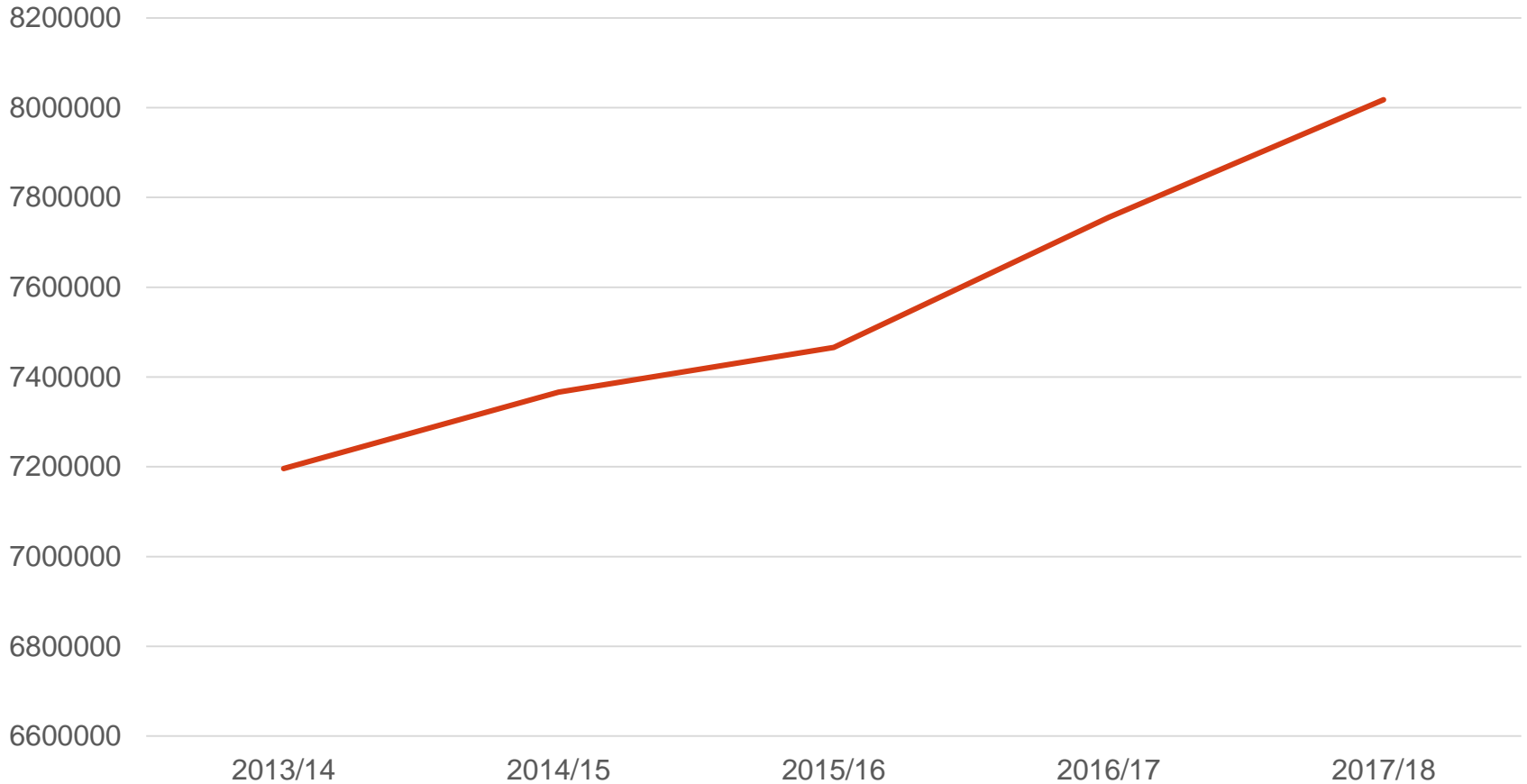


Differences between urban and rural areas in changes in emergency department presentations associated with opioid agonist treatment



