |
|--|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> (minutes) | 122 | 113 | 134 | 95 | 107 | 124 |

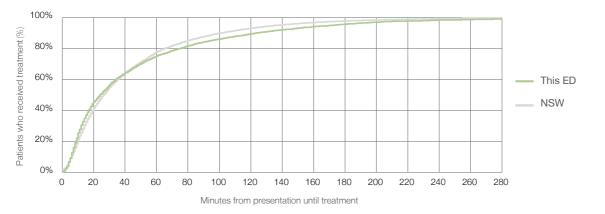
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**Shellharbour Hospital:** Time from presentation to treatment, triage 4 January to March 2016

| Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)                | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period) |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of triage 4 patients: 3,998                                 | 3,775                    |                      |
| Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time:3 3,657 | 3,509                    |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>                        | 25 minutes               | 26 minutes           |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>               | 152 minutes              | 137 minutes          |

Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2016



## Time from presentation until treatment (minutes) for triage 4 patients, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



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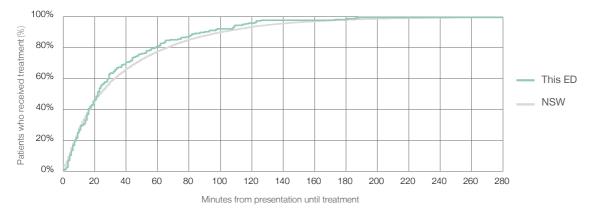
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Shellharbour Hospital: Time from presentation to treatment, triage 5 January to March 2016

| Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or al           | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period) |             |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Number of triage 5 patients: 257                     | 242                      |                      |             |
| Number of triage 5 patients used to calculat         | 185                      |                      |             |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>          | 22 minutes               | 24 minutes           | 23 minutes  |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> | 116 minutes              | 128 minutes          | 135 minutes |

Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2016



Time from presentation until treatment (minutes) for triage 5 patients, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> (minutes)          | 26  | 28  | 26  | 21  | 24  | 22  |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> (minutes) | 184 | 143 | 181 | 157 | 128 | 116 |

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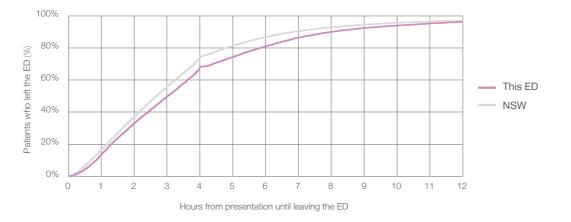
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Shellharbour Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

January to March 2016

|   | Same period<br>last year  | NSW<br>(this period)      |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| All attendances: <sup>1</sup> 8,110 patients                                | 7,573                     |                           |
| Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 8,110 patients       | 7,573                     |                           |
| Median time to leaving the ED <sup>8</sup> 3 hours and 1 minutes            | 2 hours and<br>50 minutes | 2 hours and<br>40 minutes |
| 95th percentile time to leaving the ED <sup>9</sup> 10 hours and 51 minutes | 9 hours and<br>56 minutes | 9 hours and<br>25 minutes |

Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, January to March 2016



## Time from presentation until leaving the ED, by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016 $^{\dagger \dagger}$



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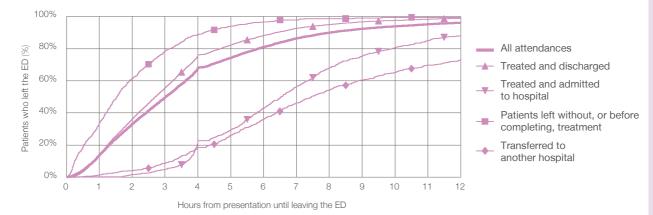
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## Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, January to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>

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Other



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

| Treated and discharged                                | 14% | 36% | 56% | 76% | 88% | 95% | 98% | 99%  |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Treated and admitted to hospital                      | 0%  | 2%  | 5%  | 23% | 43% | 68% | 81% | 88%  |
| Patient left without, or before completing, treatment | 34% | 61% | 79% | 89% | 97% | 99% | 99% | 100% |
| Transferred to another hospital                       | 1%  | 4%  | 9%  | 19% | 36% | 54% | 65% | 73%  |
| All attendances                                       | 14% | 33% | 50% | 68% | 81% | 90% | 94% | 96%  |

