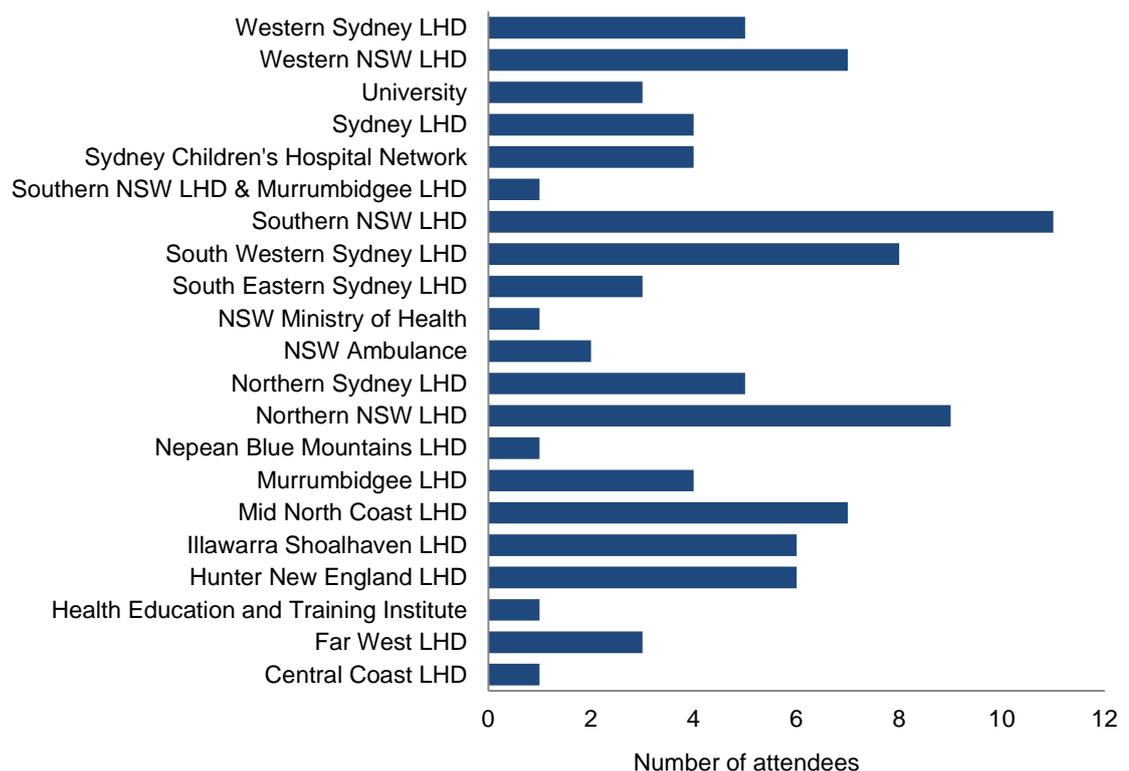


## Emergency Care Symposium – Evaluation Report 13 November 2015

The Emergency Care Symposium took place on 13 November 2015 at the Stamford Plaza Sydney Airport. The program and presentations from the day are available on the [ECI website](#). Key presentations from the day included “Choosing Wisely”, “Less waste, better care, what’s the evidence telling us?” and “How better information on ED activity and ED costs helps my ED”.

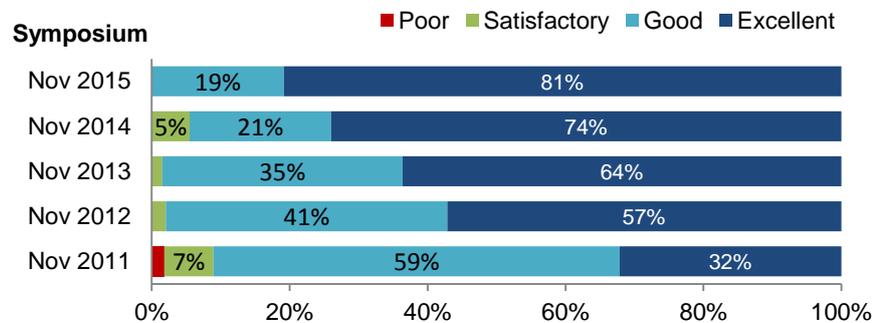
### Attendees

This event was for all those working in emergency care in NSW to have the opportunity to come together to discuss topics of interest, hear about innovative projects, listen to the latest clinical updates in emergency care, share experiences and network. The ECI supported attendance for rural and remote clinicians through funding flights for up to two people from each facility. There were 45 flights purchased for rural and remote attendees for this 2015 event. There were 167 registered for the event, 150 (90%) attend on the day with completed evaluation forms collected from 103 attendees. About 94% participants who completed the evaluation forms answered the question in regards to their profession, 18% were medical professionals, 70% nursing and 12% were other health care workers.



