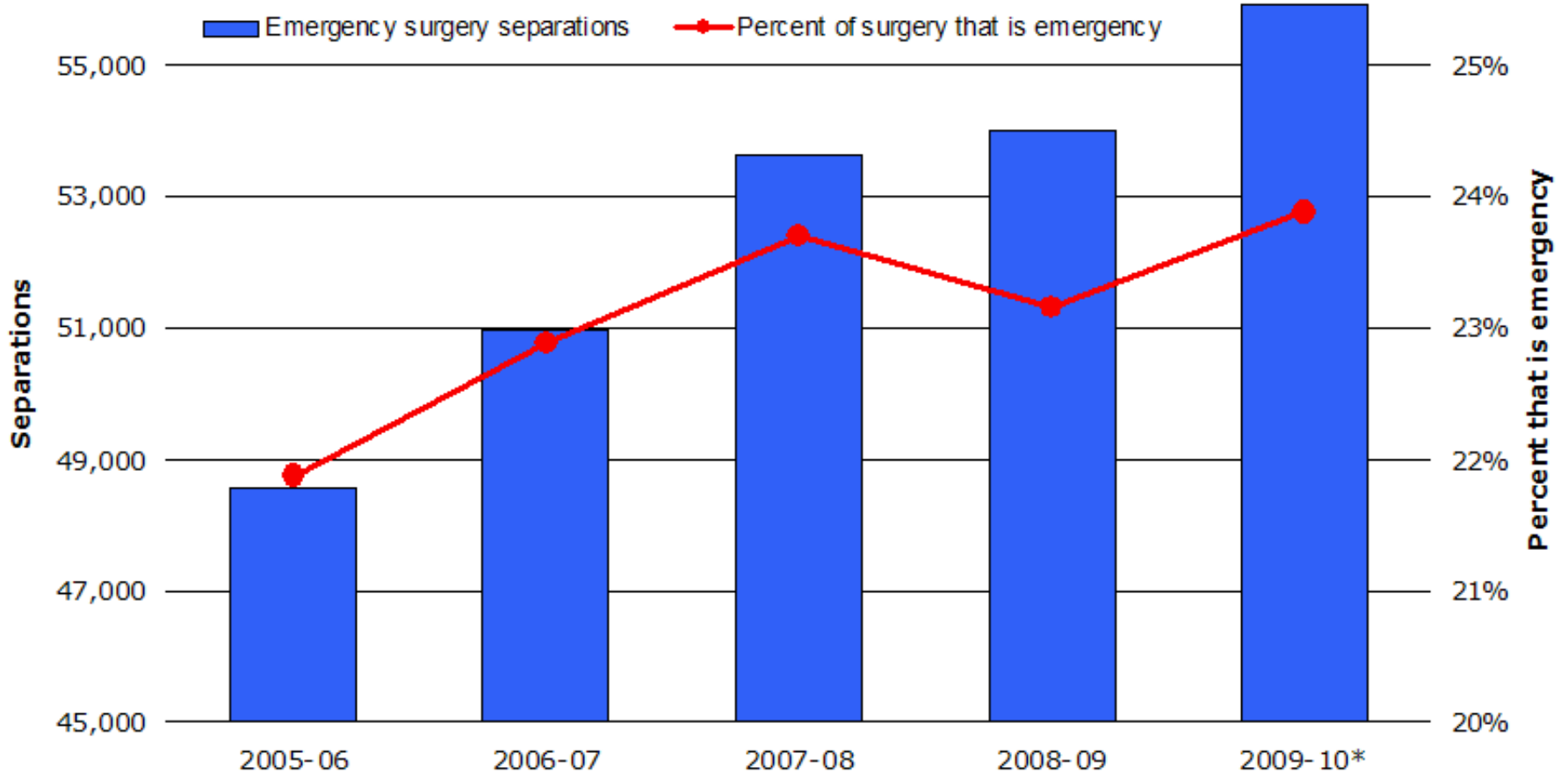


# The Case for Change: Drivers of Emergency Surgery Reform

