

Healthcare Quarterly

Performance Profiles

Emergency Department

Central Coast Local Health District

October to December 2017

Gosford Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview October to December 2017		
	Same period last year	Change since one year ago
All presentations:1 17,053 patients	16,368	4.2%
Emergency presentations: ² 16,906 patients	16,247	4.1%
Gosford Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment [®] October to December 2017	Same period	NSW
	last year	(this period)
Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 2,076 patients	1,957	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 6 minutes	6 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 22 minutes	18 minutes	23 minutes
Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 6,435 patients	6,603	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 21 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 79 minutes	75 minutes	65 minutes
Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 7,616 patients	6,967	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 33 minutes	30 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 110 minutes	98 minutes	99 minutes

Triage 5Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 592 patients509Median time to start treatment⁴30 minutes26 minutes23 minutes90th percentile time to start treatment⁵110 minutes93 minutes103 minutes

Gosford Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

October to December 2017				Change since one year ago
Attendances used to calculate time to le	aving the ED: 6 17,053 patients		16,366	4.2%
Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED		66.4%	68.5%	

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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, July to September 2016.4. The median is the time by which half of patients started treatment. The other half of patients waited equal to or longer than this time.
- 5. The 90th percentile is the time by which 90% of patients started treatment. The final 10% of patients waited equal to or longer than this time.
- 6. All presentations that have a departure time.

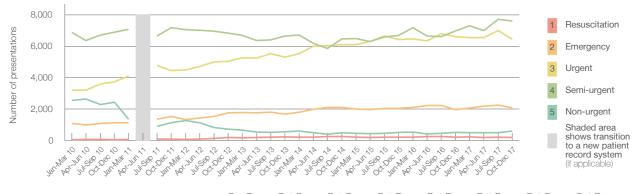
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Source: Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 23 January 2018).

Gosford Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department October to December 2017

Same period Change since last year one year ago All presentations:¹17,053 patients 16,368 4.2% Emergency presentations² by triage category: 16,906 patients 16,247 4.1% 1 Resuscitation 187 (1.1%) 211 -11.4% 6.1% 2,076 (12.3%) 1,957 2 Emergency Urgent -2.5% 3 6,435 (38.1%) 6.603 4 Semi-urgent 7,616 (45.0%) 6,967 9.3% 5 592 (3.5%) 509 16.3% Non-urgent

Emergency presentations² by quarter, January 2010 to December 2017[‡]



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017
Resuscitation	47	82	172	225	247	197	211	187
Emergency	1,126	1,518	1,751	1,664	2,092	2,037	1,957	2,076
Urgent	3,724	4,445	5,042	5,294	6,091	6,419	6,603	6,435
Semi-urgent	6,885	7,173	6,833	6,658	6,475	6,699	6,967	7,616
Non-urgent	2,431	1,112	717	550	486	499	509	592
All emergency presentations	14,213	14,330	14,515	14,391	15,391	15,851	16,247	16,906

Gosford Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

October to December 2017

			last year	one year ago
Arrivals used to calculate trans	4,703			
ED Transfer of care time				
Median time	10 minutes		9 minutes	1 minute
90th percentile time		57 minutes	36 minutes	21 minutes

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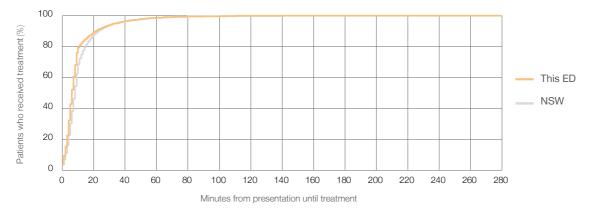
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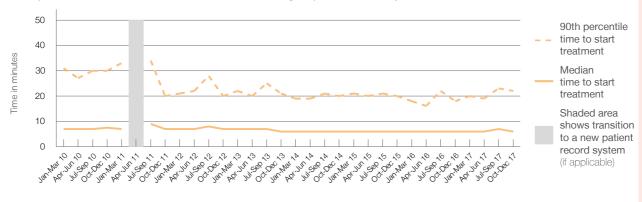
Gosford Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2 October to December 2017