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Percentage of patients who left the ED within four hours of presentation, by guarter, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>‡‡</sup>



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PERFORMANCE PROFILES: Emergency department care January to March 2016 District group 1 hospitals (C1)

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District

#### Shoalhaven and District Memorial Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview January to March 2016

| January to March 2010                               |       | Change since one year ago |
|---|-------|---------------------------|
| All attendances:1 10,155 patients                   | 9,166 | 11%                       |
| Emergency attendances: <sup>2</sup> 10,022 patients | 9,045 | 11%                       |

## Shoalhaven and District Memorial Hospital: Time from presentation to treatment<sup>3</sup>

| January to March 2016                                |                     |             |                          |                      |
|--|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
|  |                     |             | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period) |
| Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe          | e burns): 763 patie | ents        | 485                      |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>          | minutes             |             | 10 minutes               | 8 minutes            |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment₅             | 53 minutes          |             | 47 minutes               | 35 minutes           |
| Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, o         | dehydration): 3,01  | 9 patients  | 2,360                    |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>          | 30 minutes          |             | 30 minutes               | 20 minutes           |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment⁵             |                     | 155 minutes | 161 minutes              | 99 minutes           |
| Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, e         | earache): 4,898 pa  | atients     | 4,233                    |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>          | 38 minutes          |             | 43 minutes               | 26 minutes           |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> |                     | 191 minutes | 216 minutes              | 137 minutes          |
| Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abra         | asions): 1,302 pat  | ients       | 1,933                    |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>          | 28 minutes          |             | 36 minutes               | 23 minutes           |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> |                     | 145 minutes | 188 minutes              | 135 minutes          |

#### Shoalhaven and District Memorial Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED Change since

| January to March 2016                                       |                                 |     | last year | one year ago |
|---|---------------------------------|-----|-----------|--------------|
| Attendances used to calculate time to le                    | eaving the ED:6 10,152 patients |     | 9,166     | 11%          |
| Percentage of patients who<br>left the ED within four hours |                                 | 67% | 64%       |              |

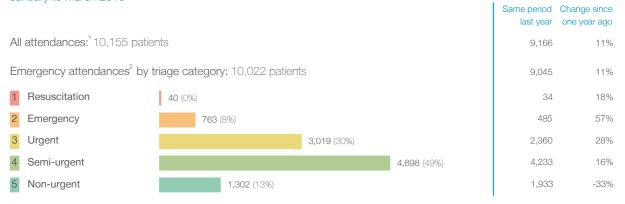
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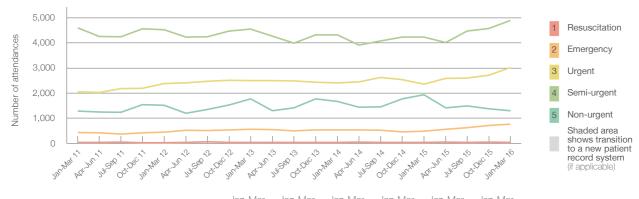
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# **Shoalhaven and District Memorial Hospital:** Patients attending the emergency department January to March 2016



Emergency attendances<sup>2</sup> by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>‡</sup>



|                           | 2011  | Jan-Iviar<br>2012 | Jan-Iviar<br>2013 | Jan-Iviar<br>2014 | Jan-Iviar<br>2015 | 2016   |
|---------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Resuscitation             | 41    | 27                | 31                | 33                | 34                | 40     |
| Emergency                 | 434   | 443               | 558               | 528               | 485               | 763    |
| Urgent                    | 2,056 | 2,377             | 2,495             | 2,406             | 2,360             | 3,019  |
| Semi-urgent               | 4,605 | 4,526             | 4,549             | 4,323             | 4,233             | 4,898  |
| Non-urgent                | 1,282 | 1,519             | 1,769             | 1,673             | 1,933             | 1,302  |
| All emergency attendances | 8,418 | 8,892             | 9,402             | 8,963             | 9,045             | 10,022 |

