Healthcare Quarterly, Jan-Mar 2019
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Emergency department activity

		Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2018	Difference	% change
All arrivals at ED by ambulance		170,366	154,876	15,490	10.0%
All ED presentations		756,259	714,012	42,247	5.9%
All emergency presentations		731,235	688,024	43,211	6.3%
Emergency presentation by triage category	T1: Resuscitation	5,020	4,616	404	8.8%
	T2: Emergency	94,274	87,327	6,947	8.0%
	T3: Urgent	256,164	234,956	21,208	9.0%
	T4: Semi-urgent	304,213	287,712	16,501	5.7%
	T5: Non-urgent	71,564	73,413	-1,849	-2.5%
Admissions to hospital from EDs		191,590	181,224	10,366	5.7%

Emergency department performance

			Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2018	Difference
Time to treatment by triage category	T2: Emergency	Median time to treatment	9m	8m	1m
		90th percentile time to treatment	28m	23m	5m
		% started treatment on time	63.1%	68.5%	-5.4 percentage points
	T3: Urgent	Median time to treatment	21m	20m	1m
		90th percentile time to treatment	1h 18m	1h 05m	13m
		% started treatment on time	66.6%	71.2%	-4.6 percentage points
	T4: Semi-urgent	Median time to treatment	28m	25m	3m
		90th percentile time to treatment	1h 52m	1h 38m	14m
		% started treatment on time	75%	78.7%	-3.7 percentage points
	T5: Non-urgent	Median time to treatment	24m	21m	3m
		90th percentile time to treatment	1h 49m	1h 37m	12m
		% started treatment on time	92%	93.8%	-1.8 percentage points
Patients starting treatment on time %			71.9%	76.2%	-4.3 percentage points
Median time to leave the ED			2h 54m	2h 42m	12m
90th percentile time to leave the ED			7h 34m	6h 49m	45m
Patients leaving the ED within four hours of presentation			70.6%	74.4%	-3.8 percentage points
Transfer of care	Median transfer of care time (minutes)		12m	11m	1m
	90th percentile transfer of care time (minutes)		32m	26m	6m
	Percent on target		88.8%	92.1%	-3.3 percentage points

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Elective surgery activity

		Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2018	Difference	% change
Elective surgery procedures performed		53,133	52,715	418	0.8%
Urgency category	Urgent	10,632	10,731	-99	-0.9%
	Semi-urgent	17,041	17,156	-115	-0.7%
	Non-urgent	22,465	22,054	411	1.9%
Patients on waiting list ready for elective surgery at the end of quarter		83,625	77,451	6,174	8.0%
Urgency category	Urgent	2,031	1,806	225	12.5%
	Semi-urgent	12,776	12,503	273	2.2%
	Non-urgent	68,818	63,142	5,676	9.0%

Elective surgery performance

			Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2018	Difference
Waiting time (days)	Urgent	Median	10 days	10 days	0 days
		90th percentile	26 days	26 days	0 days
	Semi-urgent	Median	47 days	47 days	0 days
		90th percentile	85 days	85 days	0 days
	Non-urgent	Median	231 days	226 days	5 days
		90th percentile	358 days	356 days	2 days
Elective surgery procedures performed on time	All procedures		96.4%	96.5%	-0.1 percentage points
	Urgent		99.9%	99.6%	0.3 percentage points
	Semi-urgent		95.8%	95.9%	-0.1 percentage points
	Non-urgent		95.2%	95.5%	-0.3 percentage points

Admitted patient activity

		Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2018	Difference	% change
Episodes	All episodes	469,631	458,689	10,942	2.4%
	Acute	441,175	431,232	9,943	2.3%
	Acute Overnight	237,365	232,246	5,119	2.2%
	Acute Same Day	203,810	198,986	4,824	2.4%
	Non-acute	17,004	16,021	983	6.1%
	Mental health	11,452	11,436	16	0.1%
Average length of stay (days)	Acute	2.9	2.8	0.1	
	Acute Overnight	4.4	4.3	0.1	
	Non-acute	12.3	12.3	0.0	
	Mental health	16.6	16.0	0.6	
Hospital bed days	All bed days	1,659,558	1,588,418	71,140	4.5%
	Acute	1,259,977	1,208,910	51,067	4.2%
	Non-acute	209,900	196,912	12,988	6.6%
	Mental health	189,681	182,596	7,085	3.9%
Babies born in NSW public hospitals		18,006	18,133	-127	-0.7%

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