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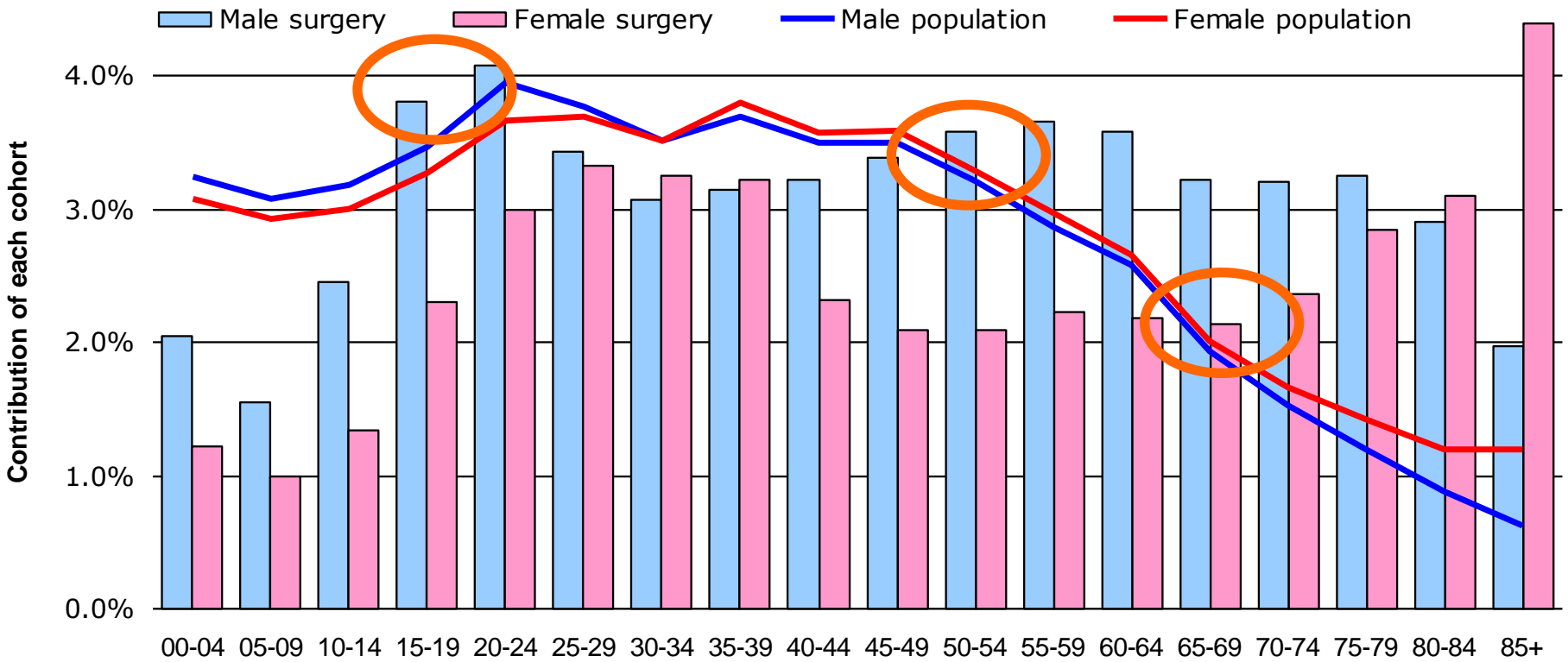
# Demand is growing...

