

Performance Profiles

Chronic Disease Care: Another piece of the picture

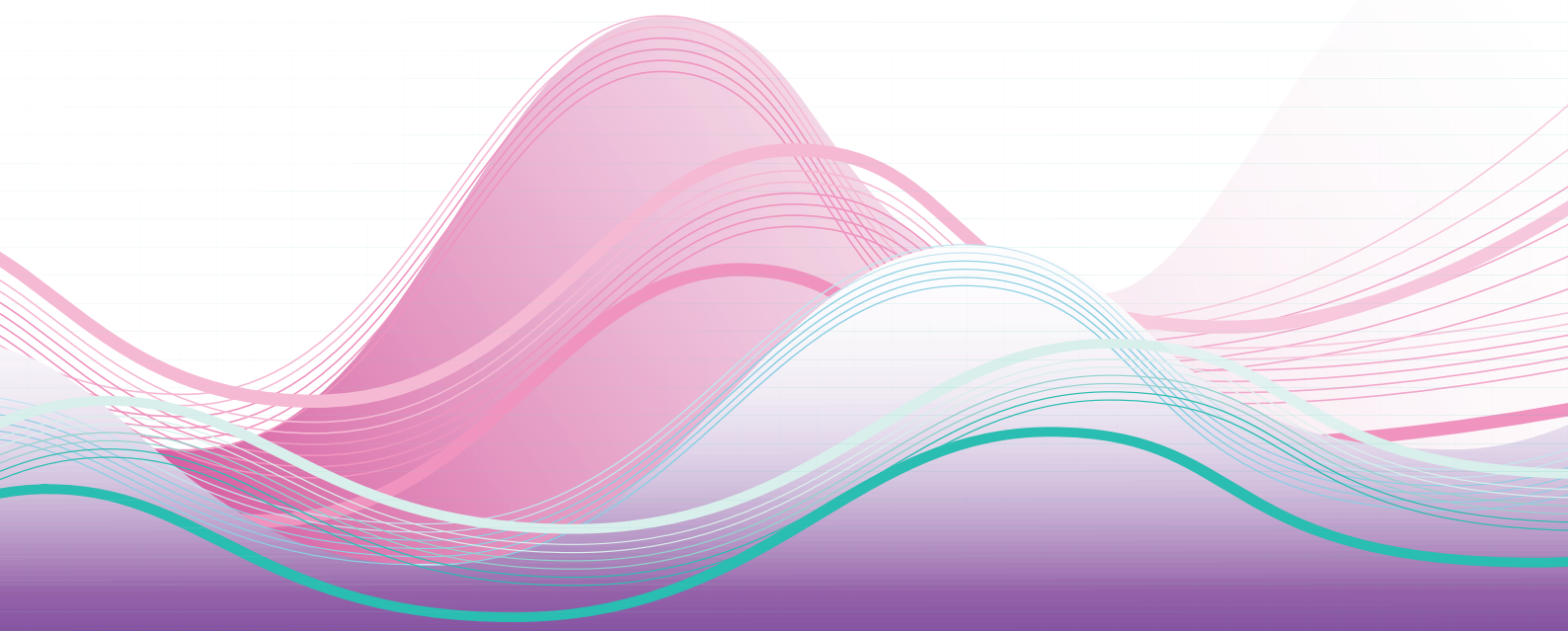
Northern NSW Local Health District

Hospitalisations and unplanned readmissions for
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
and Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)

July 2009 to June 2010

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Northern NSW LHD: Hospitalisation patterns for adults living in the LHD

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	Number
Adults with COPD alive at start of 2009–10 ¹	2,869
Those who died from any cause during 2009–10	259
Adults with COPD alive at end of 2009–10	2,610

