Patient experience survey: Results for patients treated in August 2018

Key findings

- National results for the four domains (communication, partnership, coordination, and physical and emotional needs) have remained broadly consistent across all 17 survey rounds.
- There was little variation between district health boards (DHBs).
- The national response rate was consistent with previous rounds at 25 percent.
- We have undertaken weighting, as before, in line with the <u>methodology and</u> procedure document.
- The question "Did the hospital staff include your family/whānau or someone close to you in discussions about your care?" in Figure 3a had a statistically significant shift upwards, which is promising.
- Note: In the national results webpage, we display run charts to monitor statistically significant trends. Figures 1, 2, 3 and Table 1 have run charts. The run chart for Table 1 allows the user to select DHB.

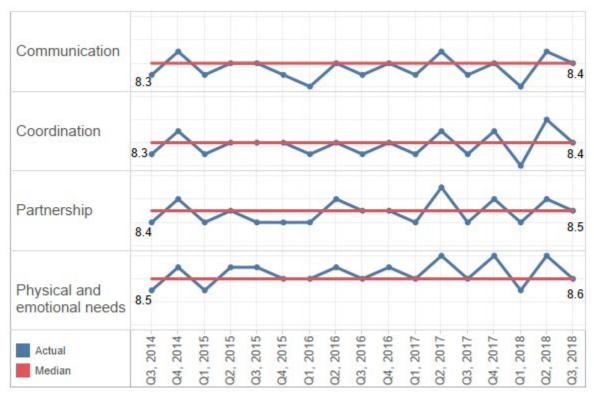
National results

Compared with quarter 2, 2018, scores for quarter 3, 2018, was about the same for all domains, after remaining consistent since quarter 2, 2015. These results are within the bounds of previous results.

Figure 1: National average scores for the four domains, 2014–18



Figure 1a: Run chart of the national average scores for the four domains, 2014–18



The physical and emotional needs domain rated the highest in all survey rounds. It includes the 'humanitarian' questions shown in Figure 2, which continuously score the highest.

The three questions shown in Figure 3 continuously scored the lowest of all the survey questions.

Figure 2: Highest-rating questions of the four domains, 2014–18 (percentage of patients answering most positively)





Figure 2a: Run chart of the highest-rating questions of the four domains, 2014–18 (percentage of patients answering most positively)

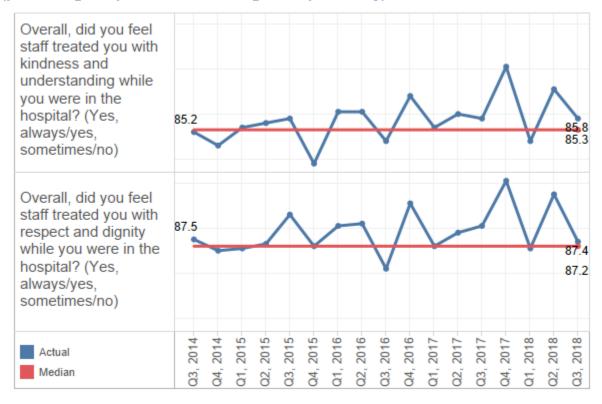
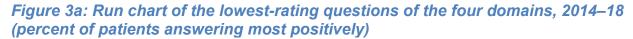
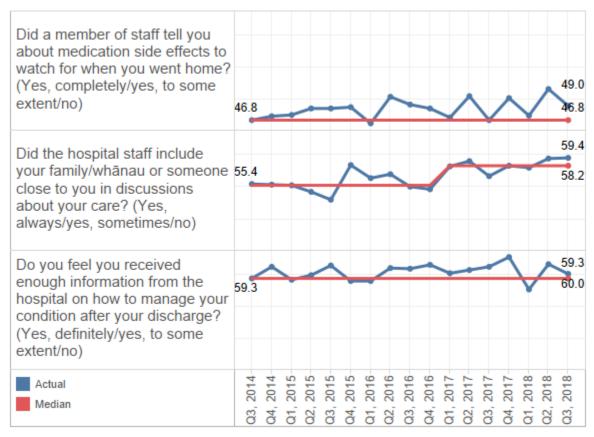


Figure 3: Lowest-rating questions of the four domains, 2014–18 (percentage of patients answering most positively)







The national median for the question "Did the hospital staff include your family/whānau or someone close to you in discussions about your care?" had a statistically significant shift upwards from 55.4 to 58.2 in Q1 2017.

