

Hospital Quarterly

Performance Profiles

Emergency Department

Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District

Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview January to March 2016

Same period Change since last vear one vear ago All attendances: 1 4,295 patients 4.168 3% Emergency attendances:² 4,200 patients 4% 4.032

Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Time from presentation to treatment³ January to March 2016

Canaday to March 2010	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 591 patients	488	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 7 minutes	7 minutes	8 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 35 minutes	38 minutes	35 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 1,007 patients	1,042	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 17 minutes	16 minutes	20 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	81 minutes	99 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 1,961 patients	1,895	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 28 minutes	27 minutes	26 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	147 minutes	137 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 619 patients	597	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 29 minutes	25 minutes	23 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	151 minutes	135 minutes

Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

Same period Change since January to March 2016 last year one year ago Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 4,295 patients 4,168 Percentage of patients who 82% left the ED within four hours

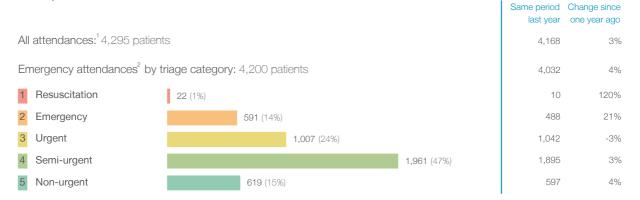
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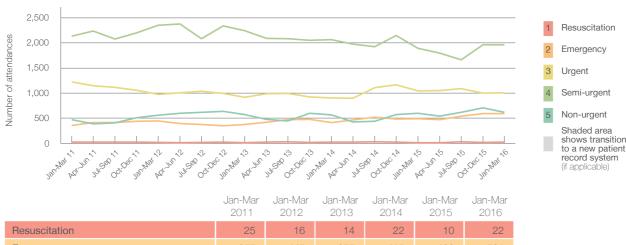
Source: Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 22 April 2016).

Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Patients attending the emergency department

January to March 2016



Emergency attendances² by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016[‡]



Emergency	357	447	375	415	488	591
Urgent	1,224	977	919	902	1,042	1,007
Semi-urgent	2,137	2,351	2,243	2,068	1,895	1,961
Non-urgent	474	560	576	564	597	619
All emergency attendances	4,217	4,351	4,127	3,971	4,032	4,200

Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

January to March 2016

		last year	one year ago
Arrivals used to calculate transfer of care time: 7 578 patients **			
ED Transfer of care time §			
Median time	12 minutes	14 minutes	-2 minutes
95th percentile time	29 minutes	35 minutes	-6 minutes

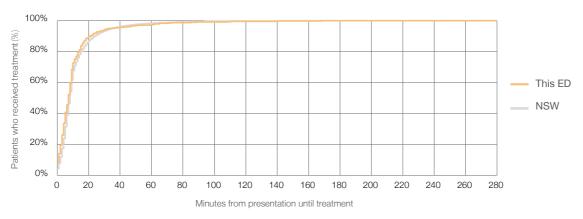
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- (**) Interpret with caution: total ambulance arrivals include more than 30% of records for which transfer of care time cannot be calculated.
- For some smaller NSW hospitals, transfer of care times reported in Hospital Quarterly are being assessed for data quality and results should be interpreted with caution.

Same period Change since

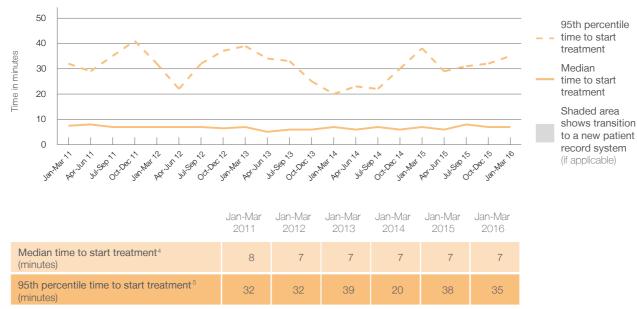
Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Time from presentation to treatment, triage 2 January to March 2016

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 591	488	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 585	483	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 7 minutes	7 minutes	8 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 35 minutes	38 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 †‡