Triage 2 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 2 patients: 2,076	1,957	
Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 2,067	1,952	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 6 minutes	6 minutes	8 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 22 minutes	18 minutes	23 minutes

Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 2 patients, January 2010 to December 2017 **



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	8	7	7	6	6	6	6	6
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	30	20	20	21	20	20	18	22

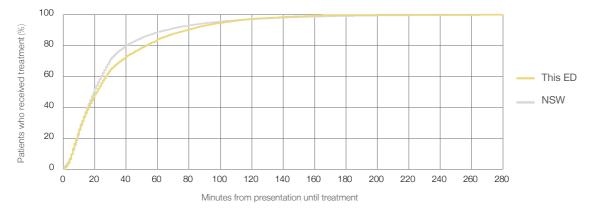
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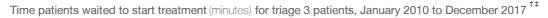
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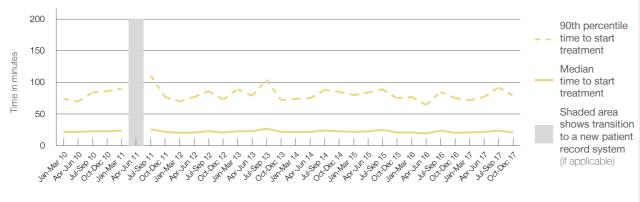
Gosford Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3 October to December 2017

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 6,435	6,603	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 6,326	6,478	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 21 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 79 minutes	75 minutes	65 minutes

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2017







	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	23	22	21	22	23	21	20	21
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	86	77	73	72	85	75	75	79

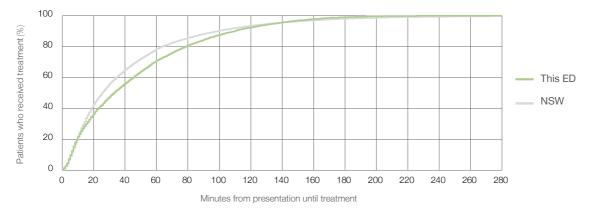
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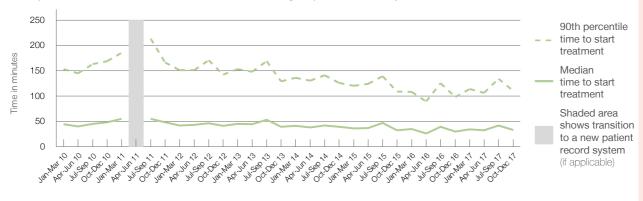
Gosford Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 October to December 2017

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 7,616	6,967	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 7,231	6,654	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 33 minutes	30 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 110 minutes	98 minutes	99 minutes

Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 4 patients, January 2010 to December 2017 ^{††}



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	48	48	41	39	39	32	30	33
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	169	166	142	129	126	109	98	110

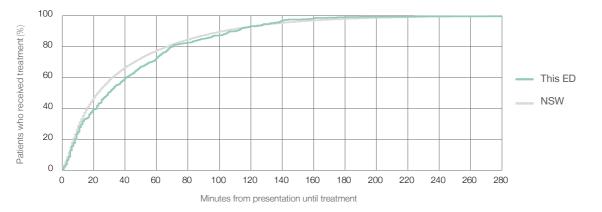
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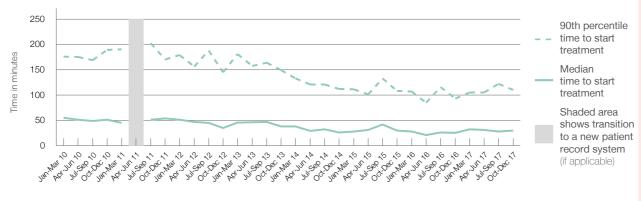
Gosford Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5 October to December 2017

Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 592	509	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 494	438	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 30 minutes	26 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 110 minutes	93 minutes	103 minutes

Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2017







	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	51	54	35	38	26	30	26	30
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	189	170	145	149	112	108	93	110

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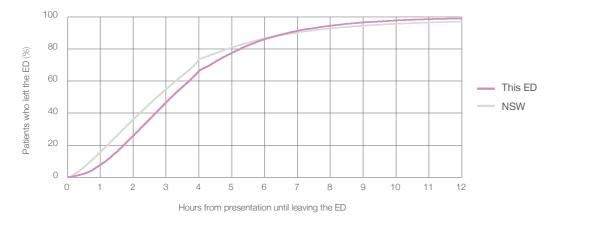
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Gosford Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED October to December 2017 NSW Same period (this period) last vear All presentations:1 17,053 patients 16,368 Presentations used to calculate time to leaving the ED: 6 17,053 patients 16.366 3 hours and 2 hours and Median time spent in the ED ⁸ 3 hours and 10 minutes 44 minutes 3 minutes 6 hours and 6 hours and 90th percentile time spent in the ED ⁹ 6 hours and 43 minutes

Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, October to December 2017





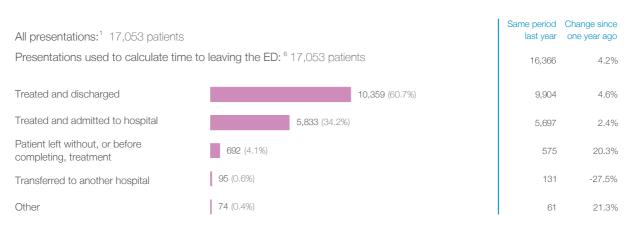


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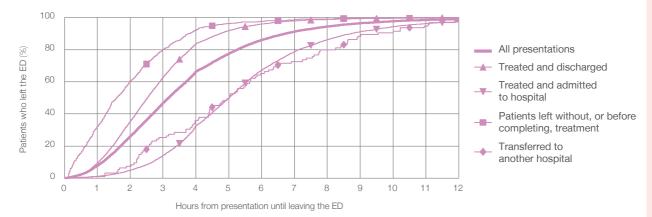
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Gosford Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED By mode of separation

October to December 2017



Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, October to December 2017



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

Treated and discharged	9.4%	35.4%	62.8%	83.6%	96.0%	98.8%	99.6%	99.8%
Treated and admitted to hospital	1.1%	4.9%	14.0%	32.7%	67.2%	86.3%	94.4%	97.4%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	32.2%	60.4%	80.2%	92.2%	97.7%	99.1%	99.7%	99.9%
Transferred to another hospital	1.1%	7.4%	25.3%	35.8%	65.3%	80.0%	91.6%	97.9%
All presentations	7.8%	26.0%	46.8%	66.4%	86.1%	94.4%	97.8%	99.0%

Principal referral hospitals (A1) Central Coast Local Health District

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Gosford Hospital: Time spent i Percentage of patients who spe)		
October to December 2017		Same period last year	Change since one year ago
All presentations at the emergency depa	16,368	4.2%	
Presentations used to calculate time to	16,366	4.2%	
Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED	66.4%	68.5%	

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, January 2010 to December 2017 ^{†*}



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- 3. Some patients are excluded from ED time measures due to calculation requirements. For details, see the *Technical Supplement: Emergency department measures, July to September 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 90th percentile is the time by which 90% of patients started treatment. The final105% of patients took equal to or longer than this time.
- 6. All presentations that have a departure time.
- 7. Transfer of care time refers to the period between arrival of patients at the ED by ambulance and the transfer of responsibility for their care from paramedics to ED staff in an ED treatment zone. For more information see Spotlight on Measurement: measuring transfer of care from the ambulance to the emergency department.
- 8. The median is the time by which half of patients left the ED. The other half of patients took equal to or longer than this time.
- 9. The 90th percentile is the time by which 90% of patients left the ED. The final 10% of patients took equal to or longer than this time.
- Note: Presentation time is the earlier of times recorded for the start of clerical registration or the triage process. Treatment time is the earliest time recorded when a healthcare professional provides medical care that is relevant to the patient<s presenting problems. For patients who were treated and discharged, departure time is the time when treatment was completed. For all other patients, departure time is the time when the patient actually left the ED.
 Note: All percentages are rounded and therefore percentages may not add to 100%.