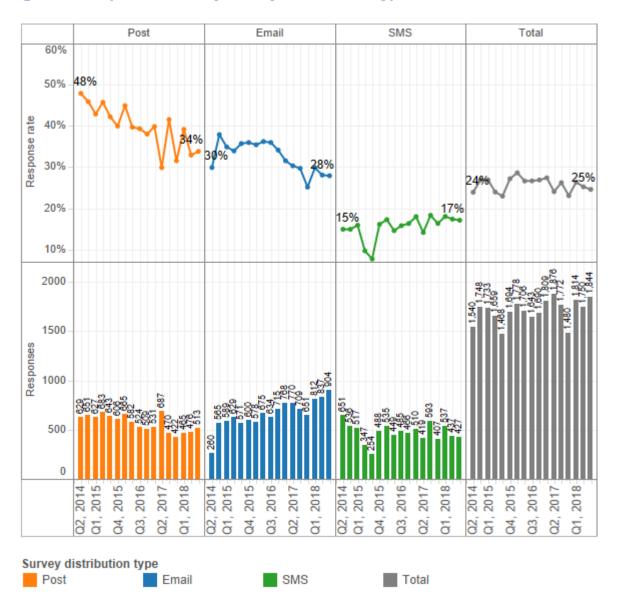
Fifteen of the 20 DHBs show this shift, which indicates that the change has been widespread across DHBs.

Response rates

The national response rate was consistent with previous rounds at 25 percent.

Figure 4 shows the breakdown of response rates by survey distribution method. Postal surveys have a high processing cost, so we encourage DHBs to undertake surveys via email or SMS where possible.

Figure 4: Response rates by survey distribution type, 2014–18



Response rates per DHB varied between 15 percent and 41 percent (see Table 1). Three DHBs achieved a 30 percent response rate or above in the current survey round. DHBs are required to have at least 30 responses for results to be meaningful. (See also Appendix 1 for per-DHB scores for each of the four domains.)

Table 1: Response rates by DHB, 2014–18



Representation of respondents

Nationally, respondents were reasonably representative of all ages and genders.

The under-representation of people continued for people in the 15–24, 25–44 and 85+ age groups and for people in Māori, Pacific and Asian ethnic groups. Table 2 gives a demographic breakdown of respondents.

Table 2: Representativeness by demographic group, August 2018Respondents by age group

Group	Patients discharged (%)	Respondents (%)
Age 15–24	8	3
Age 25–44	25	20
Age 45–64	25	29
Age 65–74	18	22
Age 75–84	15	19
Age 85+	9	7

Respondents by gender

Group	Patients discharged (%)	Respondents (%)
Female	58	58
Male	42	42

Respondents by ethnicity

Group	Patients discharged (%)	Respondents (%)
NZ European	72	80
Māori	16	11
Pacific peoples	5	2
Asian	7	5
Other	1	2