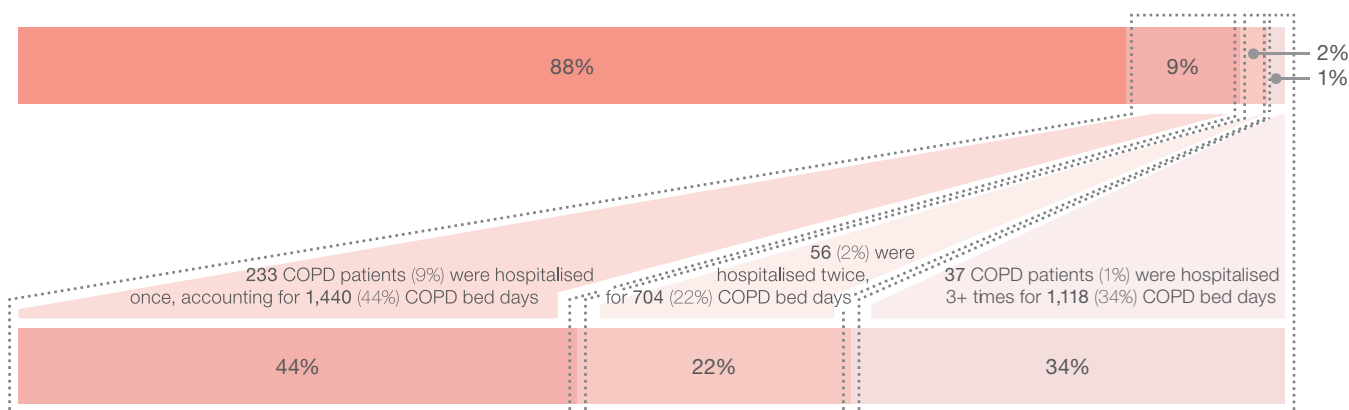
Adults with COPD alive at end of 2009–10 ² had:	All-cause		COPD-principal diagnosis	
	Number (%)	Bed days (%)	Number (%)	Bed days (%)
0 hospitalisations	1,361 (52%)		2,284 (88%)	
1 hospitalisation	565 (22%)	3,760 (22%)	233 (9%)	1,440 (44%)
2 hospitalisations	328 (13%)	3,811 (23%)	56 (2%)	704 (22%)
3+ hospitalisations	356 (14%)	9,225 (55%)	37 (1%)	1,118 (34%)

Northern NSW LHD: COPD hospitalisations and associated bed days among adults with COPD

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Percentage of adults with COPD by number of hospitalisations (2,610 adults)



Percentage of COPD bed days used by adults with COPD (3,262 bed days)

- Adults resident in the LHD admitted into any NSW hospital (excluding Albury Base Hospital) between July 2005 and June 2009, with COPD listed in the first 20 diagnostic codes were analysed for hospitalisations in 2009–10.
- Episodes of care for which COPD was coded as the principal diagnosis (ICD codes are listed on page 26). If two episodes of care with primary diagnosis of COPD were separated only by a type change separation or a transfer, then these two episodes were treated as one hospitalisation. Excludes hospitalisations for dialysis.
- Only Principal Referral, B Metropolitan and B Non-Metropolitan hospital results are tabulated. All other public hospitals in the LHD are included in 'Other'. For private hospital data, see *Chronic Disease Care: Another piece of the picture*.
- Discharges followed by unplanned readmissions for COPD to any NSW hospital within 28 days, per 100 total COPD principal diagnosis hospitalisations.
- Rate per 100 discharges standardised for age and sex.
- Percentage of hospitalisations with DRG code catastrophic or severe comorbidities or complications.
- Percentage of hospitalisations that were for adults living in the most socioeconomically disadvantaged quintile.

(*) Suppressed due to small numbers or relative standard error $\geq 40\%$.

(†) Interpret with caution: relative standard error $\geq 30\%$ and $< 40\%$.

Note: 478 of the adults alive at the end of 2009–10 had both COPD and CHF.

Source: HOIST, Centre for Epidemiology and Evidence, NSW Ministry of Health. Data extracted 8 August, 2011.