## Shoalhaven and District Memorial Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance January to March 2016

|  |                             |            | last year  | one year ago |
|--|-----------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Arrivals used to calculate transfer of | care time: 7 2,407 patients |            | 2,253      |              |
| ED Transfer of care time <sup>§</sup>  |                             |            |            |              |
| Median time                            | 17 minutes                  |            | 14 minutes | 3 minutes    |
| 95th percentile time                   |                             | 91 minutes | 77 minutes | 14 minutes   |
|  |                             |            |            |              |
|  |                             |            |            |              |

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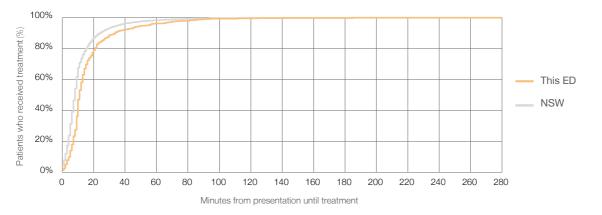
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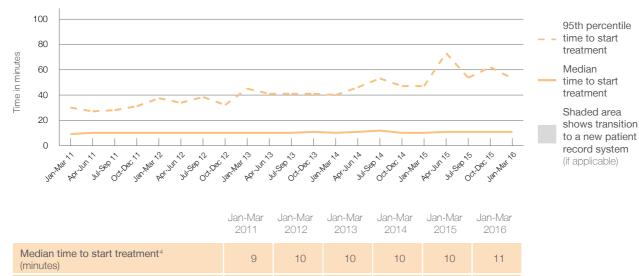
# **Shoalhaven and District Memorial Hospital:** Time from presentation to treatment, triage 2 January to March 2016

| Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)                           |            | NSW<br>(this period) |
|--|------------|----------------------|
| Number of triage 2 patients: 763   |            |                      |
| Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 763 |            |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 11 minutes                       | 10 minutes | 8 minutes            |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 53 minutes              | 47 minutes | 35 minutes           |

## Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2016



## Time from presentation until treatment (minutes) for triage 2 patients, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



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95th percentile time to start treatment<sup>5</sup>

(minutes)

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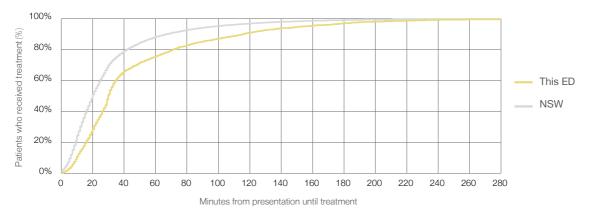
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# **Shoalhaven and District Memorial Hospital:** Time from presentation to treatment, triage 3 January to March 2016

| Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)                        |             |             | NSW<br>(this period) |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Number of triage 3 patients: 3,019   |             |             |                      |
| Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 2,955 |             |             |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>                                    | 30 minutes  | 30 minutes  | 20 minutes           |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>                           | 155 minutes | 161 minutes | 99 minutes           |

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2016



## Time from presentation until treatment (minutes) for triage 3 patients, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> (minutes)          | 26  | 29  | 27  | 29  | 30  | 30  |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> (minutes) | 107 | 128 | 126 | 150 | 161 | 155 |

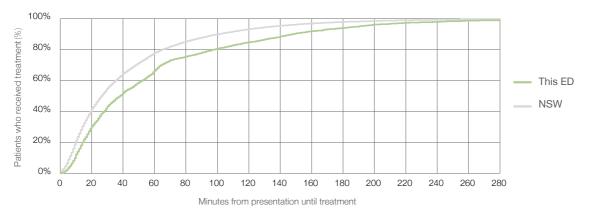
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# **Shoalhaven and District Memorial Hospital:** Time from presentation to treatment, triage 4 January to March 2016

| Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)                            | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period) |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of triage 4 patients: 4,898   | 4,233                    |                      |
| Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 4,517 | 3,809                    |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 38 minutes                         | 43 minutes               | 26 minutes           |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>                           | 216 minutes              | 137 minutes          |

Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2016



## Time from presentation until treatment (minutes) for triage 4 patients, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> (minutes)          | 43  | 40  | 36  | 37  | 43  | 38  |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> (minutes) | 211 | 230 | 192 | 196 | 216 | 191 |

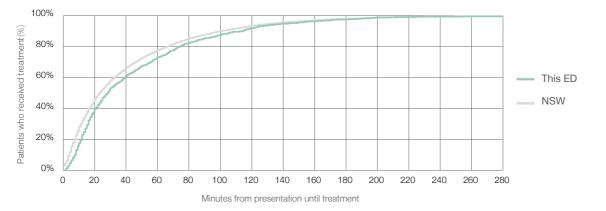
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# **Shoalhaven and District Memorial Hospital:** Time from presentation to treatment, triage 5 January to March 2016

| Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)                             |             |             | NSW<br>(this period) |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Number of triage 5 patients: 1,302   |             |             |                      |
| Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 1,153 |             |             |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>                                    | 8 minutes   | 36 minutes  | 23 minutes           |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>                           | 145 minutes | 188 minutes | 135 minutes          |

Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2016



## Time from presentation until treatment (minutes) for triage 5 patients, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



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95th percentile time to start treatment<sup>®</sup>

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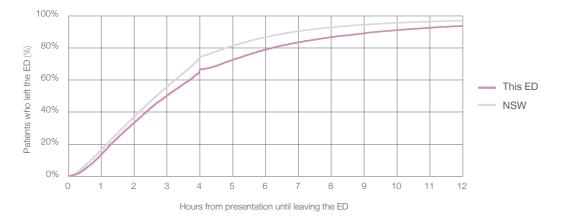
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# **Shoalhaven and District Memorial Hospital:** Time from presentation until leaving the ED January to March 2016

|   | Same period<br>last year   | NSW<br>(this period)      |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| All attendances: <sup>1</sup> 10,155 patients                               | 9,166                      |                           |
| Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 10,152 patients      | 9,166                      |                           |
| Median time to leaving the ED <sup>8</sup> 3 hours and 0 minutes            | 3 hours and<br>8 minutes   | 2 hours and<br>40 minutes |
| 95th percentile time to leaving the ED <sup>9</sup> 13 hours and 46 minutes | 12 hours and<br>18 minutes | 9 hours and 25 minutes    |

Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, January to March 2016



## Time from presentation until leaving the ED, by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016 $^{\dagger \dagger}$

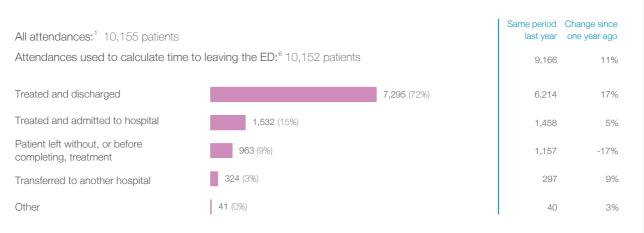


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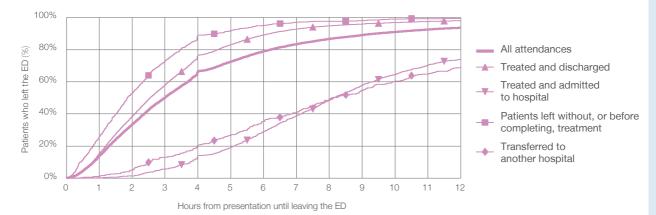
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# Shoalhaven and District Memorial Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED By mode of separation

January to March 2016



## Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, January to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



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

| Treated and discharged                                | 15% | 39% | 58% | 77% | 89% | 95% | 97% | 98% |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Treated and admitted to hospital                      | 0%  | 1%  | 6%  | 14% | 29% | 49% | 65% | 74% |
| Patient left without, or before completing, treatment | 26% | 53% | 73% | 89% | 95% | 98% | 99% | 99% |
| Transferred to another hospital                       | 1%  | 5%  | 13% | 21% | 35% | 49% | 60% | 69% |
| All attendances                                       | 14% | 33% | 50% | 67% | 79% | 87% | 91% | 94% |