## Overall rating of the day

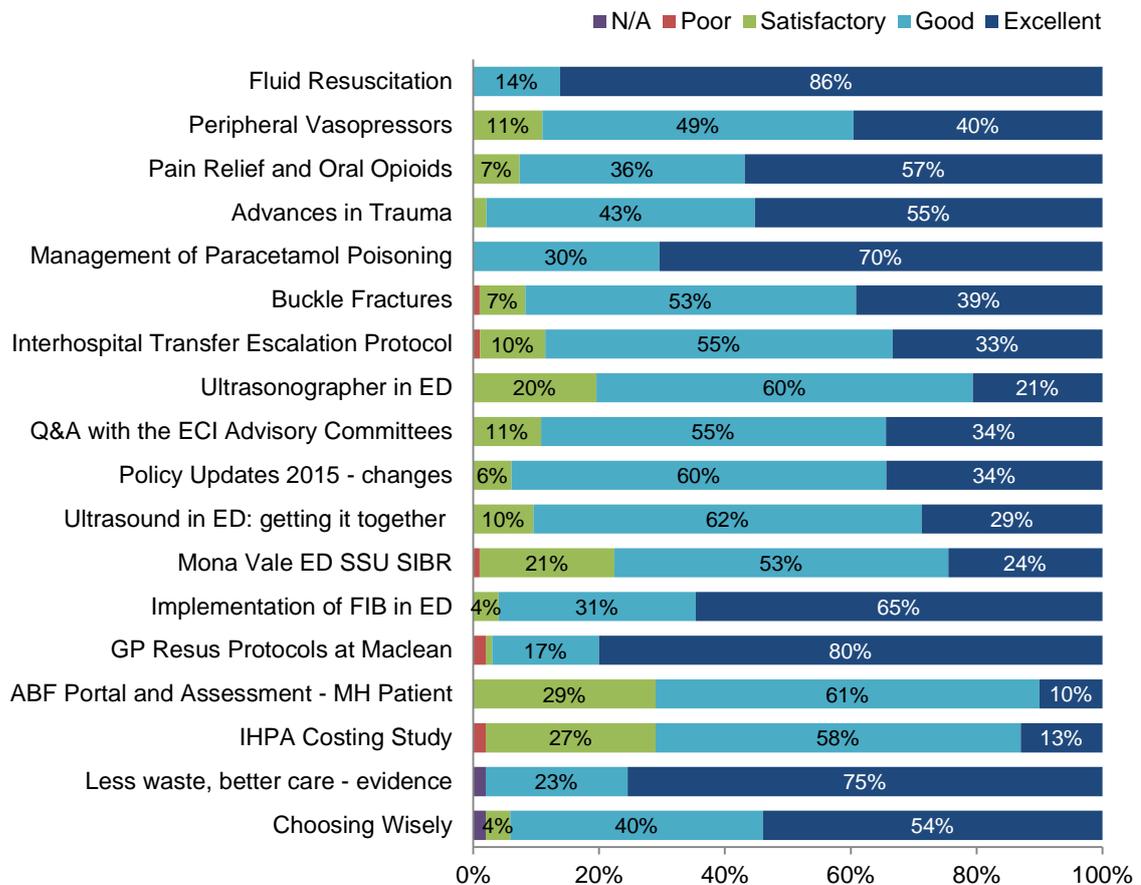
All 2015 participants rated the workshop as overall good or excellent. There has been a steady increase in the rating as excellent during the last 5 years. Participant feedback was extremely positive and encouraging for the recent event.



