

# Lung Cancer Quality Performance Indicators

Patients diagnosed during April 2013 to December 2015

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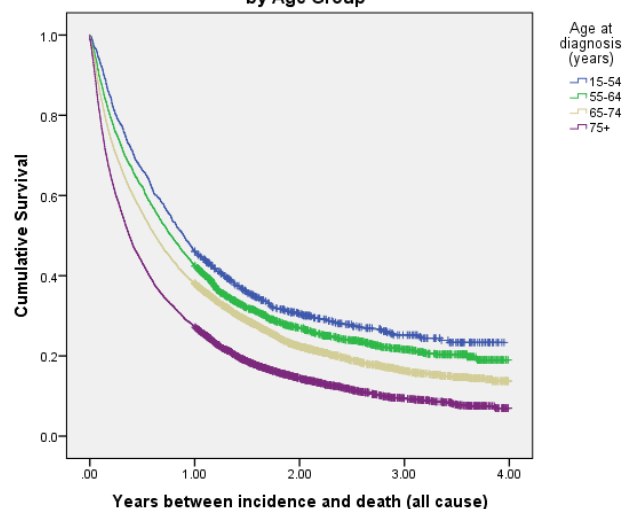
## About this release

This is the second publication of the National Lung Cancer Quality Performance Indicators by the Information Services Division. The report assesses performance against thirteen performance indicators developed by lung cancer specialists working in Scotland. The information reported has been collected from clinical audits and hospital records. This report provides an opportunity to review NHSScotland performance against these measures.

## Main points

- There were 4,778 people diagnosed with lung cancer in Scotland during 2015.
- Overall in Scotland, the percentage of patients who have a pathological diagnosis was consistently above target and was the only performance standard that was met by all Boards across the three year reporting period; however five standards were met by all Boards in 2015 - indicating an improving trend.
- For patients diagnosed in Scotland between 2012 and 2014, the estimated three year survival rate for patients aged 15-54 with lung cancer is 25%. As with many other types of cancer, survival rates decrease sharply with increasing age.

Observed (KM) survival - Lung Cancers (All cause deaths), Scotland, by Age Group



## Background

National cancer quality performance indicators have been developed to support continuous quality improvement in cancer care. NHS Boards are required to report these indicators as part of the mandatory national cancer quality programme. They have been developed collaboratively by the [North of Scotland Cancer Network](#), [South East Scotland Cancer Network](#), [West of Scotland Cancer Network](#) and [Healthcare Improvement Scotland](#) and the Information Services Division.

The next release of lung cancer quality performance indicators may include changes or refinements to indicator definitions and measurability criteria based on a review of this publication.

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### Report

- [National report on Lung Cancer Quality Performance Indicators](#)
- Supporting [data tables and graphs illustrating the figures](#) can also be downloaded.
- Information on [lung cancer survival](#) is also available.

## Lung Cancer Indicators

- A document detailing the lung cancer indicators is available from [Healthcare Improvement Scotland](#).

## Cancer Quality Performance Indicators

- Information Services Division: [Cancer Quality Performance Indicators](#)
- For more information on the [National Cancer Quality Programme - Scottish Government letter CEL 06 2012](#).

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