

Attitude Towards Public Hospital Care

“If you were to be admitted to a public hospital, what level of treatment and care do you anticipate you would receive from the hospital during your stay?”

	8-13 DEC 2007
Very good	25%
Good	33%
Average	29%
Poor	7%
Very poor	5%
Don't know	2%
TOTAL	101%*

Base: N=996 New Zealanders 8-13 December 2007 *Total does not sum to 100% due to rounding

- New Zealanders are confident about the level of treatment and care they would receive from public hospitals with nearly 9 in 10 (87%) anticipating they would receive at least average care and only 12% expecting their treatment or care to be poor
- A quarter (25%) of New Zealanders believe they would receive 'very good' treatment and care and over half (58%) believe their treatment would be 'good' or 'very good'
- Those more likely to believe they would receive 'good' or 'very good' treatment and care are:
 - Older (aged 55 and over) – 67%
 - Labour Party Supporters – 67%
- Those less likely to believe they would receive 'good' or 'very good' treatment and care are:
 - Higher household income earners (over \$70,000/year) – 51%
 - National Party Supporters – 51%

"How long do you think women should be allowed to stay in a public hospital for after a normal birth?"

	8-13 DEC 2007
Up to 6 hrs	1%
Up to a day	5%
2-3 days	43%
Longer than 3 days	49%
Don't know	3%
TOTAL	101%*

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- The vast majority (92%) of New Zealanders believe that women should be allowed to stay in public hospitals for at least 2 days after a normal birth
- Nearly half (49%) believe women should be allowed to stay longer than 3 days
- Those more likely to think women should stay for more than 3 days are:
 - Older (Aged 55 years and over) – 58%
 - Lower household income earners (less than \$30,000/year) – 56%