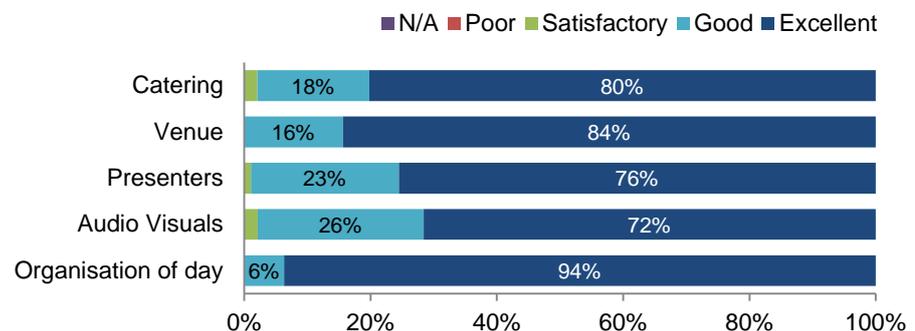
The following were some general comments on the day:

- All presentations were of high standard.
- Awesome day of learning and networking, thank you.
- A really enjoyable day – well worth travelling to attend, good for networking with other rural site.
- Enjoyed the posters but would have liked more.
- Great day fantastic presentations; well grouped. Current and really interesting.
- Lovely welcome by uncle Chicka, great start to the day with video and music. Great catering.
- Presentations that include clinical case presents & application are most beneficial. Congratulations to the organising team – always an extremely valuable & beneficial day. Loved the video clip snippets.
- Thanks for showcasing another informative day that allows rural clinicians to stay in the loop and take back to our work places.

## Feedback on individual presentations



## Feedback on facilities and organisation



Over 92% of the participants answered the question about how they heard about the Symposium. 53% heard about the event by email, 22% heard about the event from a colleague, 10% via the ECI website, 5% from other sources and 11% from more than 1 source.

## Relevance of presentations

All presentations were evaluated as most relevant to them by at least one attendee, with relevance usually rated according to suitability for translation into an attendee's workplace. About 25% of the participants reported that the session "GP Resus Protocols at Maclean" was the most relevant for them. Twenty percent found that "Fluid Resuscitation" was also most relevant. Only 1% reported that "Poster presentation" was most relevant to their work or work activities.

Some comments about the most relevant presentations:

- Choosing Wisely: Innovations in health, applicable to my workplace and very relevant to current issues today.
- Less waste, better care – evidence: Very relevant to our hospital. I will be discussing this with my managers/exce on return. Our ED is using/doing a lot of unnecessary pathology.
- GP Resus Protocols at Maclean: Clear, concise, needed to know why it has taken so long for the profession to take on more of the tried and proven flight manuals.
- Implementation of FIB in ED: Interesting hearing about all the different projects happening around EDs and relevant to our small rural ED.
- Ultrasound in ED: getting it together: Smart strategy. Ability to deliver in rural communities.
- Interhospital Transfer Escalation Protocol: We have big issues of getting patients out. Ongoing difficulties, which are relevant to small hospitals.
- Buckle Fractures: Good to know splints are being used. Able to use in my hospital will follow up related issues etc.
- Management of Paracetamol Poisoning: Great update of current literature, linked to online resources, relevant to practice and a good update.
- Pain Relief and Oral Opioids: Patients come to ED for acute and chronic pain often on multiple analgesics from doctor shopping.
- Fluid Resuscitation: Clear presentation, excellent overview of use of fluid.

Some comments about less relevant presentations:

- IHPA Costing Study: Not relevant to me: non-clinical, although I know it is relevant generally to ED funding.
- ABF Portal and Assessment - MH Patient: Not relevant to use, just find that a lot of the activity based funding discussion goes around in circles with staff still doing the same.
- Mona Vale ED SSU SIBR: Not relevant to rural ED. SIBR – was attempted, but found to be too slow!
- Ultrasound in ED: getting it together: Awareness of what's going on as a RN, it is something I don't use.
- Peripheral Vasopressors: I don't prescribe to choose where to insert so it won't change my practice. It is interesting though.

## Suggestions for future events

Suggestions for future presentations included:

- Always trauma updates, Paediatric trauma, Burns and any new clinical innovations.
- Clinical practice session in morning. More case studies with outcomes.
- Current tropical topics.
- Dynamic models of ED care.
- ED pathways - clinical & flow!!
- ED staff dealing with aggressive patients in remote areas with minimal staff
- Further focus at rural issues. Changes in broader ED issues.
- More Essentials in emergency, eMR update.
- More focus on paediatric topics
- More focus on rural/remote Emergency department problem
- Palliative care / End of life care in the ED. Changes to the RCA process or more on what activity it involves.
- Transfer solutions for mental health patients