

**Table 1.** Demographic variables of patients presenting with abdominal pain

variable	patient presentation period		
	day (08:00-15:59) N=1051	evening (16:00-23:59) N=948	night (00:00-07:59) N=501
Australia/New Zealand origin	713 (68.6)	627 (66.9)	336 (68.0)
Europe	130 (12.5)	118 (12.6)	67 (13.6)
Africa	37 (3.6)	19 (2.0)	7 (1.4)
Asia	137 (13.2)	151 (16.1)	76 (15.4)
other	23 (2.2)	22 (2.3)	8 (1.6)
Never married	314 (37.3)	316 (40.7)	160 (39.2)
Married/de facto	421 (50.1)	371 (47.8)	204 (50.0)
Divorced/separated	63 (7.5)	52 (6.7)	29 (7.1)
Widow/widower	43 (5.1)	37 (4.8)	15 (3.7)
No religion	405 (50.1)	418 (55.8)	211 (54.4)
Christian	338 (41.8)	265 (35.4)	144 (37.1)
Islam	31 (3.8)	28 (3.7)	13 (3.4)
Hindu	8 (1.0)	9 (1.2)	10 (2.6)
Buddhist	13 (1.6)	14 (1.9)	6 (1.5)
other	13 (1.6)	15 (2.0)	4 (1.0)
Lives with others in private residence	926 (88.5)	838 (88.9)	436 (88.8)
Lives alone in private residence	85 (8.1)	83 (8.8)	44 (9.0)
Aged care facility/community residential	26 (2.5)	10 (1.1)	7 (1.4)
other	9 (0.9)	12 (1.3)	4 (0.8)
English as preferred language	983 (93.6)	888 (94.0)	467 (93.4)
other	67 (6.4)	57 (6.0)	33 (6.6)
Interpreter not needed	1006 (95.7)	901 (95.1)	478 (95.4)
Interpreter needed	45 (4.3)	46 (4.9)	23 (4.6)

**Table 2.** Demographic variables of patients presenting with chest pain

variable	patient presentation period		
	day (08:00-15:59) N=1051	evening (16:00-23:59) N=948	night (00:00-07:59) N=501
Australia/New Zealand origin	668 (64.2)	639 (65.0)	305 (69.0)
Europe	210 (20.2)	137 (13.9)	76 (17.2)
Africa	20 (1.9)	22 (2.2)	7 (1.6)
Asia	123 (11.8)	167 (17.0)	49 (11.1)
other	20 (1.9)	18 (1.8)	5 (1.1)
Never married	201 (25.2)	263 (39.4)	103 (31.2)
Married/de facto	462 (57.8)	321 (48.1)	174 (52.7)
Divorced/separated	76 (9.5)	50 (7.5)	30 (9.1)
Widow/widower	60 (7.5)	33 (5.0)	23 (7.0)
No religion	354 (46.0)	320 (43.2)	150 (46.2)
Christian	348 (45.2)	333 (44.9)	151 (46.5)
Islam	27 (3.5)	39 (5.3)	7 (2.2)
Hindu	15 (1.9)	12 (1.6)	5 (1.5)
Buddhist	21 (2.7)	28 (3.8)	10 (3.1)
other	5 (0.6)	9 (1.2)	2 (0.6)
Lives with others in private residence	898 (85.0)	861 (86.5)	372 (83.2)
Lives alone in private residence	117 (11.1)	88 (8.8)	52 (11.6)
Aged care facility/community residential	29 (2.7)	34 (3.4)	8 (1.8)
other	13 (1.2)	12 (1.2)	15 (3.4)
English as preferred language	983 (93.2)	941 (94.8)	431 (96.2)
other	72 (6.8)	52 (5.2)	17 (3.8)
Interpreter not needed	1005 (95.1)	960 (96.5)	436 (97.3)
Interpreter needed	52 (4.9)	35 (3.5)	12 (2.7)

