

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Yan to the Minister for Health:

Alcohol Related Presentations at Territory Hospitals

The response provides counts of alcohol related Emergency Department (ED) presentations in NT public hospitals. This data has used a standardised, robust and peer-reviewed methodology. This is important to ensure replicability and validation of data. There is further work required to develop associated methodologies at the subgroup analysis (alcohol related injuries) and for other related groups (domestic, family and sexual violence).

Definition: Alcohol related ED presentations data is based on a combination of presenting problems as entered by a triage nurse and principal diagnosis as entered by the Medical Officer. The presentation is counted if either the recording of a presenting problem or the principal diagnosis reveals an alcohol-related condition for:

1. Wholly alcohol-related conditions.
2. A composite indicator that combines:
 - a. Wholly alcohol-related conditions; and
 - b. Conditions for which all subgroups have a population attributable fraction of 40% or greater for corresponding hospital admissions codes.

1. At Alice Springs Hospital, how many hospital presentations involved alcohol related issues in:

- a. **December 2022**
- b. **January 2023**
- c. **February 2023**
- d. **March 2023**

December 2022	473
January 2023	414
February 2023	218
March 2023	279

2. At Alice Springs Hospital, how many hospital presentations involved alcohol related injuries in:

- a. **December 2022**
- b. **January 2023**
- c. **February 2023**
- d. **March 2023**

Alcohol related injuries is a sub-analysis of the above measure on alcohol related hospital presentations. NT Health is developing a standardised method for reporting alcohol related injuries. This will be validated through peer-reviewed processes, similar to those applied to all alcohol related ED presentations.

3. **At Alice Springs Hospital, how many hospital presentations involved domestic violence related issues in:**
- a. **December 2022**
 - b. **January 2023**
 - c. **February 2023**
 - d. **March 2023**

NT Health has a plan to develop a robust method for reporting of domestic, family and sexual violence related ED presentations. This will require full implementation of the new public hospital electronic medical record system, Acacia.

4. **At Tennant Creek Hospital, how many hospital presentations involved alcohol related issues in:**
- a. **December 2022**
 - b. **January 2023**
 - c. **February 2023**
 - d. **March 2023**

December 2022	84
January 2023	61
February 2023	71
March 2023	113

5. **At Tennant Creek Hospital, how many hospital presentations involved alcohol related injuries in:**
- a. **December 2022**
 - b. **January 2023**
 - c. **February 2023**
 - d. **March 2023**

See response to question 2.

6. **At Tennant Creek Hospital, how many hospital presentations involved domestic violence related issues in:**
- a. **December 2022**
 - b. **January 2023**
 - c. **February 2023**
 - d. **March 2023**

See response to question 3.

7. **At Katherine Hospital, how many hospital presentations involved alcohol related issues in:**
- a. **December 2022**
 - b. **January 2023**
 - c. **February 2023**
 - d. **March 2023**

Katherine Hospital transitioned to the new public hospital electronic health record, Acacia in August 2022. The alcohol-related data reliability continues to be refined to ensure completeness, accuracy and timeliness.

8. **At Katherine Hospital, how many hospital presentations involved alcohol related injuries in:**
- a. **December 2022**
 - b. **January 2023**
 - c. **February 2023**
 - d. **March 2023**

See response to question 2.

9. **At Katherine Hospital, how many hospital presentations involved domestic violence related issues in:**
- a. **December 2022**
 - b. **January 2023**
 - c. **February 2023**
 - d. **March 2023**

See response to question 3.

10. **At Darwin Hospital, how many hospital presentations involved alcohol related issues in:**
- a. **December 2022**
 - b. **January 2023**
 - c. **February 2023**
 - d. **March 2023**

December 2022	308
January 2023	291
February 2023	264
March 2023	271

11. **At Darwin Hospital, how many hospital presentations involved alcohol related injuries in:**
- a. **December 2022**
 - b. **January 2023**
 - c. **February 2023**
 - d. **March 2023**

See response to question 2.

12. **At Darwin Hospital, how many hospital presentations involved domestic violence related issues in:**
- a. **December 2022**
 - b. **January 2023**
 - c. **February 2023**
 - d. **March 2023**

See response to question 3.

- 13. At Palmerston Hospital, how many hospital presentations involved alcohol related issues in:**
- a. December 2022**
 - b. January 2023**
 - c. February 2023**
 - d. March 2023**

December 2022	94
January 2023	115
February 2023	97
March 2023	141

- 14. At Palmerston Hospital, how many hospital presentations involved alcohol related injuries in:**
- a. December 2022**
 - b. January 2023**
 - c. February 2023**
 - d. March 2023**

See response to question 2.

- 15. At Palmerston Hospital, how many hospital presentations involved domestic violence related issues in:**
- a. December 2022**
 - b. January 2023**
 - c. February 2023**
 - d. March 2023**

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