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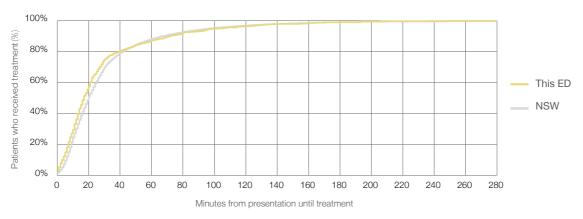
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Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Time from presentation to treatment, triage 3 January to March 2016

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 1,007	1,042	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: 952	1,018	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 17 minutes	16 minutes	20 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 106 minutes	81 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 †‡



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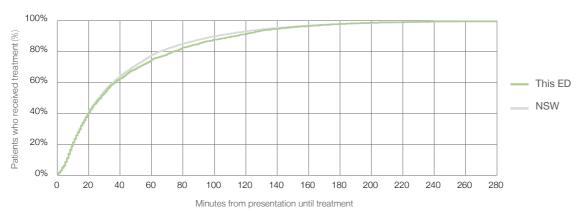
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Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Time from presentation to treatment, triage 4 January to March 2016

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle	e, earache)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 1,961	1,895		
Number of triage 4 patients used to calcula	1,775		
Median time to start treatment ⁴	28 minutes	27 minutes	26 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	143 minutes	147 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 †‡



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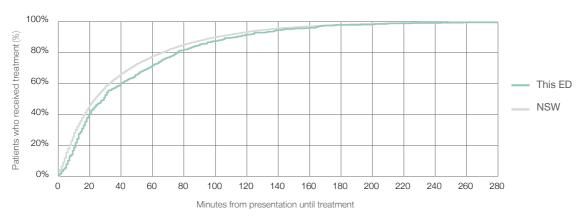
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Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Time from presentation to treatment, triage 5 January to March 2016

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)			NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 619	597		
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate	520		
Median time to start treatment ⁴	29 minutes	25 minutes	23 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	144 minutes	151 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 †‡



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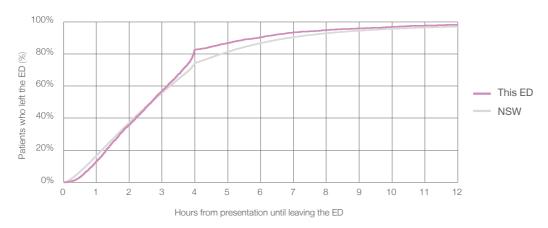
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Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

January to March 2016

Same period last vear (this period) All attendances: 4,295 patients 4,168 Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 4,295 patients 4,168 2 hours and 2 hours and Median time to leaving the ED⁸ 2 hours and 41 minutes 25 minutes 40 minutes 7 hours and 9 hours and 95th percentile time to leaving the ED9 8 hours and 6 minutes 37 minutes 25 minutes

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



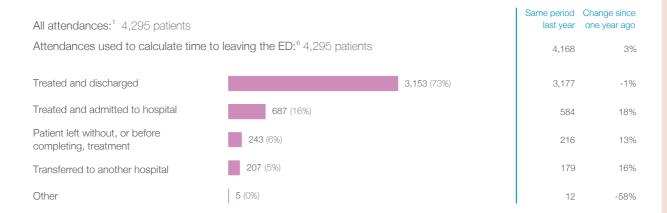
Time from presentation until leaving the ED, by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016



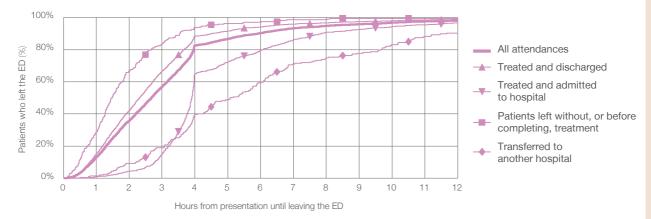
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Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED By mode of separation January to March 2016



Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, January to March 2016 †*



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

Treated and discharged	15%	42%	67%	88%	94%	97%	98%	99%
Treated and admitted to hospital	1%	4%	15%	65%	79%	91%	94%	97%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	29%	67%	84%	94%	97%	99%	100%	100%
Transferred to another hospital	1%	9%	19%	40%	59%	75%	83%	90%
All attendances	13%	36%	57%	83%	90%	95%	97%	98%

