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In 2018 I was hospitalised after collapsing at work. An ambulance was called and responded rapidly, the crew of two acting quickly and professionally. On our way to the Royal Hobart Hospital I joked about whether I would be "ramped" or not as the topic had been in the news. When we arrived I was told "well, guess you will be after all."

After being unloaded from the ambulance, I was then required to wait on the ambulance stretcher with the two paramedics. This was in a corridor at the RHH, which seemed to have a significant number of ambulance stretchers present. I waited for roughly 2-3 hours before I could be seen in the Emergency Department.

The two paramedics from the ambulance did an excellent job of monitoring me while I was being ramped, and we even shared jokes about waiting in the "Gutwein Memorial Ramping Corridor." In spite of the professionalism displayed by the two paramedics, I couldn't help but think that their time would have been better spent actually working in the ambulance that they were assigned to. Every minute they spent looking after me as I waited for a bed in Emergency could have been better spent responding to 000 calls.

At any rate, that was my experience with ramping. I have no complaints about the people who were looking after me, but the system itself was definitely not working anywhere near to a decent standard.

Regards
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