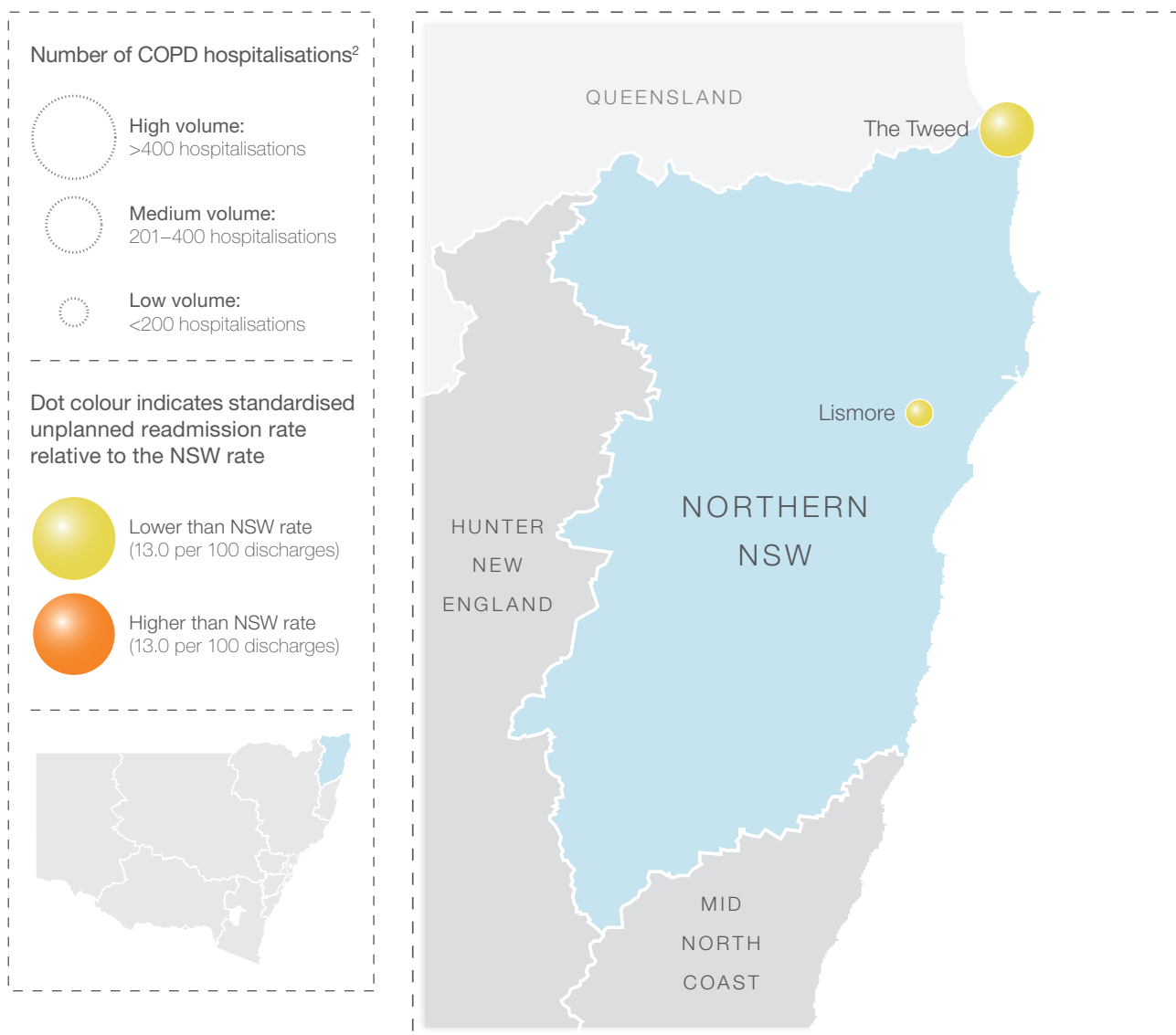
Northern NSW LHD hospitals³: COPD hospitalisations, readmissions within 28 days and context

July 2009 to June 2010

	Number of COPD hospitalisations ²	Crude readmission rate ⁴	Standardised readmission rate ⁵	Percent coded as severe ⁶	Percent most disadvantaged quintile ⁷
Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSWLHD)					
Lismore Base Hospital	196	9.7	9.2	28	21
The Tweed Hospital	363	12.9	11.9	23	30
Other NNSWLHD	493	14.0	13.5	31	45
Total NNSWLHD	1,052	12.8	12.6	28	35
Total NSW	17,469	13.0	13.0	34	31

Northern NSW LHD hospitals: Unplanned readmissions within 28 days relative to NSW rate

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Northern NSW LHD: Hospitalisation patterns for adults living in the LHD