Emergency department presentations, Australia



Australasian Triage Scale

1: Immediate/Resuscitation

2: Emergency

3: Urgent

4: Semi-urgent

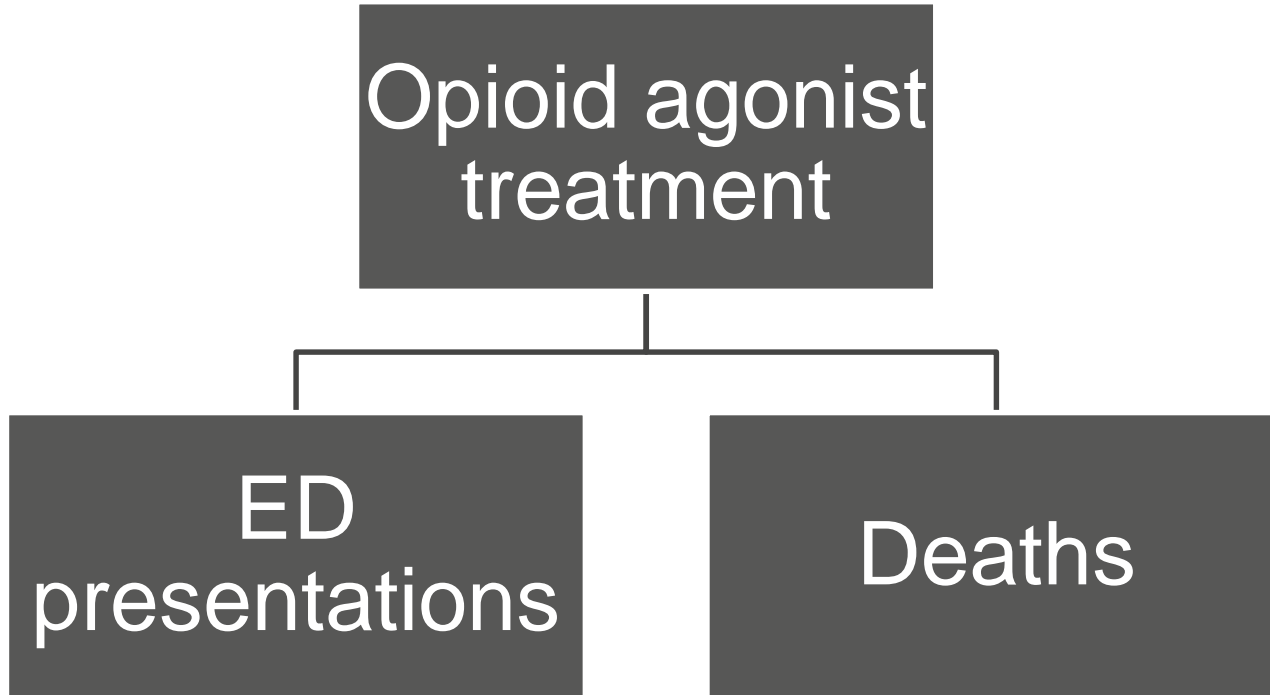
5: Non-urgent

} Low acuity presentations



Data

Linked administrative health data:



