



Early Cancer Diagnosis Audit – Summary Results

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Overview



Background

- Response to 2007 Cancer Reform Strategy
- Part of the NAEDI initiative

Aims

- Identify delays in pathways prior to diagnosis.
- Identify tumour groups or groups of patients vulnerable to delay.

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Data collection



- >1000 GPs, 20 Networks, total number of cases = 18789
- Data recorded by patient on a standard template (RCGP)
- Target period 6-12 months in 2008–2009
- Data validated by PCT/Network clinical lead
- Anonymised by patient and practice
- Cleaned & merged into unified national database
- Exclusions: screen-detected cases, non-melanoma skin cancer & *in-situ* tumours.

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Data overview

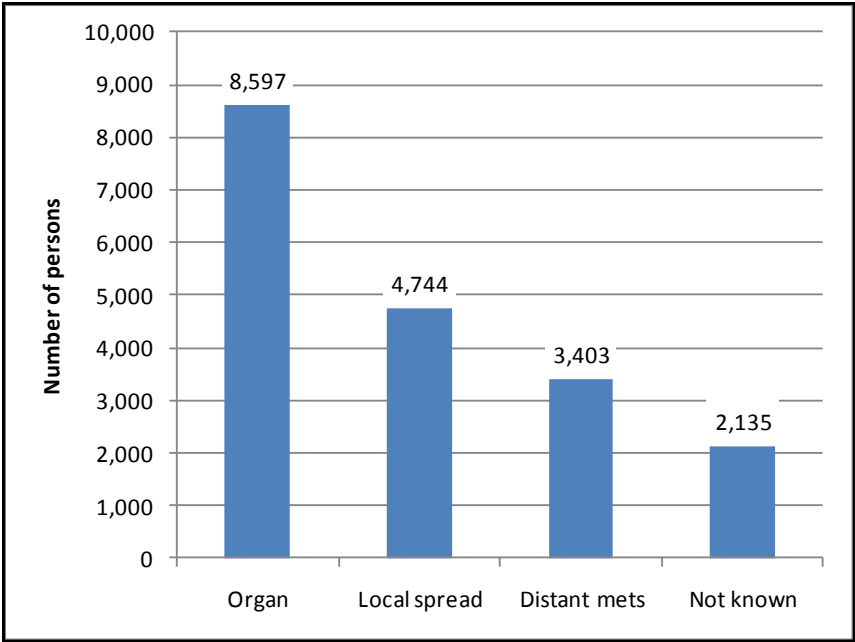


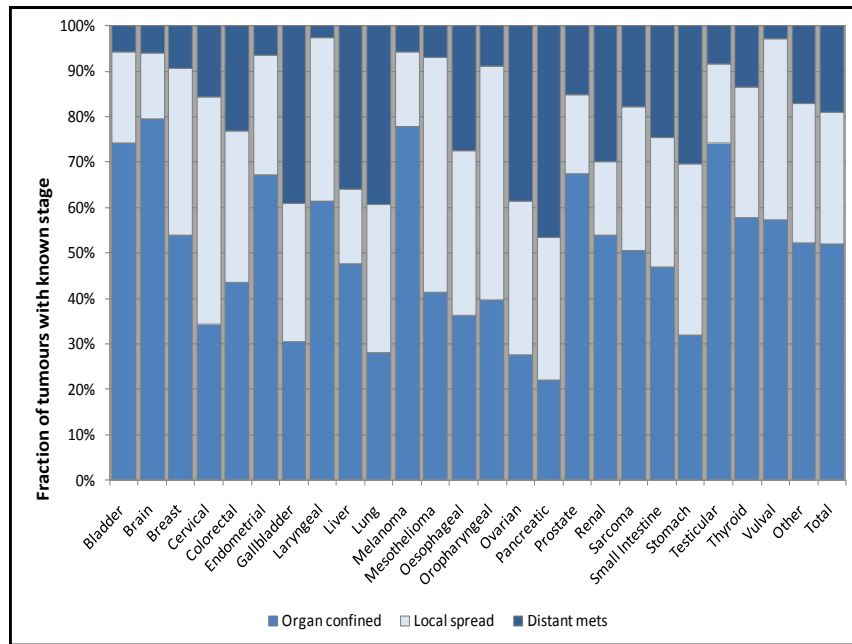
- 27 fields cover patient demographics, diagnostic, referral pathway & investigations performed
- Categorical fields (inc. stage) completeness approximately 90%
- Interval fields completeness approximately 85%
- Age-sex and cancer type breakdown comparable to registry data
- Median Age 68.5 years
- 52% Male (9759/18789)
- 6.9% Housebound (1298/18789)
- 6.1% Communication difficulties (1142/18789)
- 6.1% Non-white Ethnicity (1159/18789)