Sources: ED data from Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 23 January 2018)

Transfer of care data from Transfer of Care Reporting System (extracted 23 January 2018).

Principal referral hospitals (A1) central Coast Local Health District

Same period

last year

7 minutes

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23 minutes

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Wyong Hospital: Emergency department (ED) overview

October to December 2017

		Change since one year ago
All presentations:1 16,873 patients	16,301	3.5%
Emergency presentations: ² 16,758 patients	16,146	3.8%

Wyong Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment °

 October to December 2017

 Triage 2
 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns): 1,685 patients

 Median time to start treatment⁴
 7 minutes

 90th percentile time to start treatment⁵
 24 minutes

Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration): 4,577 patients 4,615 21 minutes Median time to start treatment⁴ 20 minutes 20 minutes 65 minutes 90th percentile time to start treatment⁵ 69 minutes 65 minutes Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache): 9,254 patients 8.775 26 minutes Median time to start treatment⁴ 28 minutes 26 minutes 80 minutes 90th percentile time to start treatment⁵ 99 minutes 82 minutes Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions): 1,155 patients 1.079 22 minutes Median time to start treatment⁴ 23 minutes 23 minutes 68 minutes 90th percentile time to start treatment⁵ 80 minutes 103 minutes

Wyong Hospital: Time from presentation until leaving the ED

October to December 2017			1	One year ago
Attendances used to calculate time to le	aving the ED: 6 16,873 patients		16,301	3.5%
Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED		72.7%	72.4%	

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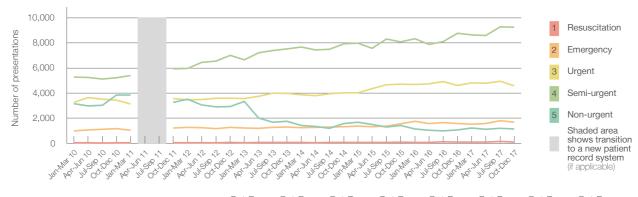
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Source: Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 23 January 2018).

Wyong Hospital: Patients presenting to the emergency department October to December 2017

Same period Change since last year one year ago All presentations:¹16,873 patients 16,301 3.5% Emergency presentations² by triage category: 16,758 patients 16,146 3.8% 1 Resuscitation 87 (0.5%) 87 0.0% 6.0% 1,685 (10.1%) 1,590 2 Emergency Urgent 4,577 (27.3%) 4,615 -0.8% 3 4 Semi-urgent 9,254 (55.2%) 8,775 5.5% 5 Non-urgent 1,079 7.0% 1,155 (6.9%)

Emergency presentations² by quarter, January 2010 to December 2017[‡]



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017
Resuscitation	60	38	61	71	66	86	87	87
Emergency	1,182	1,222	1,280	1,296	1,329	1,562	1,590	1,685
Urgent	3,431	3,579	3,586	3,967	4,025	4,708	4,615	4,577
Semi-urgent	5,224	5,936	7,012	7,515	7,939	8,070	8,775	9,254
Non-urgent	3,850	3,271	2,921	1,757	1,568	1,412	1,079	1,155
All emergency presentations	13,747	14,046	14,860	14,606	14,927	15,838	16,146	16,758

Wyong Hospital: Patients arriving by ambulance

October to December 2017

		last year	one year ago
Arrivals used to calculate transf	4,032		
ED Transfer of care time			
Median time	10 minutes	9 minutes	1 minute
90th percentile time	30 minutes	22 minutes	8 minutes

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Same period Change since

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Same period

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 Wyong Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 2

 October to December 2017

 Triage 2
 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)