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Same period Change since

Blue Mountains District Anzac 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

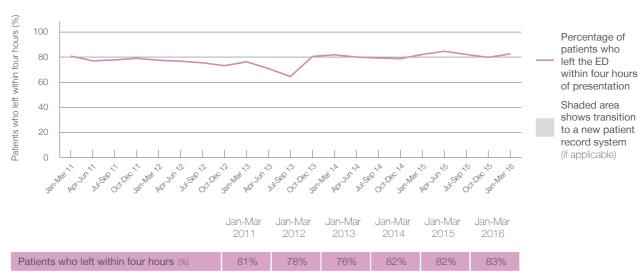
All attendances: 1 4,295 patients

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 4,295 patients

4,168 3%

Percentage of patients who left the ED within four hours

Percentage of patients who left the ED within four hours of presentation, by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016 †*



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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).

Hawkesbury District Health Services: Emergency department (ED) overview January to March 2016

Same period Change since last vear one vear ago All attendances: 1 6,138 patients 5,680 8% Emergency attendances: 2 5,705 patients 5.483 4%

Hawkesbury District Health Services: Time from presentation to treatment³

January to March 2016

January to March 2016

	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 554 patients	545	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	12 minutes	8 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 35 minutes	37 minutes	35 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 1,514 patients	1,355	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 20 minutes	18 minutes	20 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 49 minutes	48 minutes	99 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 3,011 patients	2,846	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 21 minutes	20 minutes	26 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 77 minutes	77 minutes	137 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 618 patients	720	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 20 minutes	22 minutes	23 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 103 minutes	126 minutes	135 minutes

Hawkesbury District Health Services: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

last year one year ago Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 6,138 patients 5.680 Percentage of patients who 83% left the ED within four hours

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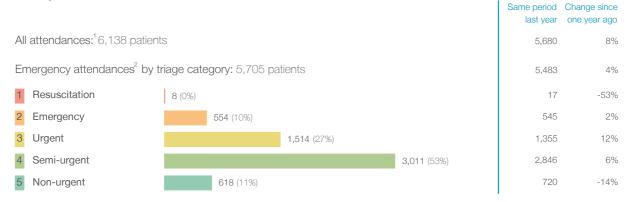
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Same period Change since

Hawkesbury District Health Services: Patients attending the emergency department

January to March 2016



Emergency attendances² by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016^{‡§}



436

2,087

1,775

4,662

434

1,949

2,290

5,230

447

1,322

2,745

5,372

545

1,355

2,846

5,483

554

1,514

3,011

5,705

618

Same period Change since

Hawkesbury District Health Services: Patients arriving by ambulance

493

2,541

1,766

5,116

January to March 2016

All emergency attendances

Emergency Urgent

Semi-urgent

Non-urgent

		last year	one year ago
Arrivals used to calculate transfer	of care time: 7 1,008 patients	1,042	
ED Transfer of care time §			
Median time	17 minutes	16 minutes	1 minute
95th percentile time	37 minutes	36 minutes	1 minute

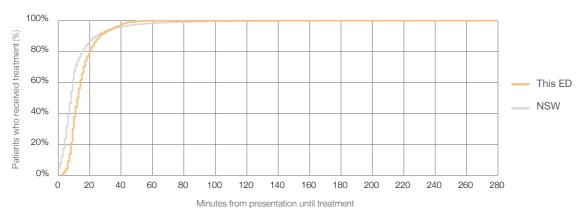
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Hawkesbury District Health Services: Time from presentation to treatment, triage 2 January to March 2016

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 554	545	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 554	545	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 12 minutes	12 minutes	8 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 35 minutes	37 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 115



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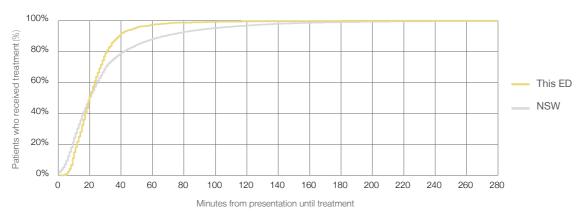
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Hawkesbury District Health Services: Time from presentation to treatment, triage 3 January to March 2016