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## **Shoalhaven and District Memorial Hospital:** Time from presentation until leaving the ED Percentage of patients who left the ED within four hours of presentation

| January to March 2016  |         | Change since one year ago |
|--|---------|---------------------------|
| All attendances: 1 10,155 patients                                     | 9,166   | 11%                       |
| Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 10,152 patients | 9,166   | 11%                       |
| Percentage of patients who<br>left the ED within four hours            | 57% 64% |                           |

#### Percentage of patients who left the ED within four hours of presentation, by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



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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: Emergency department measures, January to March 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 95th percentile is the time by which 95% of patients started treatment. The final 5% of patients took equal to or longer than this time.
- 6. All attendances 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.
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- 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 rounded to whole numbers and therefore percentages may not add to 100%.
   Sources: ED data from Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 22 Aoril 2016).

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| Wollongong Hospital: Emergency<br>January to March 2016     | y department (ED) overview             |                          |                              |
|---|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|
|   |  | Same period<br>last year | Change since<br>one year ago |
| All attendances:1 15,983 patients                           |  | 15,661                   | 2%                           |
| Emergency attendances: <sup>2</sup> 15,617 patients         |  | 15,131                   | 3%                           |
| <b>Wollongong Hospital:</b> Time from January to March 2016 | presentation to treatment <sup>3</sup> | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period)         |
| Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, sev                    | rere burns): 1,845 patients            | 1,809                    |                              |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>                 | 10 minutes                             | 10 minutes               | 8 minutes                    |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>        | 35 minutes                             | 34 minutes               | 35 minutes                   |
| Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood los                    |  | 6,012                    |                              |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>                 | 27 minutes                             | 28 minutes               | 20 minutes                   |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>        | 118 minutes                            | 126 minutes              | 99 minutes                   |

148 minutes 95th percentile time to start treatment<sup>5</sup> Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 578 patients 32 minutes Median time to start treatment<sup>4</sup>

34 minutes

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 6,585 patients

95th percentile time to start treatment<sup>5</sup>

Median time to start treatment<sup>4</sup>

## Wollongong Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

| January to March 2016                                       |                                 |     | 1      | Change since<br>one year ago |
|---|---------------------------------|-----|--------|------------------------------|
| Attendances used to calculate time to le                    | eaving the ED:6 15,983 patients |     | 15,661 | 2%                           |
| Percentage of patients who<br>left the ED within four hours |                                 | 65% | 64%    |                              |

161 minutes

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Source: Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 22 April 2016).

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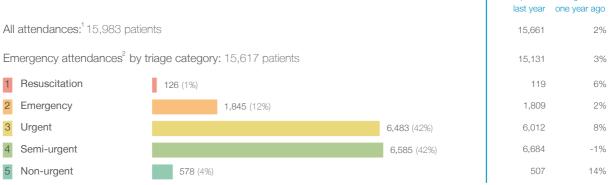
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## Wollongong Hospital: Patients attending the emergency department

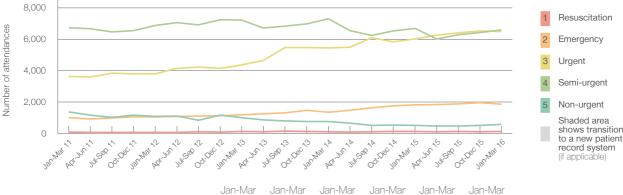
January to March 2016



Resuscitation 2 Emergency 3 Urgent 4 Semi-urgent 5 Non-urgent Shaded area shows transition

Same period Change since

Emergency attendances<sup>2</sup> by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>‡</sup>



|                           | 2011   | 2012   | 2013   | 2014   | 2015   | 2016   |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Resuscitation             | 70     | 51     | 113    | 109    | 119    | 126    |
| Emergency                 | 1,000  | 1,035  | 1,173  | 1,350  | 1,809  | 1,845  |
| Urgent                    | 3,632  | 3,783  | 4,357  | 5,446  | 6,012  | 6,483  |
| Semi-urgent               | 6,730  | 6,878  | 7,211  | 7,301  | 6,684  | 6,585  |
| Non-urgent                | 1,356  | 1,070  | 1,004  | 754    | 507    | 578    |
| All emergency attendances | 12,788 | 12,817 | 13,858 | 14,960 | 15,131 | 15,617 |