### Emergency surgery in acute hospitals in Victoria

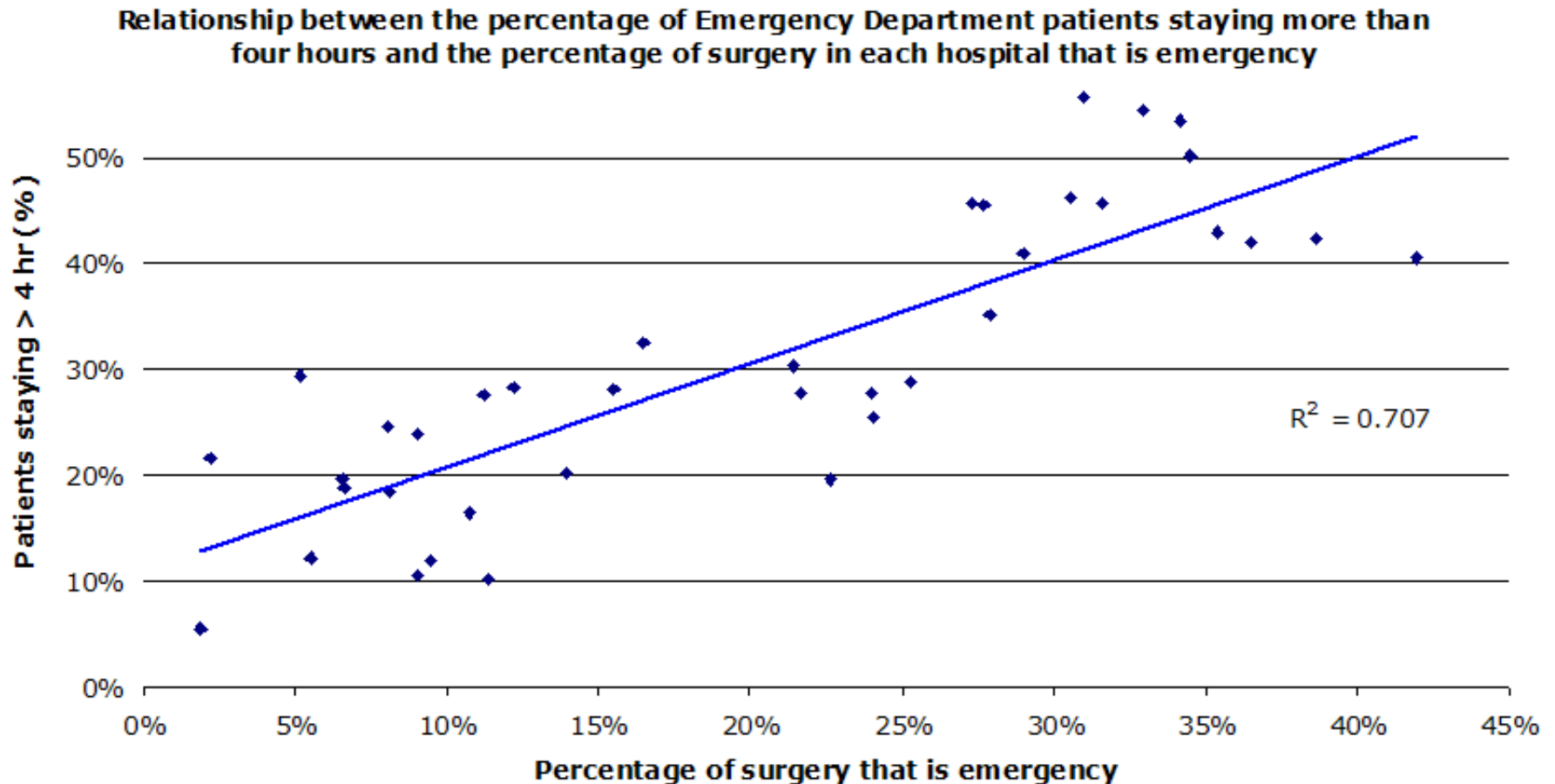


# ...with age of population.

**The percentage contribution of each age and sex cohort to the number of emergency surgery separations and their contribution to the Victorian population**