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 1,514	1,355	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 1,513	1,353	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 20 minutes	18 minutes	20 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 49 minutes	48 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 115



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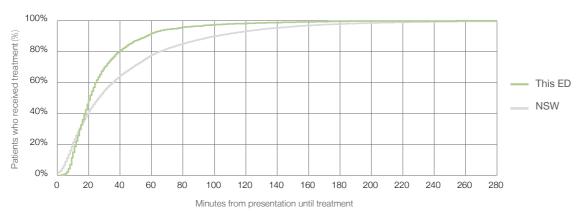
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Hawkesbury District Health Services: Time from presentation to treatment, triage 4 January to March 2016

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 3,011	2,846	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 2,995	2,827	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 21 minutes	20 minutes	26 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 77 minutes	77 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 115



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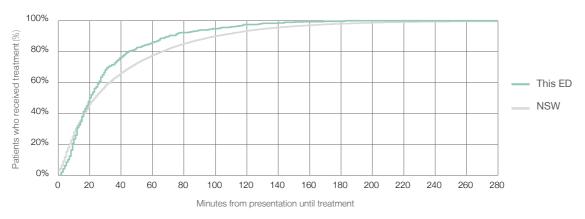
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Hawkesbury District Health Services: Time from presentation to treatment, triage 5 January to March 2016

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	(this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 618	720	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: 600		
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 20 minutes	22 minutes	23 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 103 minutes	126 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 115



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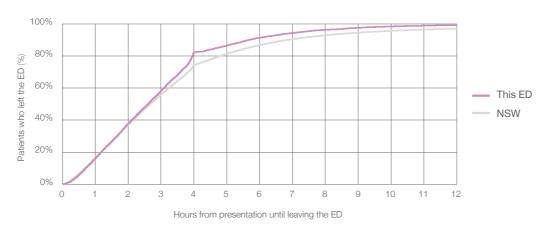
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Hawkesbury District Health Services: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

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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 $^{\dagger \ddagger \$}$



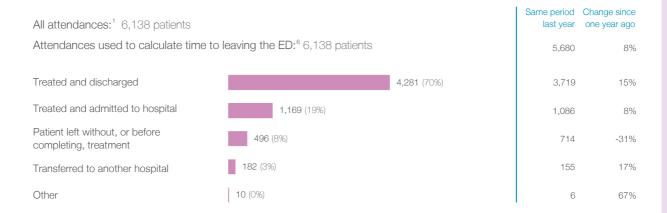
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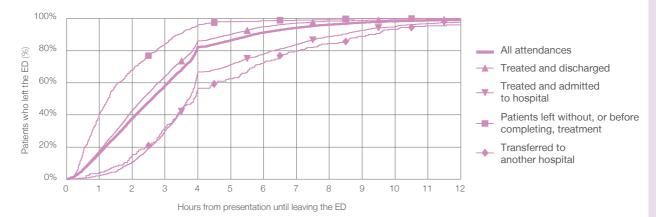
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Hawkesbury District Health Services: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

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 $^{\ddagger \ddagger \$}$



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

Treated and discharged	18%	43%	64%	86%	95%	98%	99%	100%
Treated and admitted to hospital	2%	10%	30%	67%	78%	89%	95%	98%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	41%	68%	84%	96%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Transferred to another hospital	4%	15%	32%	57%	73%	85%	93%	96%
All attendances	16%	38%	58%	82%	91%	96%	98%	99%

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Hawkesbury District Health Services: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

Percentage of patients who left the ED within four hours of presentation January to March 2016

January to March 2016			1	Change since one year ago
All attendances: 1 6,138 patients			5,680	8%
Attendances used to calculate time to leaving	ng the ED:6 6,138 patients		5,680	8%
Percentage of patients who left the ED within four hours		82%	83%	

Percentage of patients who left the ED within four hours of presentation, by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016 †*



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PERFORMANCE PROFILES: Emergency department care

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Same period Change since

Same period

Lithgow Health Service: Emergency department (ED) overview

January to March 2016

	last year	one year ago
All attendances: 3,176 patients	3,145	1%
Emergency attendances: ² 3,027 patients	2,948	3%

