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Subject: Average bed wait times by speciality

QUESTION:

What is the average time a patient waits for a bed on a ward after being allocated one by ED, broken down by speciality?

ANSWER:

The average time a patient waits for a bed on a ward after being allocated one by ED, broken down by specialty is outlined below:

	Medicine	MHAOD	Surgery And Critical Care	Women Children & Youth
Alice Springs Hospital	4 hrs 12 mins	3 hrs 42 mins	3 hrs 48 mins	2 hrs 36 mins
Gove District Hospital	2 hrs 12 mins		1 hr 30 mins	1 hr 18 mins
Katherine Hospital	2 hrs 36 mins		2 hrs 12 mins	1 hr 30 mins
Palmerston Regional Hospital	2 hrs 06 mins			
Royal Darwin Hospital	6 hrs 42 mins	1 hr 12 mins	4 hrs 48 mins	3 hrs 24 mins
Tennant Creek Hospital	1 hr 06 mins			30 mins