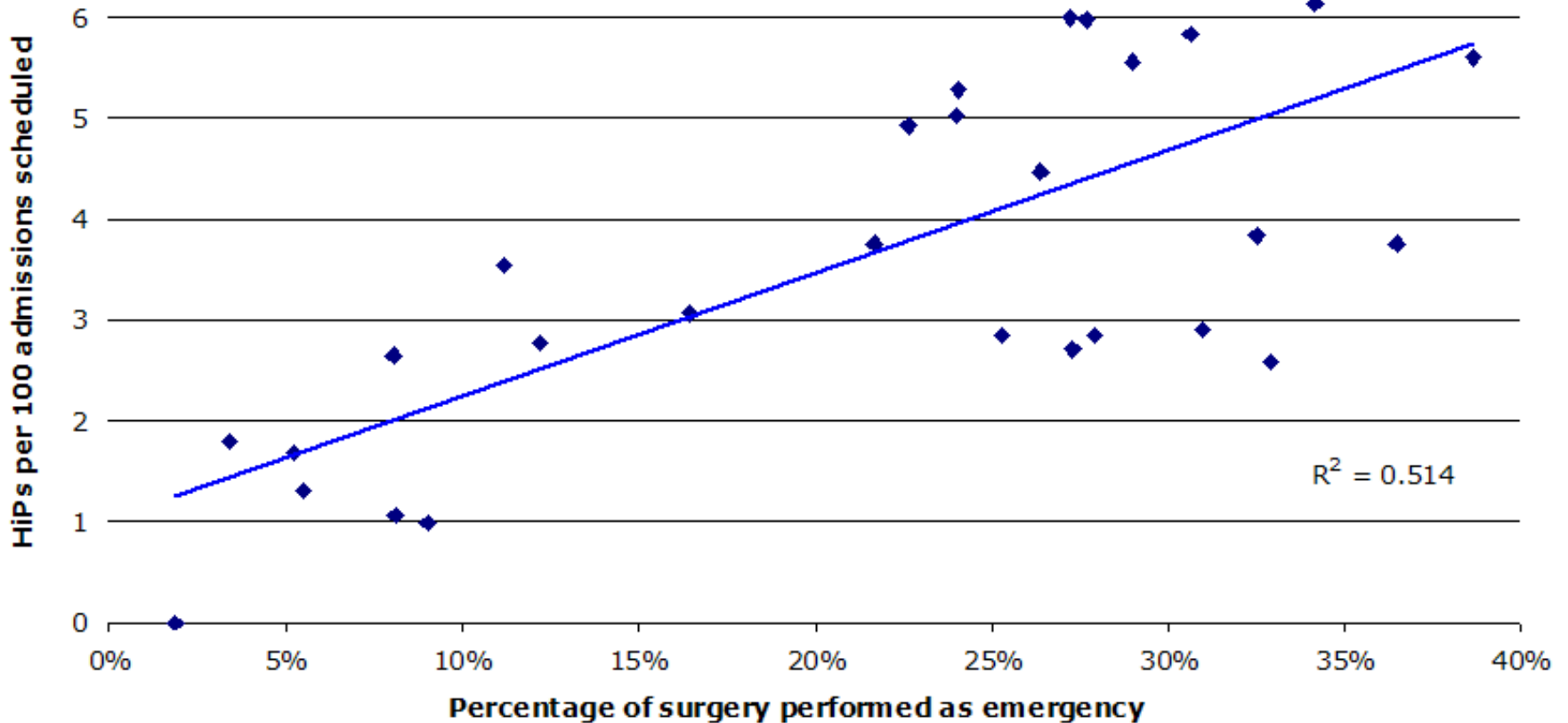


# Balance is the key to performance.