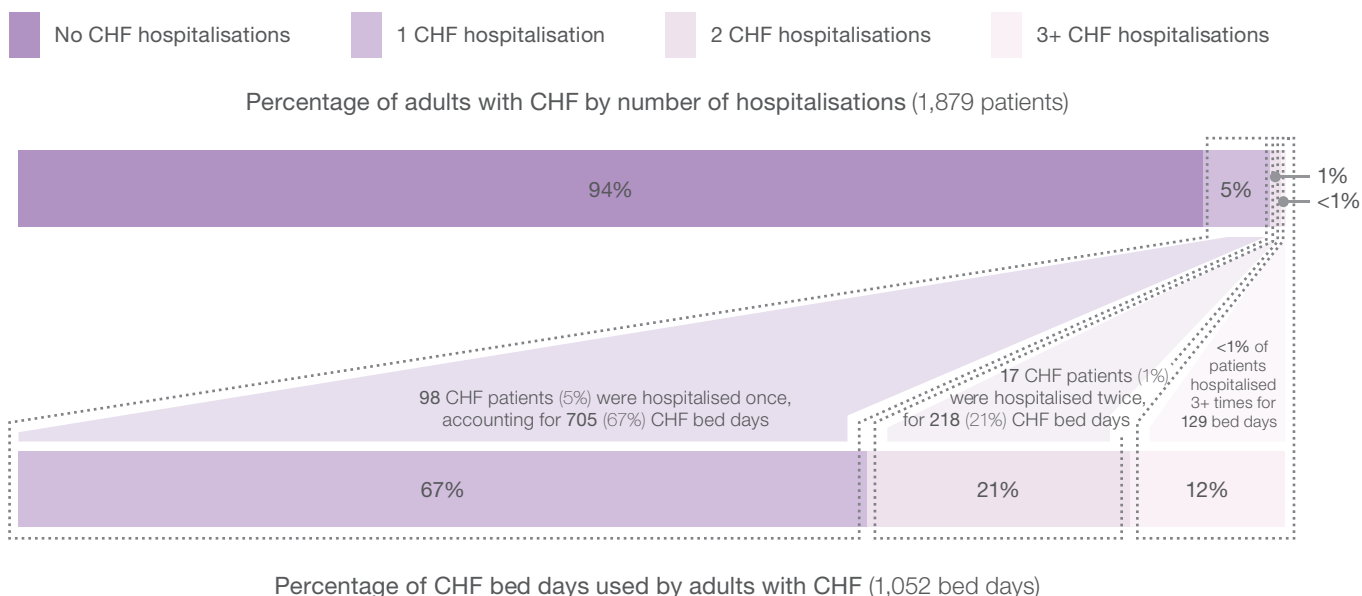
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	Number
Adults with CHF alive at start of 2009–10 ¹	2,198
Those who died from any cause during 2009–10	319
Adults with CHF alive at end of 2009–10	1,879

Adults with CHF alive at end of 2009–10 ² had:	All-cause		CHF-principal diagnosis	
	Number (%)	Bed days (%)	Number (%)	Bed days (%)
0 hospitalisations	962 (51%)		1,758 (94%)	
1 hospitalisation	399 (21%)	2,627 (18%)	98 (5%)	705 (67%)
2 hospitalisations	234 (12%)	3,661 (24%)	17 (1%)	218 (21%)
3+ hospitalisations	284 (15%)	8,693 (58%)	* (<1%)	129 (12%)

Northern NSW LHD: CHF hospitalisations and associated bed days among adults with CHF

July 2009 to June 2010



- Adults resident in the LHD admitted into any NSW hospital (excluding Albury Base Hospital) between July 2005 and June 2009, with CHF listed in the first 20 diagnostic codes were analysed for hospitalisations in 2009–10.
- Episodes of care for which CHF was coded as the principal diagnosis (ICD codes are listed on page 26). If two episodes of care with primary diagnosis of CHF were separated only by a type change separation or a transfer, then these two episodes were treated as one hospitalisation. Excludes hospitalisations for dialysis.
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- Discharges followed by unplanned readmissions for CHF to any NSW hospital within 28 days, per 100 total CHF principal diagnosis hospitalisations.
- Rate per 100 discharges standardised for age and sex.
- Percentage of hospitalisations with DRG code catastrophic or severe comorbidities or complications.
- Percentage of hospitalisations that were for adults living in the most socioeconomically disadvantaged quintile.

