



Bariatric retrieval in Queensland

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Overweight and obesity affects Australians



1 in 4

young children
2-4 years old



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children
5-17 years old



1 in 2

young people
18-24 years old



4 in 5

older people
65-74 years old



Anatomy

Physiology

Logistics



LifeFlight Retrieval Medicine

July 2019 – August 2021

Bariatric retrievals: 816/11095 (7.4%)

120-246kg; Median 146kg

- 573 (70%) male
- 685 (84%) IHT
- 121 Primary (5 winch)



Bariatric retrieval platform

499 (61%) RW

233 (29%) RFDS

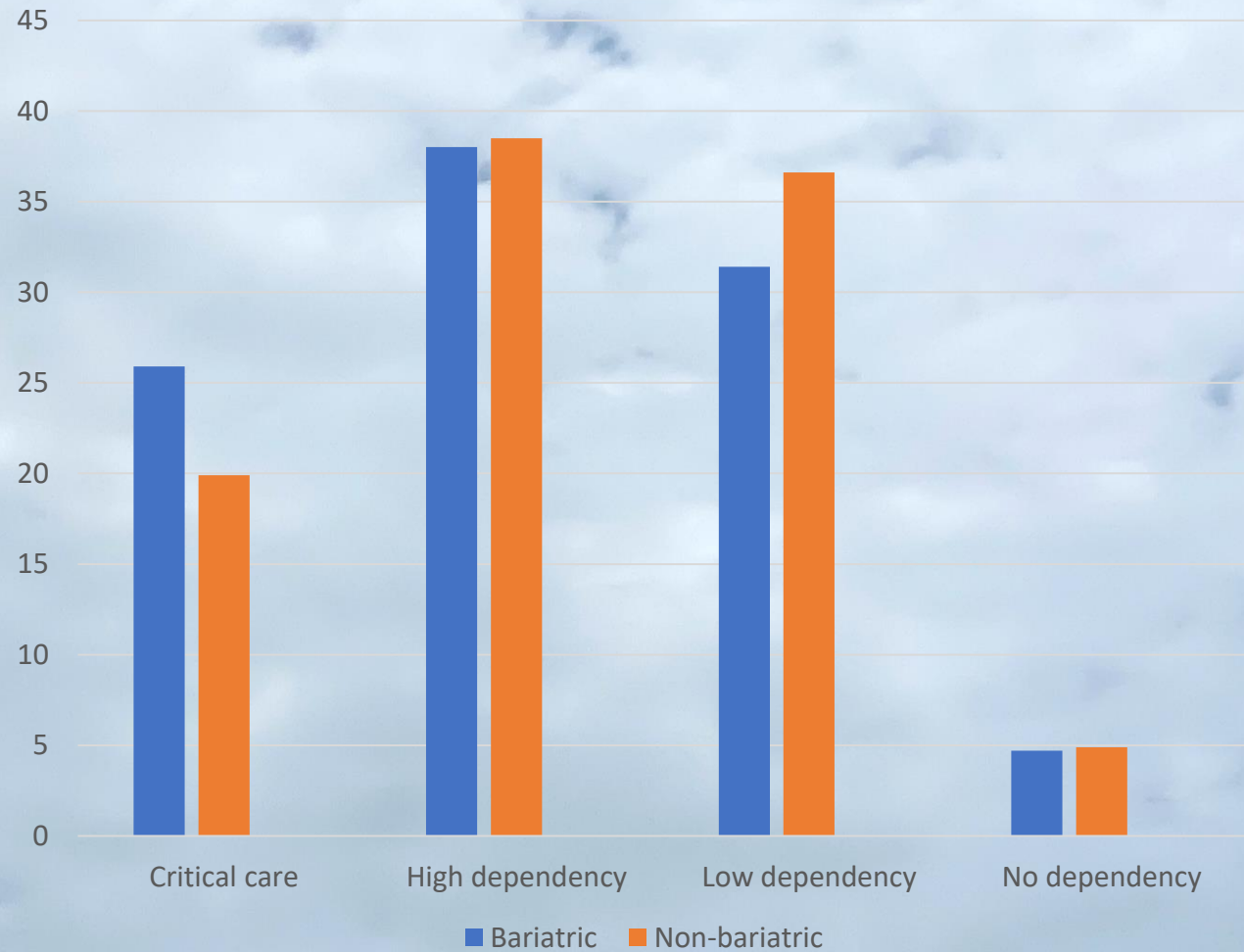
47 (6%) road

35 (4%) jet

2 (0.2%) boat

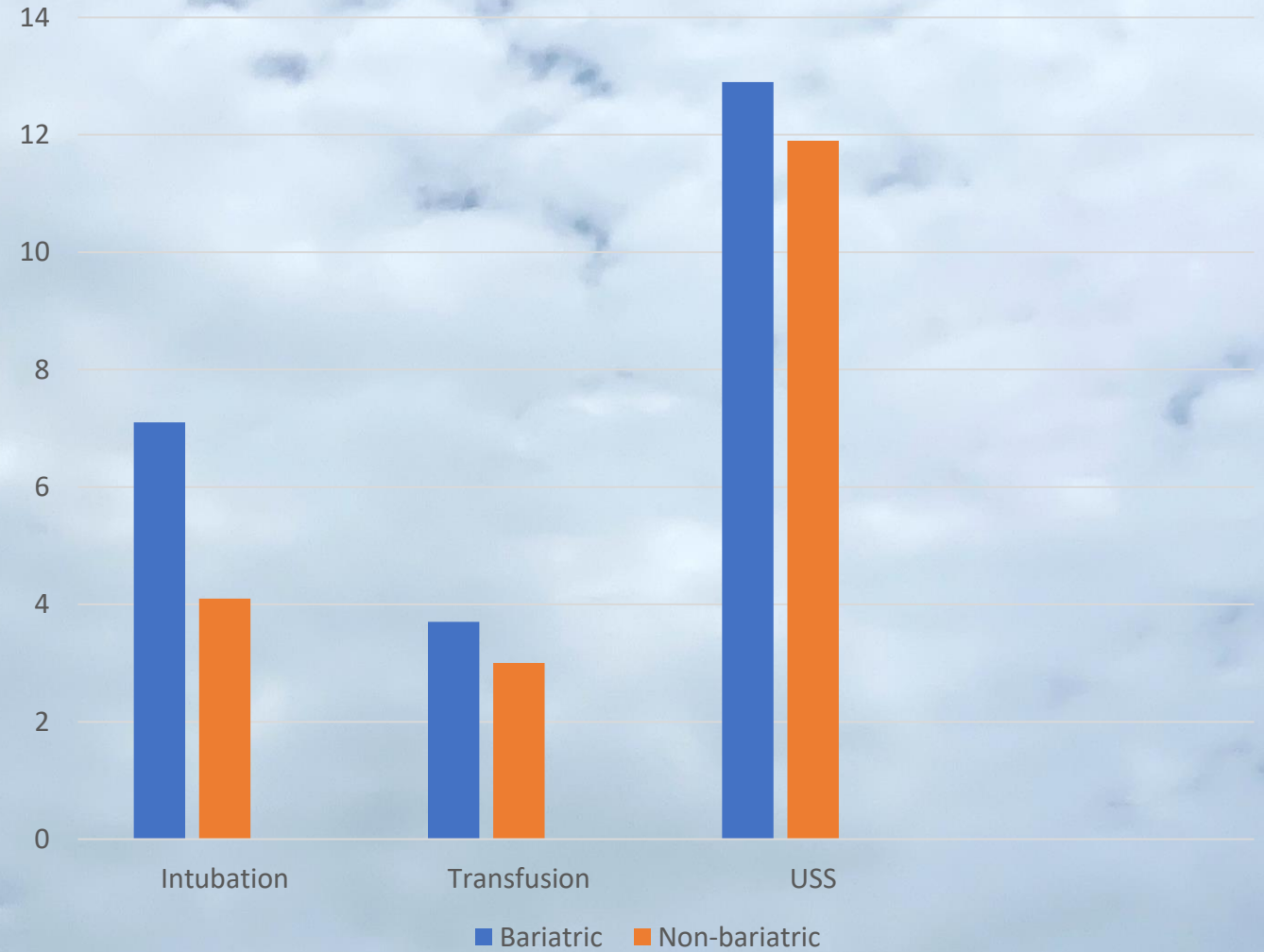


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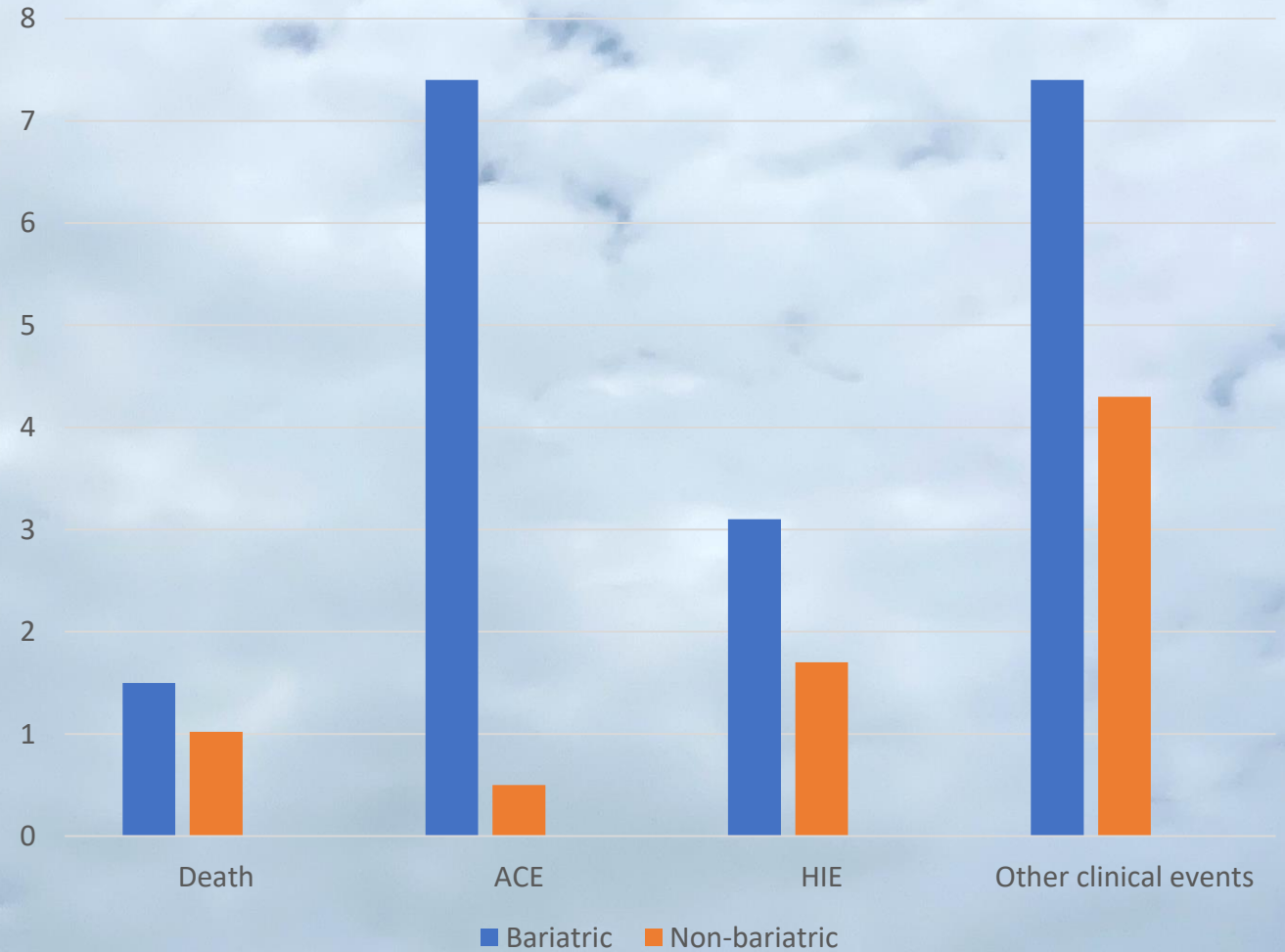