24,875 people prescribed OAT 2012-2014

92,987 ED
presentations

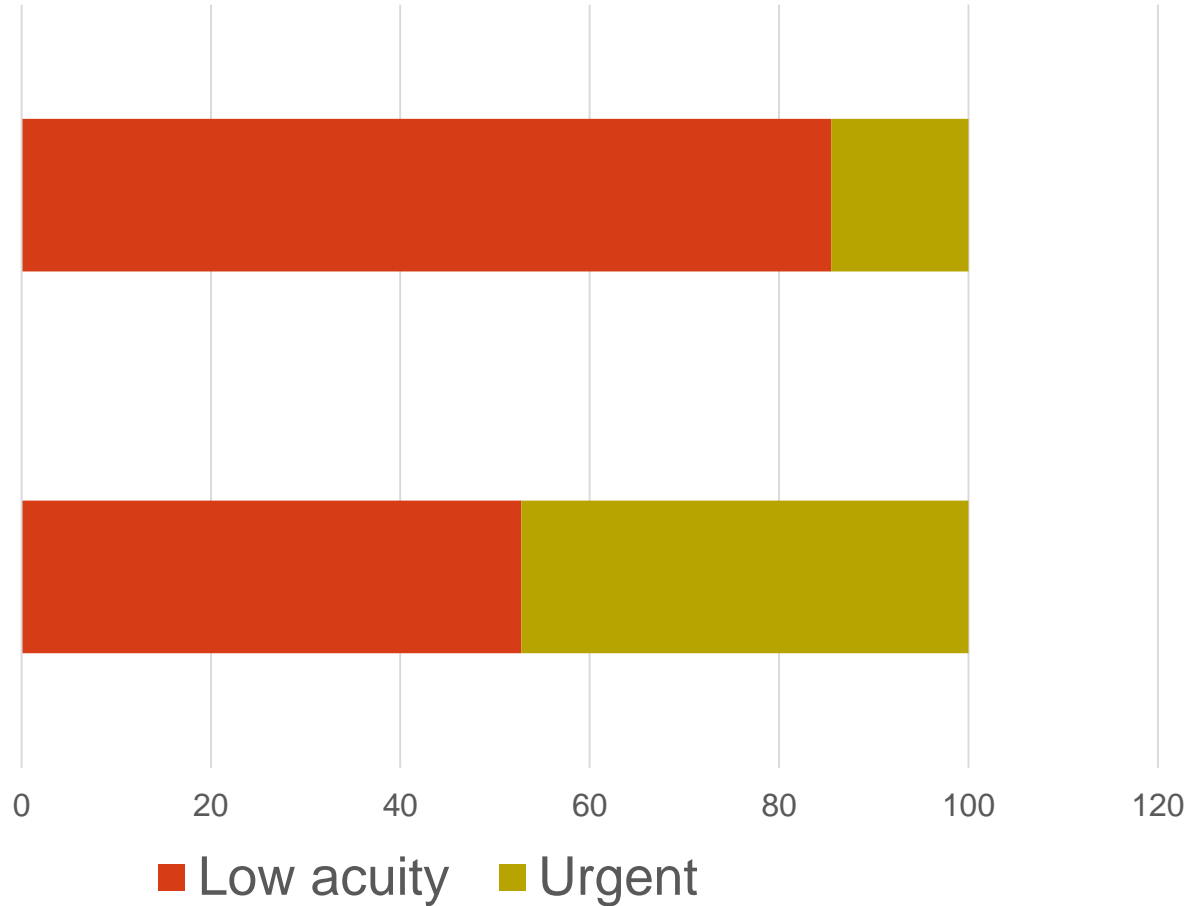
32% urgent

68% low
acuity

Greater proportion of ED presentations in regional/rural areas were low acuity

Regional/rural

Major cities

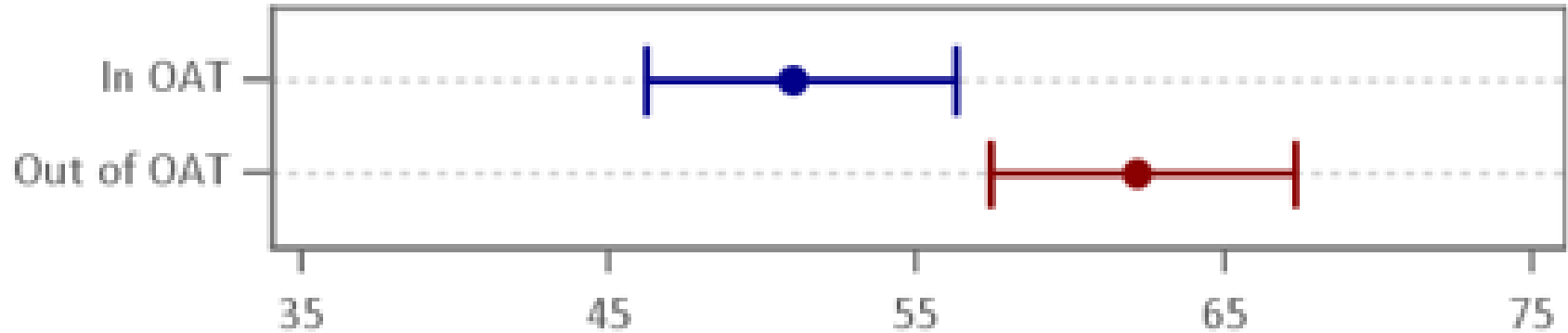


Urgent ED presentations decreased while in OAT relative to time out of OAT



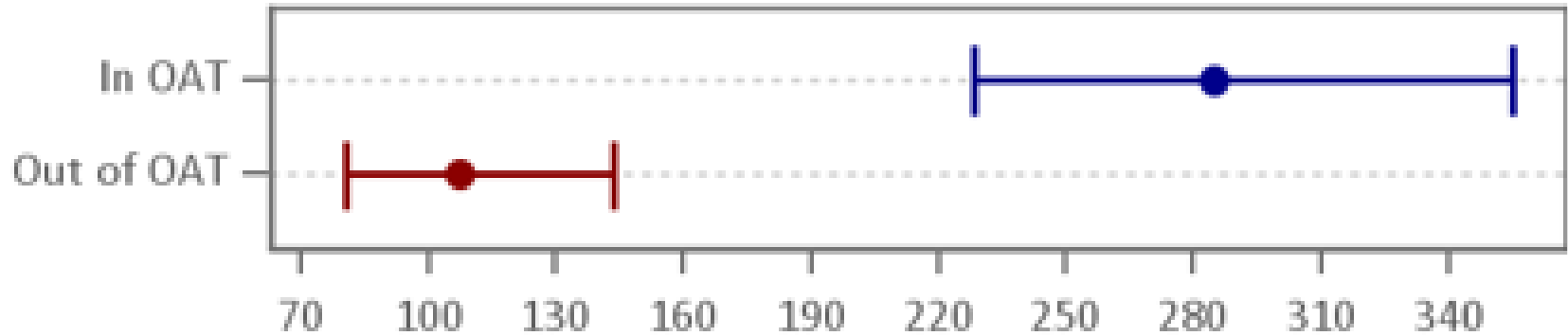
Urgent ED presentations per 100 person-years, by OAT status

Low acuity ED presentations interacted with geographic location



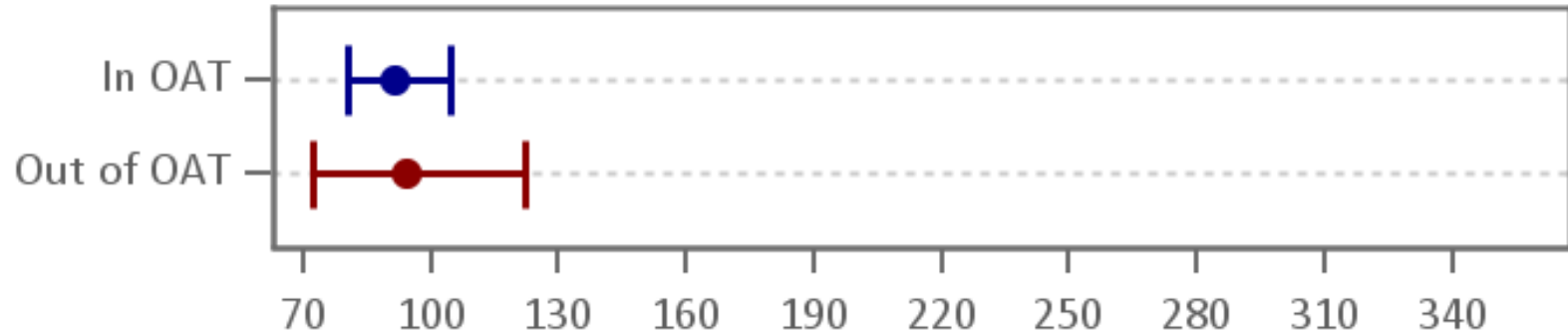
Major cities – low acuity ED presentations per 100 person-years, by OAT status

Low acuity ED presentations interacted with geographic location



Regional/rural – low acuity ED presentations per 100 person-years, by OAT status

Low acuity ED presentations interacted with geographic location



Regional/rural – low acuity ED presentations per 100 person-years, by OAT status, removing suspected OAT dosing episodes

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GP crisis hits clinic

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