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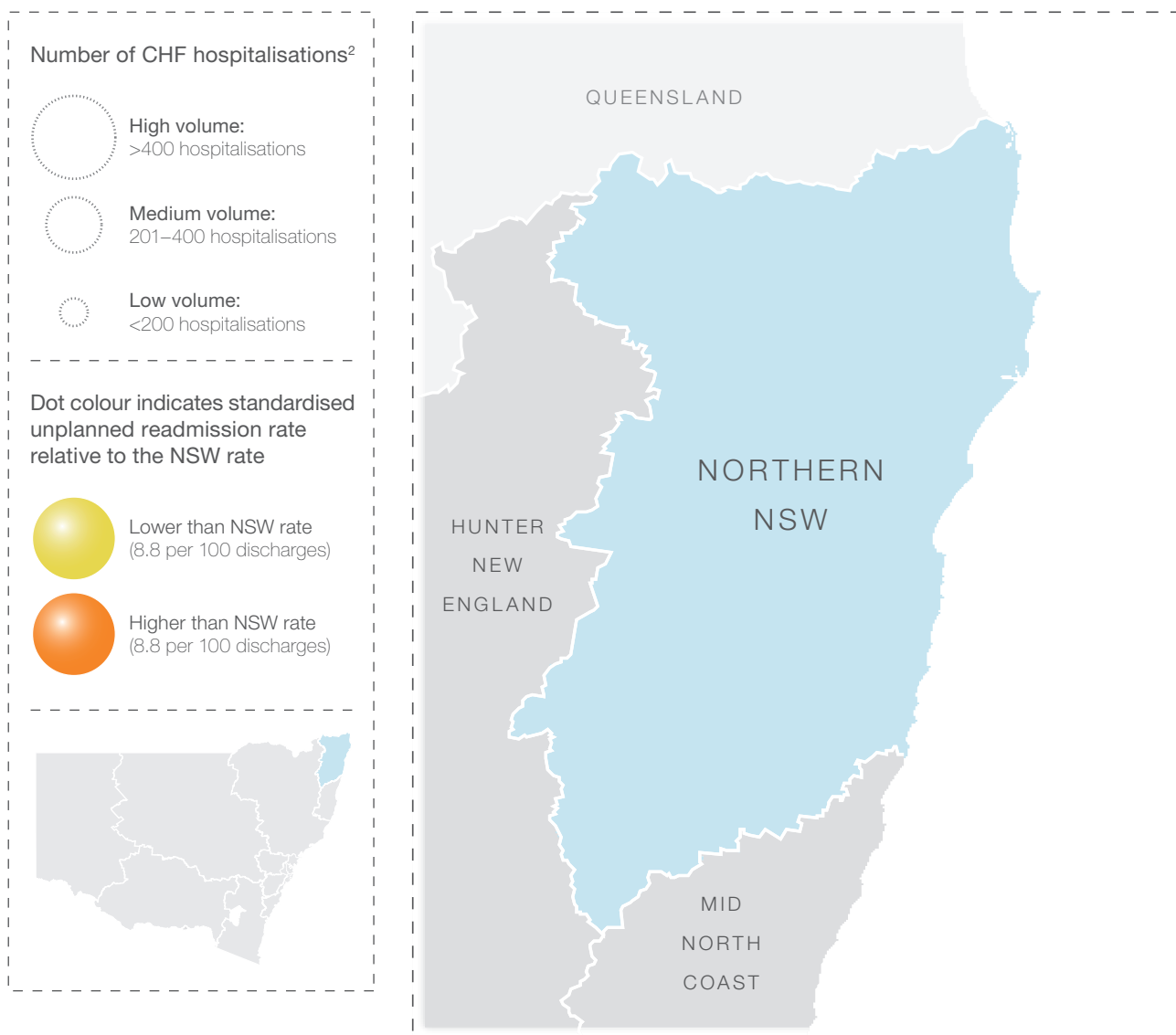
Northern NSW LHD hospitals³: CHF hospitalisations, readmissions within 28 days and context

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	Number of CHF hospitalisations ²	Crude readmission rate ⁴	Standardised readmission rate ⁵	Percent coded as severe ⁶	Percent most disadvantaged quintile ⁷
Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSWLHD)					
Lismore Base Hospital	114	2.6	*	20	22
The Tweed Hospital	140	4.3	*	31	27
Other NNSWLHD	276	9.1	8.5	16	49
Total NNSWLHD	530	6.4	6.3	21	37
Total NSW	11,088	8.8	8.8	26	27

Northern NSW LHD hospitals: Unplanned readmissions within 28 days relative to NSW rate

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The suite of products includes:

- The *main report* presenting new insights into care for adults with COPD and CHF
- *Performance Profiles* (hospitalisation patterns, and readmissions for 16 Local Health Districts)
- *Technical Supplement* (presenting research methods and statistical analyses)
- The preceding report, *Chronic Disease Care* (PART 1), presenting information about the number of potentially avoidable admissions for COPD and CHF.



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