Lithgow Health Service: Time from presentation to treatment³

January to March 2016

	last year	(this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 324 patients	259	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 4 minutes	4 minutes	8 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	13 minutes	35 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 906 patients	767	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	11 minutes	20 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 55 minutes	52 minutes	99 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 1,303 patients	1,358	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	11 minutes	26 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	79 minutes	137 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 476 patients	552	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 8 minutes	9 minutes	23 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 65 minutes	69 minutes	135 minutes

Lithgow Health Service: Time from presentation until leaving the ED January to March 2016

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 3,175 patients

Percentage of patients who	
left the ED within four hours	88%

Same period	Change since
last year	one year ago
3,145	1%
87%	

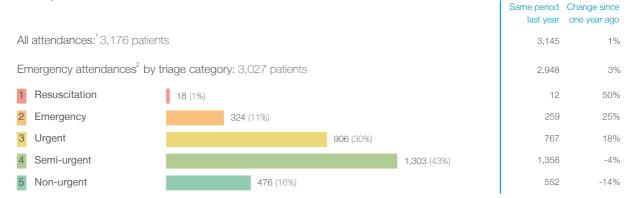
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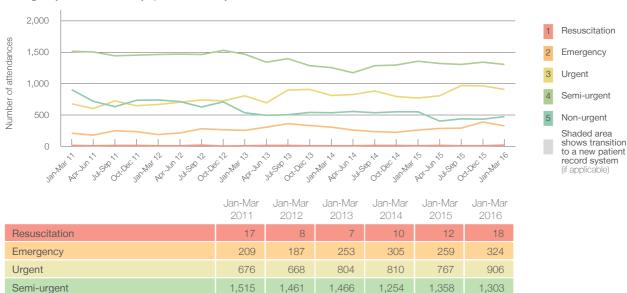
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Lithgow Health Service: Patients attending the emergency department

January to March 2016



Emergency attendances² by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016[‡]



Lithgow Health Service: Patients arriving by ambulance

3,319

January to March 2016

All emergency attendances

Non-urgent

		last year	one year ago
Arrivals used to calculate transfer of care time: 7 587 patients		562	
ED Transfer of care time §			
Median time	10 minutes	10 minutes	0 minutes
95th percentile time	26 minutes	31 minutes	-5 minutes

3,062

3,065

2,912

2,948

476

Same period Change since

3,027

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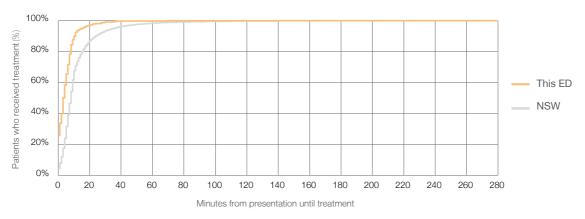
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Lithgow Health Service: Time from presentation to treatment, triage 2

January to March 2016

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 324	259	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: 320	256	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 4 minutes	4 minutes	8 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 16 minutes	13 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



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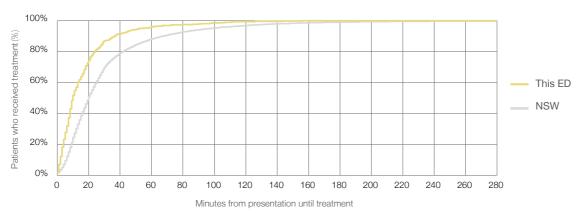
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Lithgow Health Service: Time from presentation to treatment, triage 3 January to March 2016

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 906	767	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 875	749	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 10 minutes	11 minutes	20 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 55 minutes	52 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 †‡



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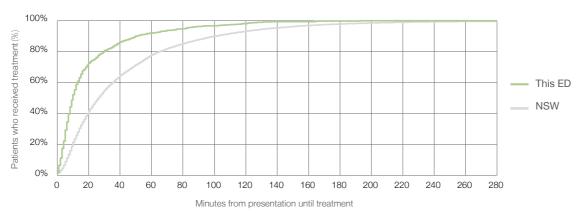
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Lithgow Health Service: Time from presentation to treatment, triage 4 January to March 2016

