

Wagga Wagga Health Service. Our journey so far...

Whole of Health Program Lead February 2015



Murrumbidgee LHD





- Wagga Wagga Health Service covers a geographic area of 125,248 square kilometres.
- Catchment Population of over 300,000
- 31 Hospitals that feed into WWHS
- Some communities are classified as rural and some as remote.
- Wagga Wagga has a population of 61,509 in 2011
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- Wagga Wagga Health Service has 256 beds.
- Regional Referral Hospital and Health Service, providing acute and community health services to the surrounding community.
- We provide a comprehensive range of services for patients including, Emergency, Intensive Care,
 Coronary Care, High Dependency, Medical,
 Surgical, Paediatric, Obstetrics, Renal
 Rehabilitation, Dementia Assessment Acute
 Mental Health Services.

Challenges faced by Wagga Wagga Health Service:

- Distance
- Recruitment
- Transport
- Availability of after hours services



Back of House - Achievements

- Redesigning our Daily Bed Meeting- 8:30 & 15:00
- Patient Flow Portal-
- Electronic Patient Journey Boards-
- Conversations
- Increase utilisation of Transit Unit-



% of Discharges from Transit Unit



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- Direct admits for patients returning from Tertiary facilities-
- Wards pulling patients from ED-
- 11 am Exec round in ED-
- Weekly 'Stranded Sam' meeting-
- Weekly Surgical Patient Flow meeting-

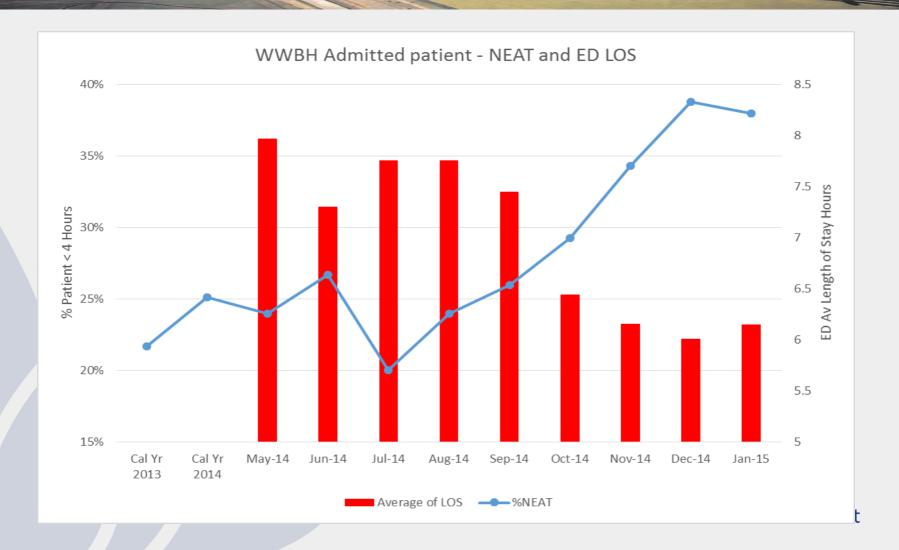


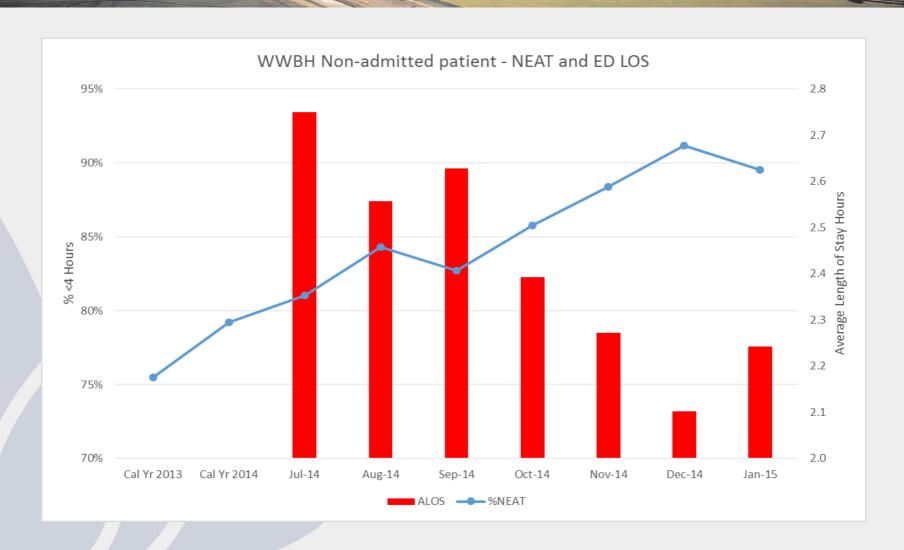
In summary:

We have used the Patient Flow core elements to achieve back of hospital capacity.

- Care Coordination: we have become more structured at assisting patient's through the system to prevent delays
- Standardised practice: promote best practice to lock in expected outcomes.
- Variation management: smooth the peaks and troughs to distribute the load.
- Demand escalation: and capacity planning- Organising our service to build capacity early.
- Quality: Structuring systems around expected outcomes.
- Governance: Transparent accountable leadership.







WWBH NEAT and other ED indicators 2013 - Current