## Wollongong Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance January to March 2016

| bandary to March 2010            |                                     | Same period<br>last year | Change since<br>one year ago |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Arrivals used to calculate trans | sfer of care time: 7 5,301 patients | 5,205                    |                              |
| ED Transfer of care time $\$$    |                                     |                          |                              |
| Median time                      | 12 minutes                          | 12 minutes               | 0 minutes                    |
| 95th percentile time             | 39 minutes                          | 37 minutes               | 2 minutes                    |
|                                  |                                     |                          |                              |

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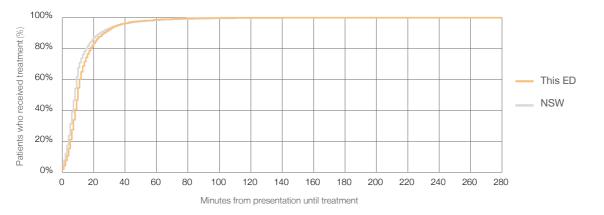
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**Wollongong Hospital:** Time from presentation to treatment, triage 2 January to March 2016

| Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)                             | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period) |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of triage 2 patients: 1,845   | 1,809                    |                      |
| Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 1,845 | 1,806                    |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 10 minutes                         | 10 minutes               | 8 minutes            |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 35 minutes                | 34 minutes               | 35 minutes           |

Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2016



Time from presentation until treatment (minutes) for triage 2 patients, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> (minutes)          | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> (minutes) | 36 | 30 | 35 | 32 | 34 | 35 |

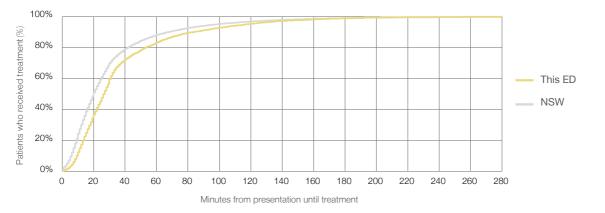
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**Wollongong Hospital:** Time from presentation to treatment, triage 3 January to March 2016

| Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)                        |            |             | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period) |
|--|------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of triage 3 patients: 6,483   |            |             | 6,012                    |                      |
| Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 6,361 |            |             | 5,858                    |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup>                                    | 27 minutes |             | 28 minutes               | 20 minutes           |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>                           |            | 118 minutes | 126 minutes              | 99 minutes           |

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2016



Time from presentation until treatment (minutes) for triage 3 patients, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup><br>(minutes)       | 29  | 28  | 28  | 27  | 28  | 27  |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> (minutes) | 162 | 144 | 128 | 127 | 126 | 118 |

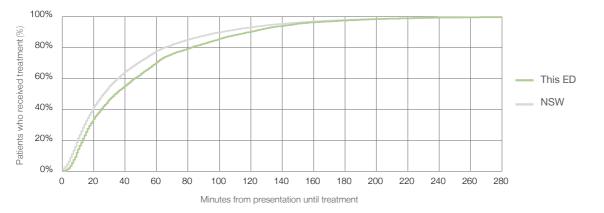
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**Wollongong Hospital:** Time from presentation to treatment, triage 4 January to March 2016

| Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)                | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period) |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of triage 4 patients: 6,585                                 | 6,684                    |                      |
| Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time:3 6,203 | 6,192                    |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 34 minutes             | 37 minutes               | 26 minutes           |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> 148 minutes   | 180 minutes              | 137 minutes          |

Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2016



## Time from presentation until treatment (minutes) for triage 4 patients, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> (minutes)          | 46  | 42  | 39  | 39  | 37  | 34  |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup> (minutes) | 243 | 215 | 200 | 190 | 180 | 148 |