**Table 3.** Demographic variables of patients presenting with headache

variable	patient presentation period		
	day (08:00-15:59) N=1051	evening (16:00-23:59) N=948	night (00:00-07:59) N=501
Australia/New Zealand origin	774 (68.0)	662 (68.2)	246 (68.5)
Europe	152 (13.3)	109 (11.2)	38 (10.6)
Africa	36 (3.2)	27 (2.8)	9 (2.5)
Asia	156 (13.7)	153 (15.8)	61 (17.0)
other	21 (1.8)	20 (2.1)	5 (1.4)
Never married	272 (34.8)	254 (36.2)	110 (39.4)
Married/de facto	422 (54.0)	355 (50.6)	142 (50.9)
Divorced/separated	51 (6.5)	59 (8.4)	17 (6.1)
Widow/widower	37 (4.7)	34 (4.8)	10 (3.6)
No religion	357 (47.7)	338 (50.1)	149 (56.7)
Christian	314 (41.9)	260 (38.6)	94 (35.7)
Islam	32 (4.3)	37 (5.5)	12 (4.6)
Hindu	13 (1.7)	12 (1.8)	4 (1.5)
Buddhist	23 (3.1)	15 (2.2)	0 (0.0)
other	10 (1.3)	12 (1.8)	4 (1.5)
Lives with others in private residence	1015 (88.6)	862 (88.3)	319 (88.1)
Lives alone in private residence	106 (9.3)	91 (9.3)	31 (8.6)
Aged care facility/community residential	14 (1.2)	10 (1.0)	4 (1.1)
other	10 (0.9)	13 (1.3)	8 (2.2)
English as preferred language	1087 (94.7)	935 (95.7)	345 (94.3)
other	61 (5.3)	42 (4.3)	21 (5.7)
Interpreter not needed	1107 (96.2)	954 (97.2)	351 (95.4)
Interpreter needed	44 (3.8)	27 (2.8)	17 (4.6)

**Table 4.** Demographic variables of patients presenting with dyspnoea

variable	patient presentation period		
	day (08:00-15:59) N=1051	evening (16:00-23:59) N=948	night (00:00-07:59) N=501
Australia/New Zealand origin	665 (63.1)	578 (61.5)	264 (56.8)
Europe	260 (24.7)	202 (21.5)	109 (23.4)
Africa	18 (1.7)	23 (2.4)	13 (2.8)
Asia	100 (9.5)	119 (12.7)	71 (15.3)
other	11 (1.0)	18 (1.9)	8 (1.7)
Never married	217 (24.1)	251 (30.5)	117 (28.6)
Married/de facto	464 (51.6)	400 (48.7)	199 (48.7)
Divorced/separated	68 (7.6)	82 (10.0)	37 (9.0)
Widow/widower	151 (16.8)	89 (10.8)	56 (13.7)
No religion	333 (38.8)	339 (43.4)	156 (39.9)
Christian	488 (56.8)	389 (49.8)	210 (53.7)
Islam	11 (1.3)	18 (2.3)	12 (3.1)
Hindu	7 (0.8)	11 (1.4)	6 (1.5)
Buddhist	7 (0.8)	9 (1.2)	4 (1.0)
other	13 (1.5)	15 (1.9)	3 (0.8)
Lives with others in private residence	849 (80.1)	755 (80.1)	379 (82.6)
Lives alone in private residence	151 (14.2)	114 (12.1)	44 (9.6)
Aged care facility/community residential	52 (4.9)	62 (6.6)	30 (6.5)
other	8 (0.8)	12 (1.3)	6 (1.3)
English as preferred language	970 (90.9)	877 (91.8)	416 (88.7)
other	97 (9.1)	78 (8.2)	53 (11.3)
Interpreter not needed	1002 (93.6)	897 (93.6)	435 (92.4)
Interpreter needed	68 (6.4)	61 (6.4)	36 (7.6)