Appendix 1: Scores for all domains by DHB

Table 3: Communication scores by DHB, 2014–18

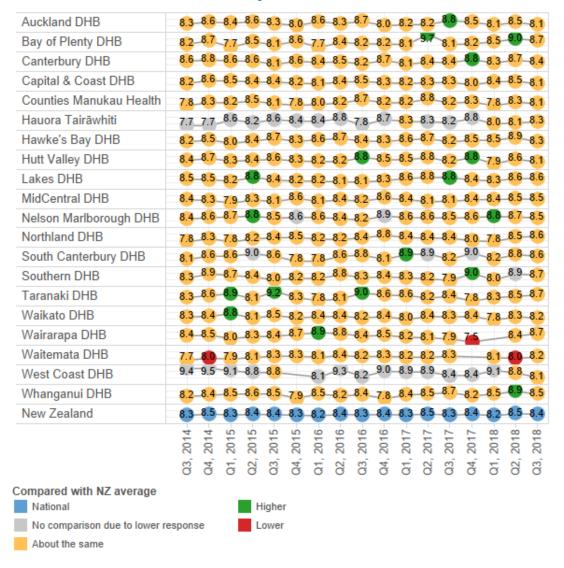


Table 4: Partnership scores by DHB, 2014–18

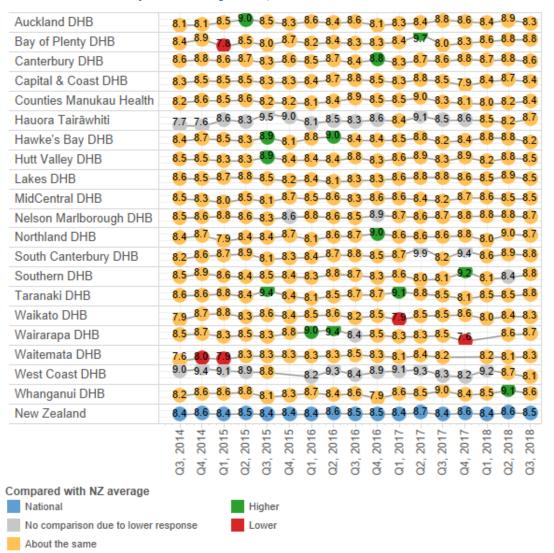


Table 5: Coordination scores by DHB, 2014–18

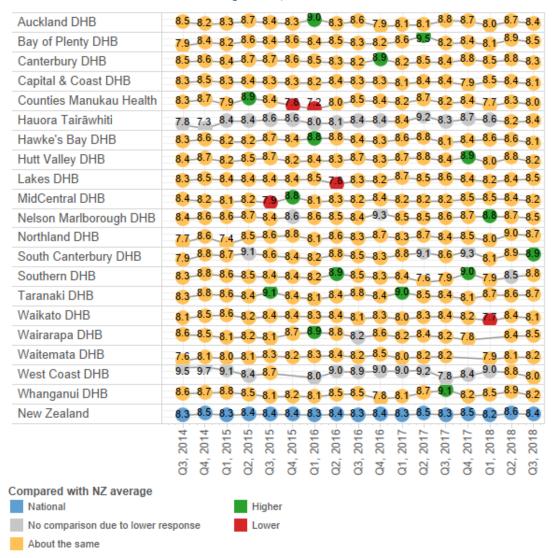
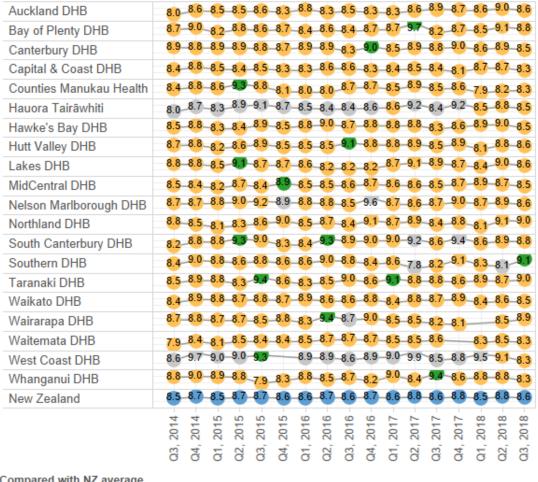


Table 6: Physical and emotional needs scores by DHB, 2014–18





National

Higher

No comparison due to lower response

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