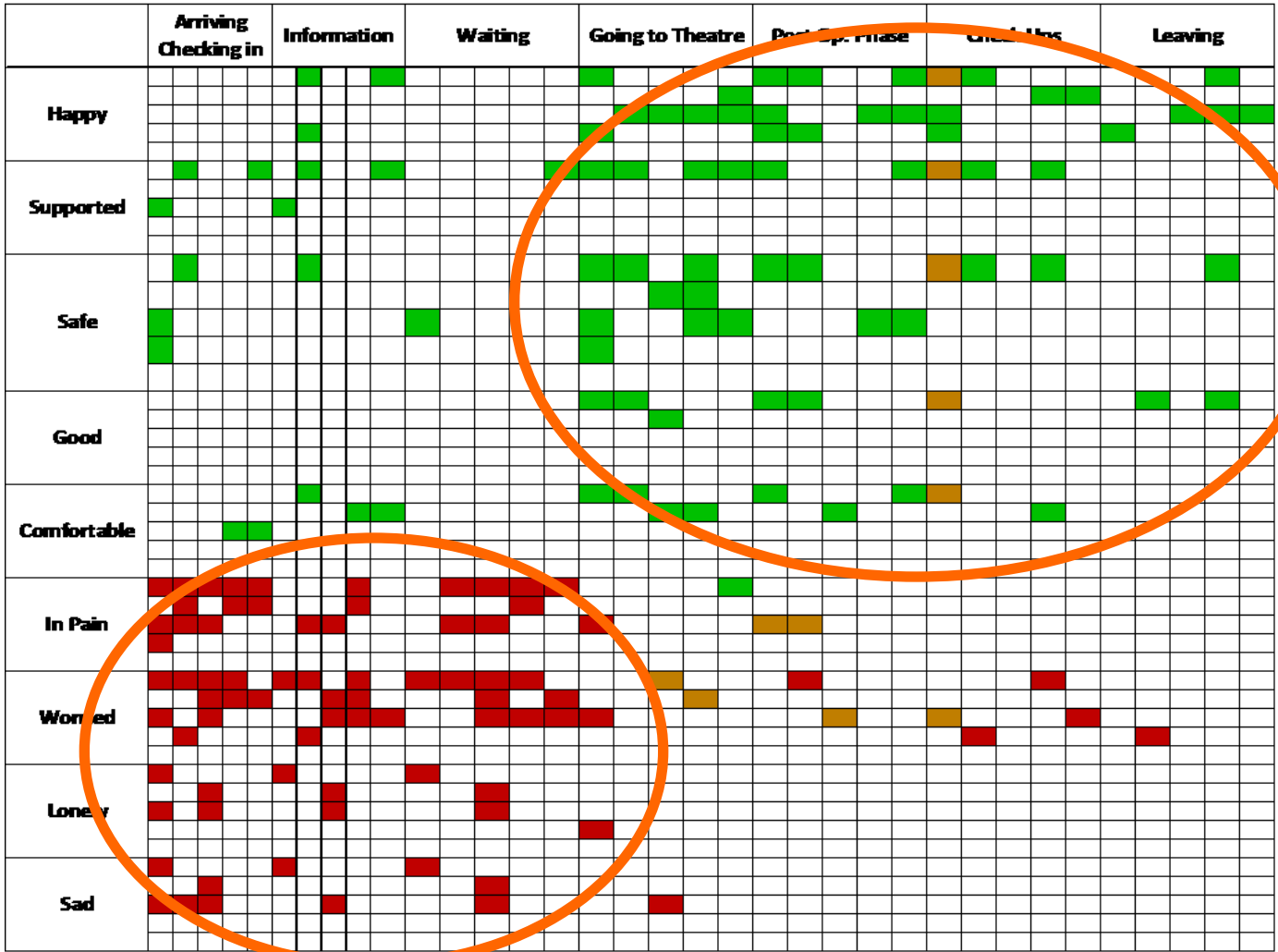
# Balance supports a patient focus.