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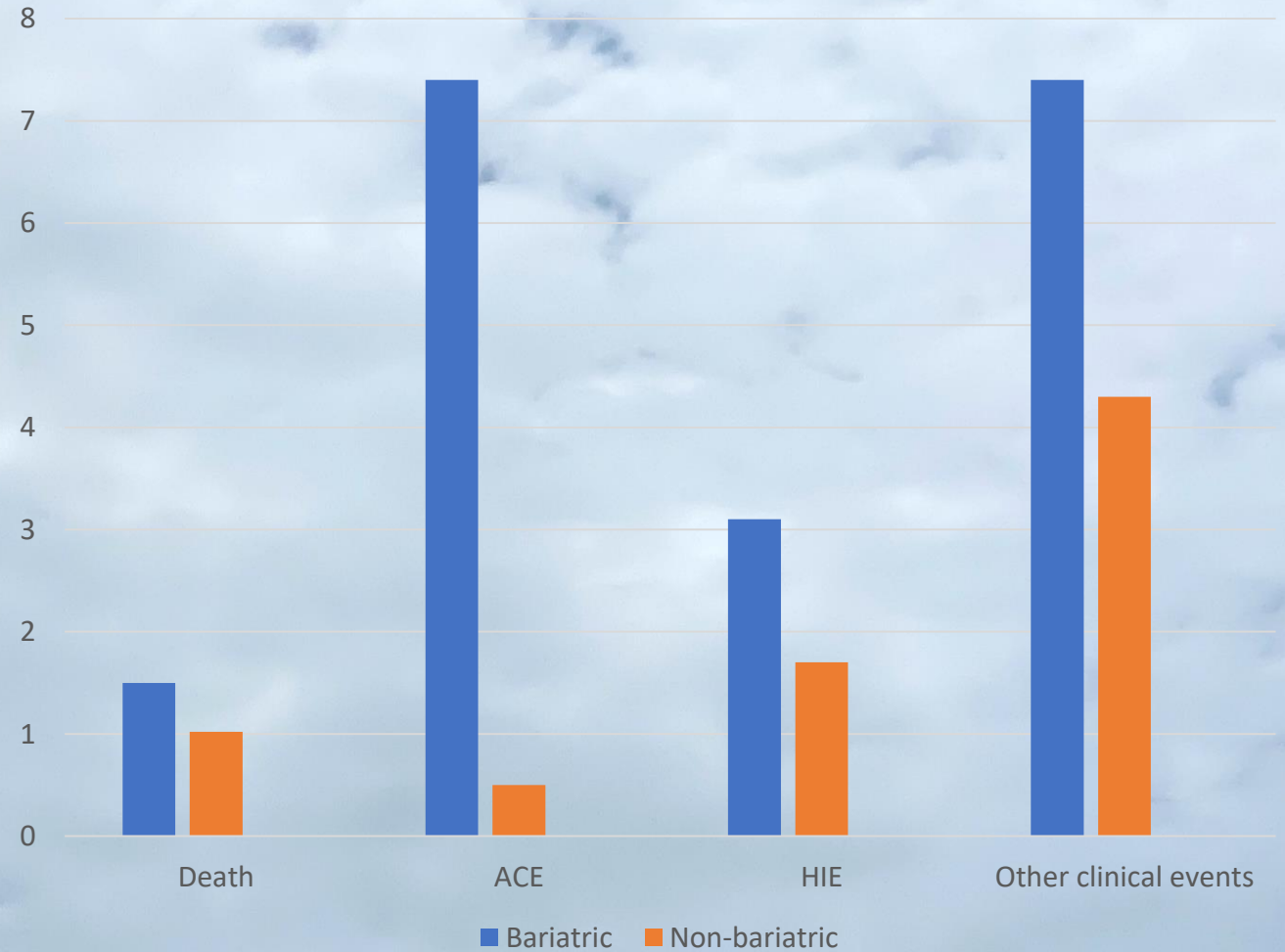


Adverse events





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Training

Equipment

Mindset



Thank you

Life Flight