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 1,303	1,358	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: 3 1,241	1,307	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	11 minutes	26 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 82 minutes	79 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 † ‡



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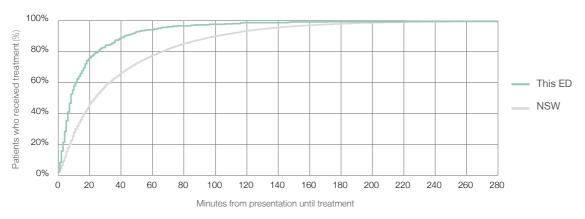
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Lithgow Health Service: Time from presentation to treatment, triage 5 January to March 2016

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 476	552	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: 433		
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 8 minutes	9 minutes	23 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 65 minutes	69 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 †‡



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Lithgow Health Service: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

January to March 2016

All attendances: 1 3,176 patients

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 3,175 patients

Median time to leaving the ED⁸

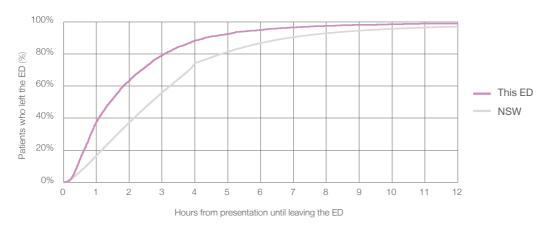
1 hours and 25 minutes

95th percentile time to leaving the ED9



NSW (this period)	Same period last year
	3,145
	3,145
2 hours and 40 minutes	1 hours and 24 minutes
9 hours and 25 minutes	5 hours and 44 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 ^{†‡}



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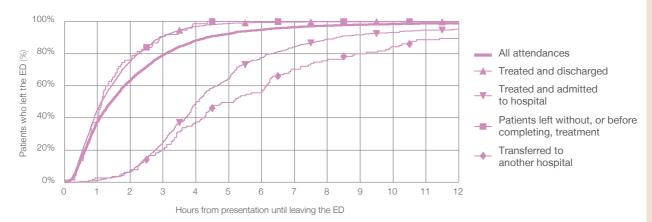
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Lithgow Health Service: Time from presentation until leaving the ED By mode of separation January to March 2016

Same period Change since All attendances: 1 3,176 patients last year one year ago Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 3,175 patients 3.145 2,536 (80%) Treated and discharged 2.489 2% Treated and admitted to hospital 440 (14%) 487 -10% Patient left without, or before 10% 68 completing, treatment 115 (4%) 31% Transferred to another hospital 10 (0%) Other 13 -23%

Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, January to March 2016 †*



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

Treated and discharged	45%	75%	91%	97%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Treated and admitted to hospital	1%	6%	25%	50%	78%	89%	93%	95%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	40%	76%	91%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Transferred to another hospital	3%	7%	20%	37%	57%	76%	84%	90%
All attendances	38%	63%	79%	88%	95%	97%	98%	99%

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Lithgow Health Service: Time from presentation until leaving the ED Percentage of patients who left the ED within four hours of presentation January to March 2016

All attendances: 1 3,176 patients

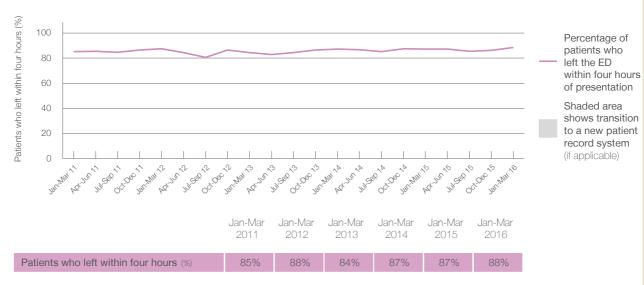
Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 3,175 patients

Percentage of patients who left the ED within four hours



one year ago	
1%	3,145
1%	3,145
	87%

Percentage of patients who left the ED within four hours of presentation, by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016 †*



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Same period Change since

NSW

Same period

Nepean Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview January to March 2016