 Triage 2
 Emergency (e.g. chest pain, severe burns)
 Last year
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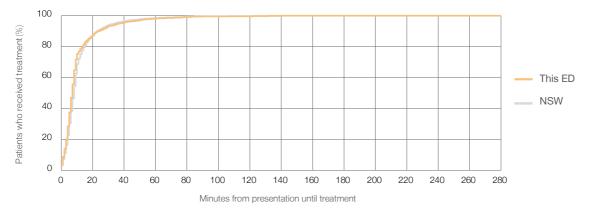
 Number of triage 2 patients: 1,685
 1,590
 1,580

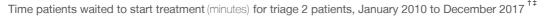
 Number of triage 2 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 1,679
 1,580
 1,580

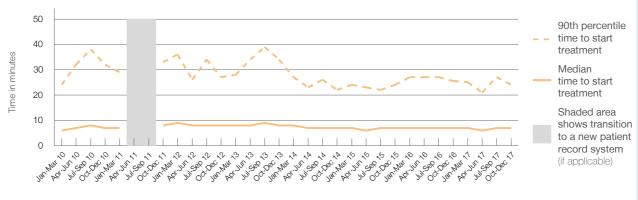
 Median time to start treatment ⁴
 7 minutes
 7 minutes
 8 minutes

 90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵
 24 minutes
 26 minutes
 23 minutes

Percentage of triage 2 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2017







	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	7	8	8	8	7	7	7	7
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	32	33	27	34	22	24	26	24

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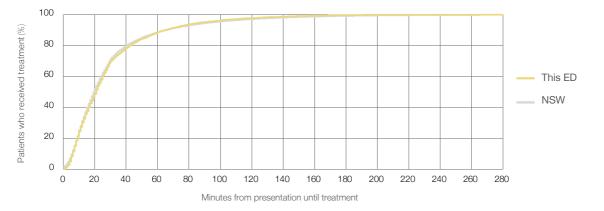
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Wyong Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 3

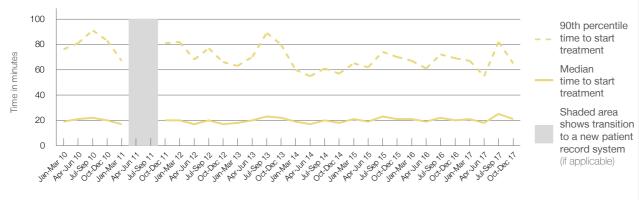
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Triage 3 Urgent (e.g. moderate blood loss, dehydration)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 3 patients: 4,577	4,615	
Number of triage 3 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 4,546	4,579	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 21 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 65 minutes	69 minutes	65 minutes

Percentage of triage 3 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2017







	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	20	20	17	22	18	21	20	21
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	83	81	66	80	57	70	69	65

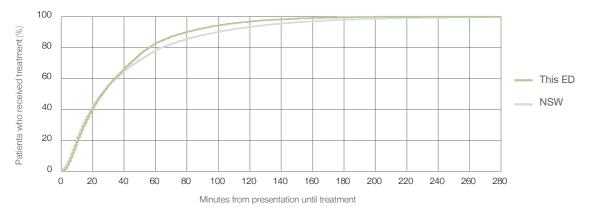
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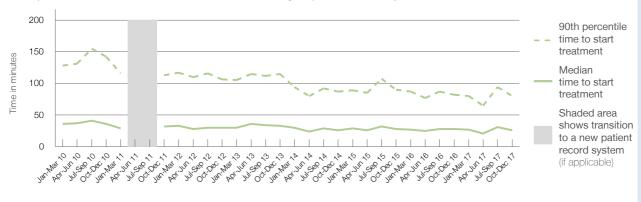
Wyong Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 4 October to December 2017

Triage 4 Semi-urgent (e.g. sprained ankle, earache)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 4 patients: 9,254	8,775	
Number of triage 4 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 9,032	8,511	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 26 minutes	28 minutes	26 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 80 minutes	82 minutes	99 minutes

