

Publication Summary



Upper GI Cancer Quality Performance Indicators

Patients diagnosed during 2013

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About this Release

First publication of the Upper GI Cancer Quality Performance Indicators relating to patients diagnosed in 2013.

Key Points

This report assesses performance against 11 [Upper GI Cancer QPIs](#) using clinical audit and SMR01 data relating to patients diagnosed with Upper GI cancer for the period from January to December 2013. This was the first year of QPI data collection; therefore, this report provides the first opportunity to review performance against these new measures and to review the effectiveness of the measures themselves. Therefore, this report contains only one year, rather than three years of data, as will be the norm in future publications. As a result of this, the information in this report may be impacted by the effect of small numbers. Future reporting of Upper GI QPIs may include changes or refinements to indicator definitions and measurability criteria based on a review of this first publication.

- There were 1512 Upper GI cancer patients treated across NHSScotland in 2013, of which 364 were treated in NOSCAN, 725 in WoSCAN and 413 in SCAN.
- Overall performance against the 11 Upper GI cancer QPIs is generally good across all NHS Boards; however no individual NHS Board met all 11 QPI targets. This suggests that the target levels for the QPIs are challenging and that there are areas for improvement.
- Overall the postoperative mortality rates following Upper GI cancer resection in Scotland were low at 4% and below the QPI target of 10%.
- The target of 35% of patients receiving curative treatment was not met by any of the three Networks. It is believed this reflects the advanced stage of disease at diagnosis and other health problems of patients. The best way to achieve this target is through earlier detection of Upper GI cancer.

Background

These QPIs have been developed collaboratively with the three Regional Cancer Networks: North of Scotland Cancer Network ([NOSCAN](#)), South East Scotland Cancer Network ([SCAN](#)), West of Scotland Cancer Network ([WoSCAN](#)), [Information Services Division \(ISD\)](#), and Healthcare Improvement Scotland. The QPIs are published on the [Healthcare Improvement Scotland website](#).

These indicators, used to drive quality improvement in cancer care across NHSScotland are kept under regular review; NHS Boards will be required to report against QPIs as part of a mandatory [national cancer quality programme](#).

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Further Information

Further information on the Upper GI Cancer Quality Performance Indicators (2013) can be found in the [Publication Report](#).

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