**Relationship between hospital-initiated postponements within three days of the scheduled date and the percentage of surgery in each hospital performed as an emergency**

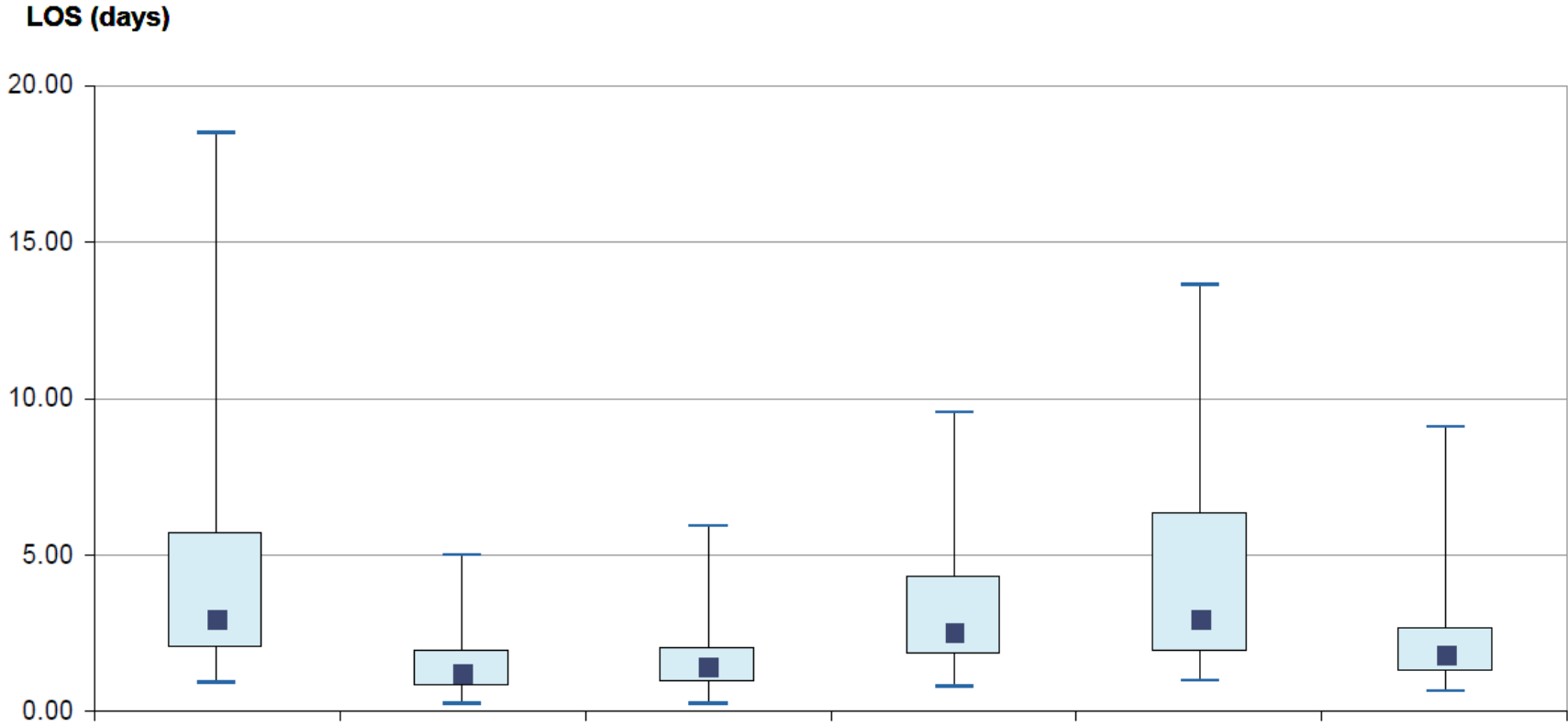


# “Unplanned” patients want a plan.

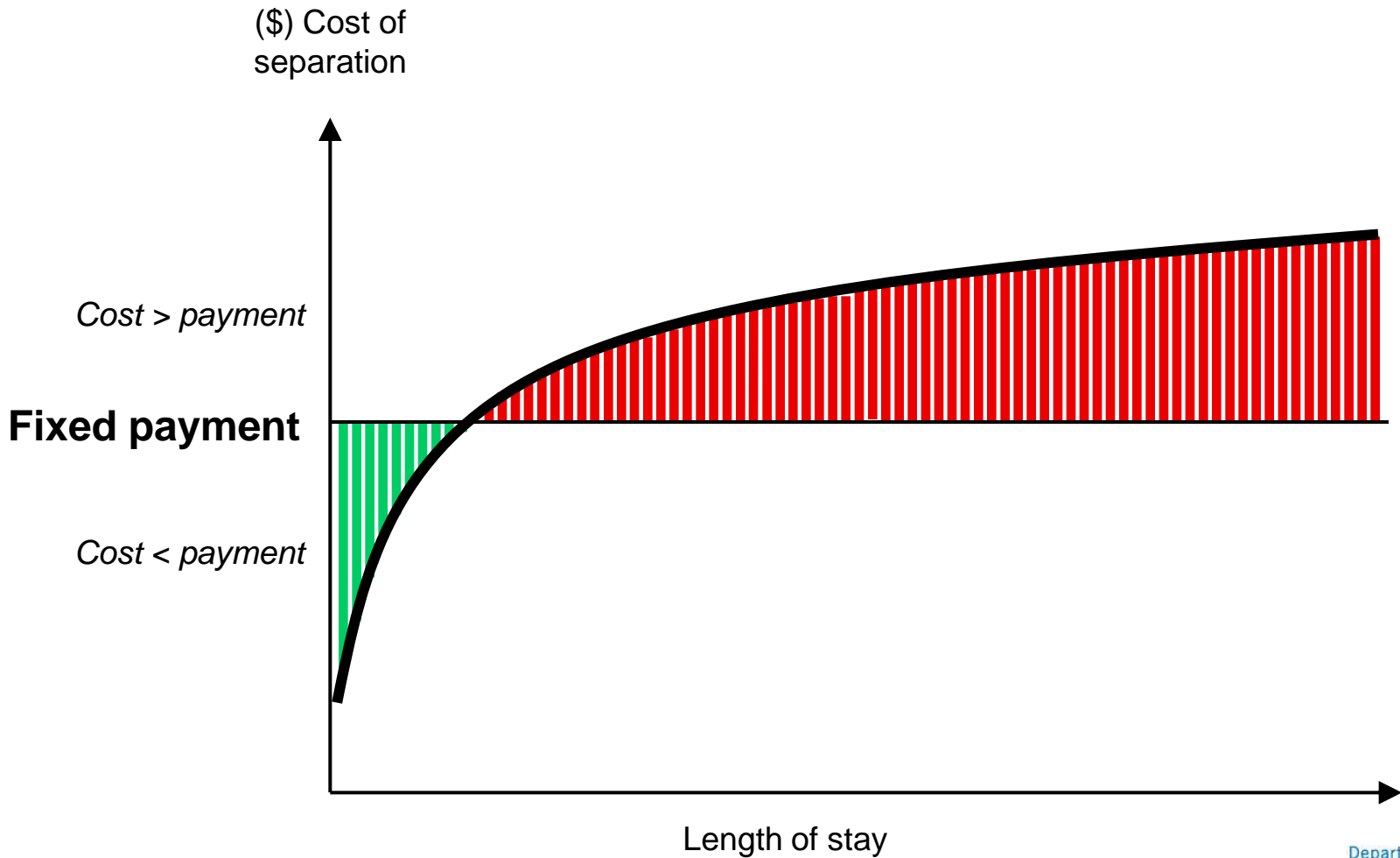
Emergency Surgical Patient Survey - Peninsula Health June 2010



# How long does a fractured radius stay?



# “Efficient price” supports standardisation.



# Why now?

- Our ageing population will drive demand.
- New national targets require getting the balance right.
- Patients – both elective and emergency – want certainty.
- Variability drives costs, and health services will wear the risk.