Percentage of triage 4 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2017



Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 4 patients, January 2010 to December 2017 ^{††}



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	36	32	30	33	26	28	28	26
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	142	113	106	115	87	90	82	80

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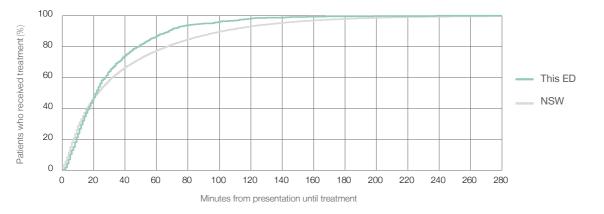
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Wyong Hospital: Time patients waited to start treatment, triage 5

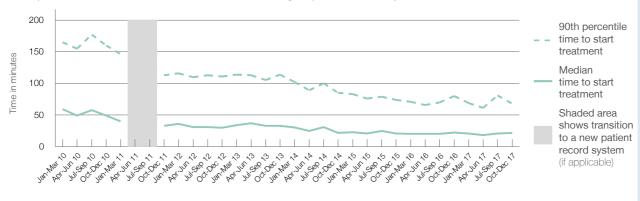
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Triage 5 Non-urgent (e.g. small cuts or abrasions)	Same period last year	NSW (this period)
Number of triage 5 patients: 1,155	1,079	
Number of triage 5 patients used to calculate waiting time: ³ 1,112	1,008	
Median time to start treatment ⁴ 22 minutes	23 minutes	23 minutes
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ 68 minutes	80 minutes	103 minutes

Percentage of triage 5 patients who received treatment by time, October to December 2017



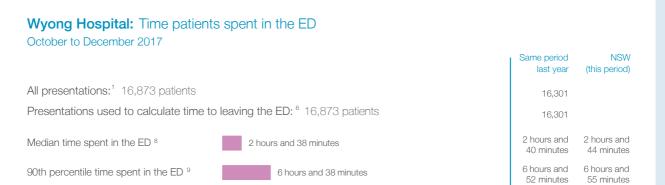
Time patients waited to start treatment (minutes) for triage 5 patients, January 2010 to December 2017



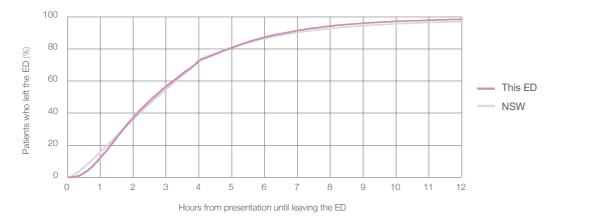
	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017
Median time to start treatment ⁴ (minutes)	49	33	30	33	22	21	23	22
90th percentile time to start treatment ⁵ (minutes)	160	113	111	114	85	74	80	68

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

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Percentage of patients who left the ED by time, October to December 2017







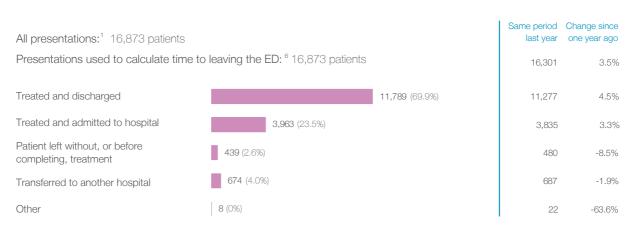
Median time to leaving the ED ⁸ (hours, minutes)	3h 38m	3h 11m	3h 8m	3h 11m	2h 39m	2h 36m	2h 40m	2h 38m
90th percentile time to leaving the ED ^o (hours, minutes)	9h 11m	9h 22m	8h 50m	8h 9m	6h 28m	6h 20m	6h 52m	6h 38m