 All attendances: 1 17,004 patients
 16,851
 1%

 Emergency attendances: 2 16,888 patients
 16,810
 0%

Nepean Hospital: Time from presentation to treatment³

January to March 2016

		last year	(this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 2,398 patients		2,428	
Median time to start treatment ⁴		9 minutes	8 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 60 minutes		43 minutes	35 minutes
Titore 0 I luggest (a.g. psedavata bland lang dabudyation): 4.774 patients		4,587	
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 4,774 patients		4,587	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 40 minutes		30 minutes	20 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	265 minutes	162 minutes	99 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 7,405 patients		7,691	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 41 minutes		32 minutes	26 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	257 minutes	167 minutes	137 minutes
Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 2,224 patients		2,007	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 37 minutes		31 minutes	23 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	32 minutes	186 minutes	135 minutes

Nepean Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED January to March 2016

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 17,004 patients

Percentage of patients who	
left the ED within four hours	49%

	Change since one year ago
16,851	1%
57%	

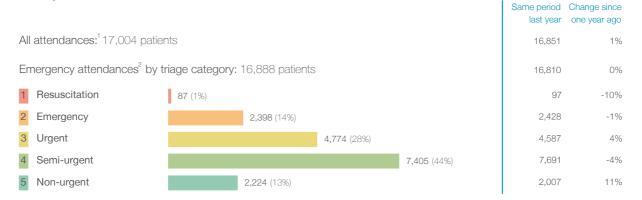
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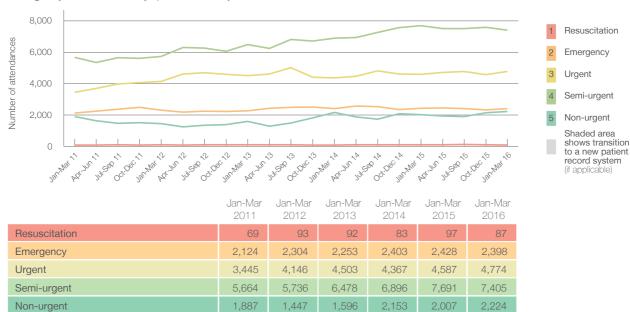
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Nepean Hospital: Patients attending the emergency department

January to March 2016



Emergency attendances² by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016[‡]



Nepean Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

January to March 2016

All emergency attendances

		last year	one year ago
Arrivals used to calculate transfer of care time: 7 4,739 patients		4,745	
ED Transfer of care time [§]			
Median time	11 minutes	11 minutes	0 minutes
95th percentile time	50 minutes	68 minutes	-18 minutes

13,726

14,922

15.902

16,810

16,888

Same period Change since

13,189

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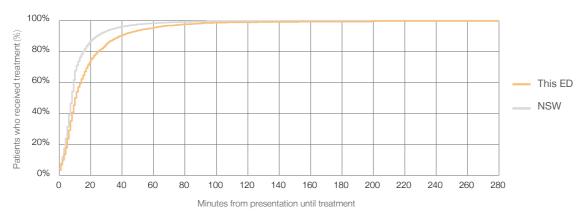
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Nepean Hospital: Time from presentation to treatment, triage 2 January to March 2016

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 2,398	2,428	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 2,330		
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 10 minutes	9 minutes	8 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 60 minutes	43 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



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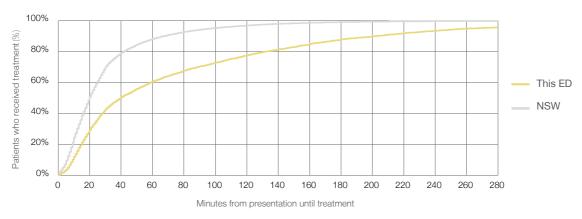
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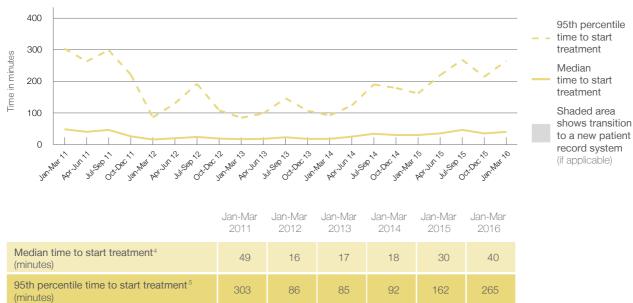
Nepean Hospital: Time from presentation to treatment, triage 3 January to March 2016

