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Cancer: stage at diagnosis recorded

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Indicator

The proportion of new cases of cancer with stage at diagnosis recorded.

Indicator type

Network / system level indicator.

The indicator would be appropriate to understand and report on the performance of networks or systems of providers.

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Rationale

A major determinant of cancer outcomes is the tumour stage at diagnosis. Improving the recording of cancer stage at diagnosis will allow more detailed and actionable analyses of outcomes by treatment type, patient pathway and case mix. Recording of stage at diagnosis will also contribute towards outcomes.

Source guidance

Suspected cancer: recognition and referral. NICE guideline NG12 (2015, updated 2023)

Specification

Numerator: Number of cases in the denominator with a valid stage at diagnosis recorded, as defined by UKIACR registration rules.

Denominator: The number of new invasive cases of cancer.

Calculation: Numerator divided by the denominator, multiplied by 100.

Exclusions: People diagnosed with non-melanoma skin cancer.

Data source: Cancer Outcomes and Services Dataset, Staging completeness dashboard.

Minimum population: The indicator would be appropriate to understand and report on the performance of networks or systems of providers.

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