

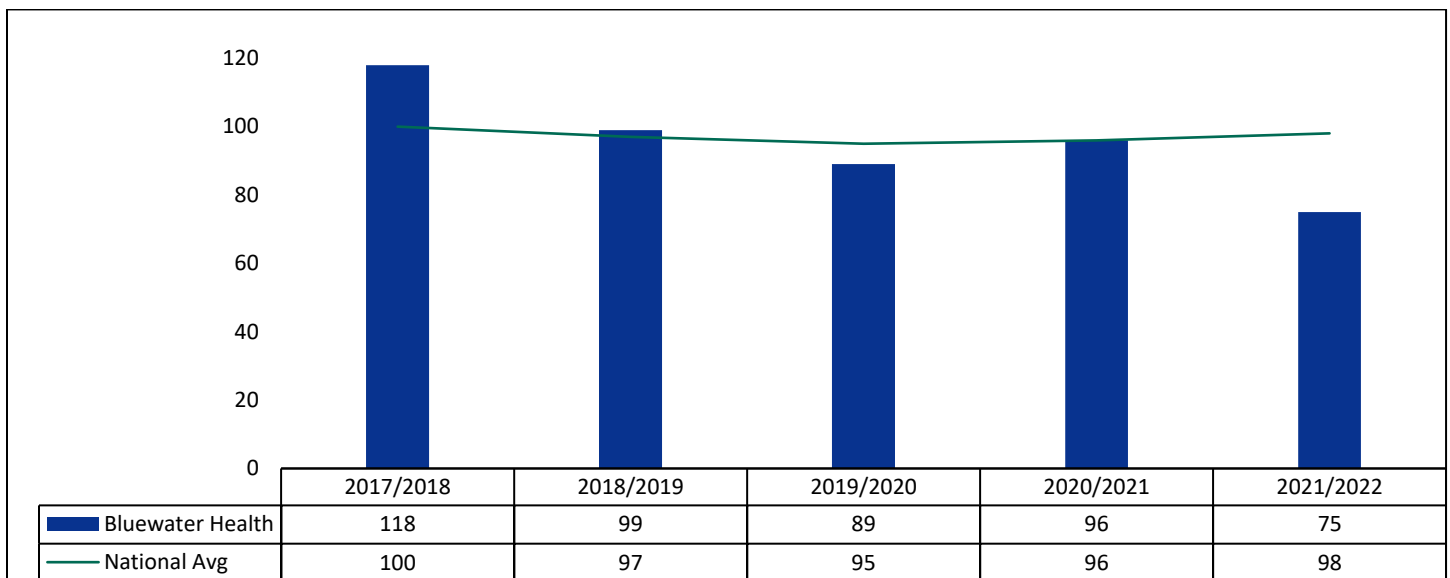


## Hospital Standardized Mortality Ratio (HSMR)

The hospital standardized mortality ratio (HSMR) is an overall quality indicator that compares a hospital’s mortality rate with the overall national average rate. The HSMR represents a ratio of the number of deaths that actually occurred in hospital relative to the number that would be expected to occur based on the patients treated, once adjusted for factors that affect the risk of death such as age, sex, and length of hospital stay.

HSMR is a mandatory publicly reported patient safety measure for Ontario hospitals. It is a measure that has been used by many hospitals world-wide to assess and analyze mortality rates and to identify areas for improvement. This measure allows Bluewater Health to track mortality rates over time and monitor progress in providing quality care.

Bluewater Health aims for a HSMR that is equal to or lower than the Canadian national average. For the fiscal year 2021/2022, Bluewater Health’s HSMR was 75, and the Canadian national average was 98, indicating that our mortality rate met our target for the fiscal year 2021/2022.



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