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)		Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 4,774		4,587	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: 4,226		4,186	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 40 minutes		30 minutes	20 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵	265 minutes	162 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



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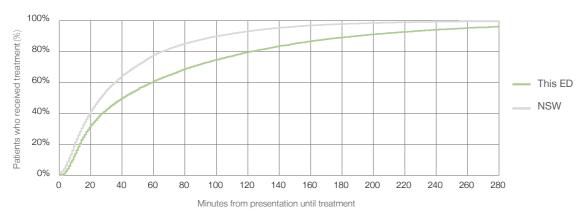
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Nepean Hospital: Time from presentation to treatment, triage 4 January to March 2016



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



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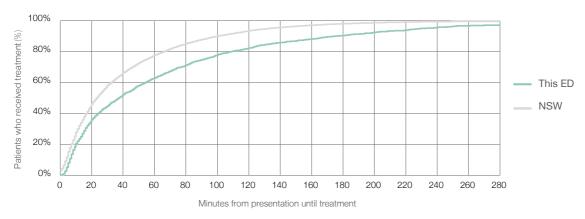
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Nepean Hospital: Time from presentation to treatment, triage 5 January to March 2016

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts o	or abrasions)		Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 2,224			2,007	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calc	ulate waiting time:3 1,751		1,625	
Median time to start treatment ⁴	37 minutes		31 minutes	23 minutes
95th percentile time to start treatment ⁵		232 minutes	186 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 †‡



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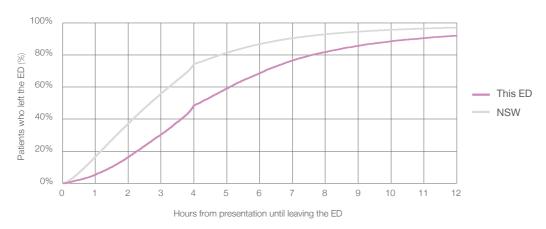
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Nepean Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED January to March 2016

			last year	(this period)
All attendances: 17,004 patients			16,851	
Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 17,004 patients			16,851	
Median time to leaving the ED ⁸ 4 hours and 10 minutes		3 hours and 46 minutes	2 hours and 40 minutes	
95th percentile time to leaving the ED ⁹		15 hours and 6 minutes	14 hours and 55 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 †‡



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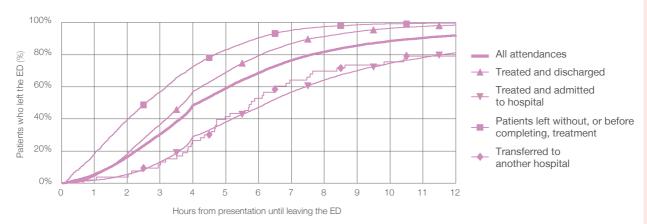
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Nepean Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED By mode of separation January to March 2016

All attendances: 1 17,004 patients	Same period last year	Change since one year ago	
Attendances used to calculate time to le	16,851	1%	
Treated and discharged	8,187 (48%)	8,795	-7%
Treated and admitted to hospital	6,454 (38%)	6,296	3%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	2,243 (13%)	1,605	40%
Transferred to another hospital	53 (0%)	47	13%
Other	67 (0%)	108	-38%

Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, January to March 2016 †‡



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

Treated and discharged	4%	18%	37%	57%	79%	91%	96%	98%
Treated and admitted to hospital	2%	5%	13%	29%	47%	64%	75%	81%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	18%	40%	57%	73%	91%	98%	99%	100%
Transferred to another hospital	2%	4%	11%	26%	53%	70%	75%	79%
All attendances	5%	16%	30%	49%	69%	82%	89%	92%

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

All attendances: 1 17,004 patients

Attendances used to calculate time to leaving the ED:6 17,004 patients

Percentage of patients who left the ED within four hours

	Change since		
last year	one year ago		
16,851	1%		
16,851	1%		
57%			

Percentage of patients who left the ED within four hours of presentation, by quarter, January 2011 to March 2016 †*

49%



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