Upper GI Cancer Quality Performance Indicators
Patients diagnosed during January 2013 to December 2015
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About this release

This is the second publication of the National Upper Gastro-Intestinal (GI) Cancer Quality Performance Indicators by the Information Services Division. The report assesses performance against twelve performance indicators developed by upper GI 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 1,366 people diagnosed with Upper GI cancer in Scotland during 2015.

- The target for the mortality rate 30 days following surgery is to be below 10%. Overall in Scotland, in each of the three years this was achieved. In 2015, for example, the percentage of patients who died within 30 days of surgery was 1.3% for gastric cancer and 3.4% for oesophageal cancer.

- For patients diagnosed in Scotland between 2012 and 2014, the estimated three year survival rate for patients aged 15-44 with oesophageal cancer is 29%. As with many other types of cancer, including gastric cancer, survival rates decrease sharply with increasing age.
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 Upper GI 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 Upper GI Cancer Quality Performance Indicators
- Supporting data tables and graphs illustrating the figures can also be downloaded.
- Information on Upper GI cancer survival is also available.

Upper GI Cancer Indicators

- A document detailing the upper GI 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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