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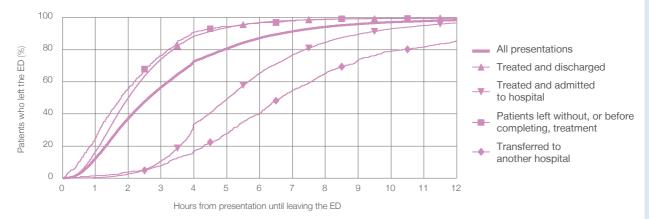
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Wyong Hospital: Time patients spent in the ED By mode of separation

October to December 2017



Percentage of patients who left the ED by time and mode of separation, October to December 2017



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

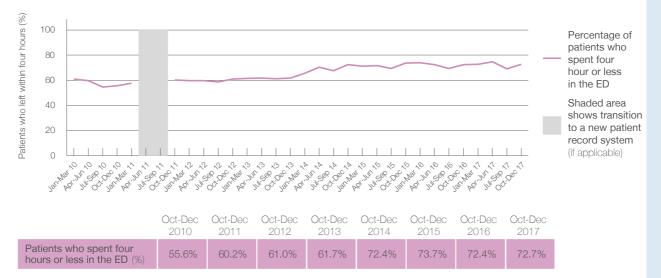
Treated and discharged	16.5%	50.1%	74.3%	88.4%	97.0%	98.9%	99.5%	99.8%
Treated and admitted to hospital	0.3%	2.5%	10.7%	33.7%	65.4%	84.6%	93.0%	96.6%
Patient left without, or before completing, treatment	24.4%	55.6%	76.3%	90.9%	96.8%	98.9%	99.5%	99.5%
Transferred to another hospital	1.5%	3.9%	7.9%	16.6%	40.4%	65.3%	79.1%	85.6%
All presentations	12.3%	37.3%	56.8%	72.7%	87.3%	94.2%	97.2%	98.5%

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Wyong Hospital: Time spent in th	ne ED			
Percentage of patients who spent	four hours or less in the ED			
October to December 2017			Same period last year	Change since one year ago
All presentations at the emergency depart	ment: 1 16,873 patients		16,301	3.5%
Presentations used to calculate time to lea	ving the ED: 6 16,873 patients		16,301	3.5%
Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED		72.7%	72.4%	

Percentage of patients who spent four hours or less in the ED, by quarter, January 2010 to December 2017 ^{†‡}



- * Suppressed due to small numbers and to protect privacy. Relevant graphs are also suppressed.
- † Data points are not shown in graphs for quarters when patient numbers were too small.
- Caution is advised when interpreting abrupt changes over time at the hospital level. For example, performance before and after transition to a new information system is not directly comparable. For more information see Background Paper: Approaches to reporting time measures of emergency department performance, December 2011.
- All emergency and non-emergency presentations at the emergency department (ED).
- All presentations that have a triage category and are coded as emergency presentations or unplanned return visits.
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 Some patients are excluded from ED time measures due to calculation requirements. For details, see the
- Technical Supplement: Emergency department measures, July to September 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 90th percentile is the time by which 90% of patients started treatment. The final105% of patients took equal to or longer than this time.
- 6. All presentations that have a departure time.
- 7. Transfer of care time refers to the period between arrival of patients at the ED by ambulance and the transfer of responsibility for their care from paramedics to ED staff in an ED treatment zone. For more information see Spotlight on Measurement: measuring transfer of care from the ambulance to the emergency department.
- 8. The median is the time by which half of patients left the ED. The other half of patients took equal to or longer than this time.
- 9. The 90th percentile is the time by which 90% of patients left the ED. The final 10% of patients took equal to or longer than this time.
- Note: Presentation time is the earlier of times recorded for the start of clerical registration or the triage process. Treatment time is the earliest time recorded when a healthcare professional provides medical care that is relevant to the patient<s presenting problems. For patients who were treated and discharged, departure time is the time when treatment was completed. For all other patients, departure time is the time when the patient actually left the ED.
 Note: All percentages are rounded and therefore percentages may not add to 100%.

Sources: ED data from Health Information Exchange, NSW Health (extracted 23 January 2018).

Transfer of care data from Transfer of Care Reporting System (extracted 23 January 2018).

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