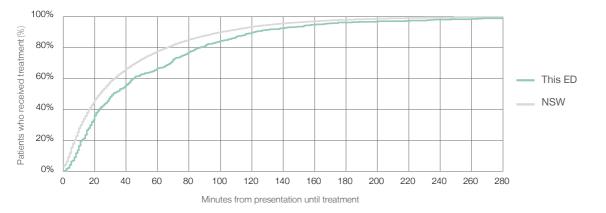
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**Wollongong Hospital:** Time from presentation to treatment, triage 5 January to March 2016

| Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)                           | Same period<br>last year | NSW<br>(this period) |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of triage 5 patients: 578   | 507                      |                      |
| Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: <sup>3</sup> 503 | 418                      |                      |
| Median time to start treatment <sup>4</sup> 32 minutes                       | 33 minutes               | 23 minutes           |
| 95th percentile time to start treatment <sup>5</sup>                         | 165 minutes              | 135 minutes          |

Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, January to March 2016



Time from presentation until treatment (minutes) for triage 5 patients, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



Principal referral hospitals (A1)

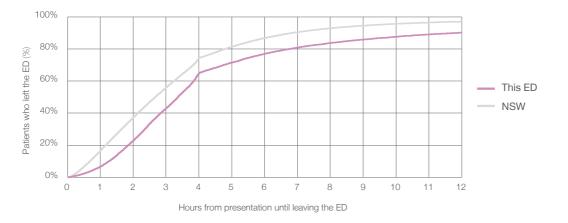
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Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, January to March 2016



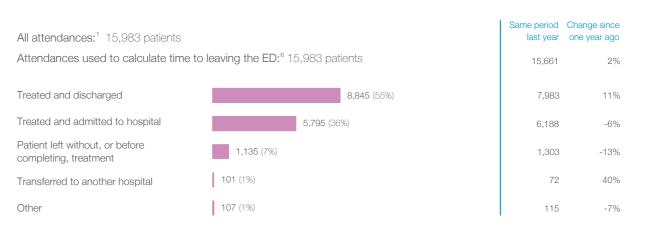
Time from presentation until leaving the ED, by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016  $^{\dagger \ddagger}$ 



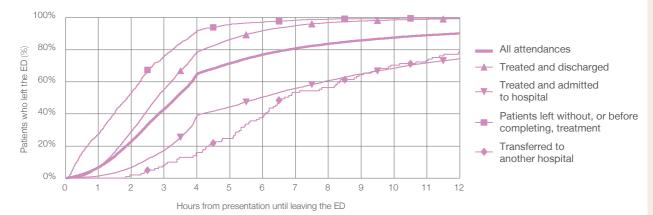
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## **Wollongong Hospital:** Time from presentation until leaving the ED By mode of separation January to March 2016



## Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, January to March 2016<sup>†‡</sup>



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

| Treated and discharged                                | 7%  | 29% | 55% | 78% | 92% | 97% | 99%  | 99%  |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| Treated and admitted to hospital                      | 1%  | 7%  | 17% | 39% | 51% | 61% | 68%  | 74%  |
| Patient left without, or before completing, treatment | 28% | 53% | 76% | 92% | 97% | 99% | 100% | 100% |
| Transferred to another hospital                       | 0%  | 2%  | 8%  | 16% | 38% | 56% | 70%  | 79%  |
| All attendances                                       | 7%  | 23% | 43% | 65% | 77% | 84% | 88%  | 90%  |

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

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#### Wollongong Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED Percentage of patients who left the ED within four hours of presentation January to March 2016 Same period Change since last vear one vear ago All attendances: 1 15,983 patients 2% 15 661 Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 15,983 patients 15.661 2% Percentage of patients who 65% 64% left the ED within four hours

Percentage of patients who left the ED within four hours of presentation, by guarter, January 2011 to March 2016<sup>‡‡</sup>



- Suppressed due to small numbers and to protect privacy. Relevant graphs are also suppressed.
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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: Emergency department measures, January to March 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 95th percentile is the time by which 95% of patients started treatment. The final 5% of patients took equal to or longer than this time.
- 6. All attendances 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 95th percentile is the time by which 95% of patients left the ED. The final 5% 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 rounded to whole numbers and therefore percentages may not add to 100%.

ED data from Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 22 April 2016) Sources: Transfer of care data from Transfer of Care Reporting System (extracted 22 April 2016).