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Staging





Patient stage by demographic factors

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27% Housebound patients presented with metastases vs 17% non-housebound

Route of referral



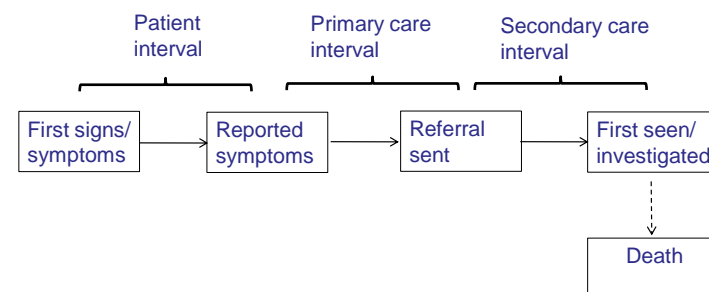
	Organ confined	Local Spread	Distant Metastases	Unknown
Emergency	36%	26%	29%	10%
2 week	49%	29%	17%	6%
Routine	56%	21%	14%	9%
Private	49%	27%	17%	7%
Not referred by practice	48%	23%	21%	8%



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Primary & Secondary intervals

Interval definitions



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Patient interval, prostate cancer



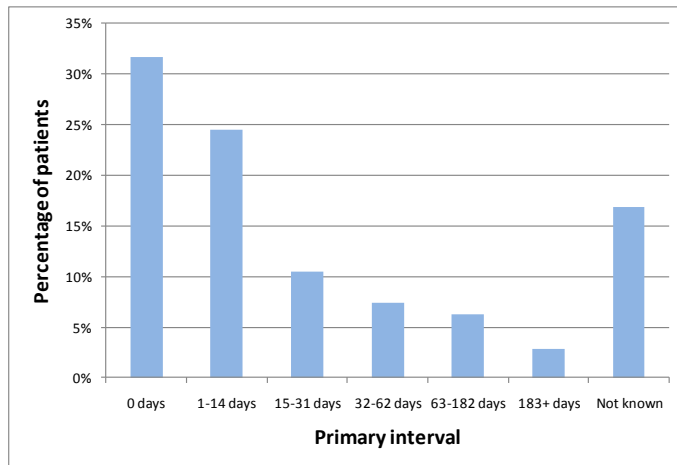
Symptom	0 days	1-14 days	15-31 days	32-62 days	63-182 days	183+ days	Not known
asymptomatic	17%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	78%
blood in the semen	21%	29%	14%	21%	0%	0%	14%
blood in the urine	31%	35%	5%	3%	1%	4%	22%
bone pain	13%	8%	8%	13%	18%	3%	40%
change in bowel habit	22%	19%	11%	4%	4%	0%	41%
enlargement of the prostate	17%	9%	5%	9%	7%	9%	43%
erectile dysfunction	18%	0%	2%	8%	8%	27%	37%
fatigue	28%	13%	13%	7%	7%	2%	30%
genitourinary tract pain	25%	20%	18%	12%	4%	2%	20%
incontinence	17%	0%	17%	6%	6%	17%	39%
lower urinary tract symptoms	21%	8%	9%	6%	10%	8%	39%
not known	7%	6%	0%	1%	0%	0%	87%
other	20%	17%	11%	6%	6%	4%	36%
painful urination	25%	20%	15%	8%	10%	2%	19%
raised psa	28%	6%	3%	1%	1%	2%	59%
urine retention	35%	10%	5%	5%	1%	2%	42%
weight loss	20%	11%	9%	7%	20%	4%	29%
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Primary care interval



Median interval: 4 days

Fraction over 31 days: 16% (or 20% if unknowns randomly distributed)

Primary care interval > 31 days

Demographic Variable	Value	All		Breast		Colorectal		Lung		Prostate		Haemo		Other	
		OR	p	OR	p	OR	p	OR	p	OR	p	OR	p	OR	p
Age	75+ (compared to <75)	1.00		0.44	**	0.97		1.24		0.93		0.94		0.87	
Sex	Female (compared to Male)	0.77	***	1.02		1.50	***	0.98		-		1.31		1.19	*
Housebound	Yes (compared to No)	1.12		2.60	*	1.37		0.52	**	1.25		1.21		1.21	
Communication Difficulty	Yes (compared to No)	1.21		0.94		1.04		1.22		1.57		1.30		1.15	
Ethnicity	Non-white (compared to White British)	1.09		1.48		1.63	*	0.95		0.97		0.71		1.32	

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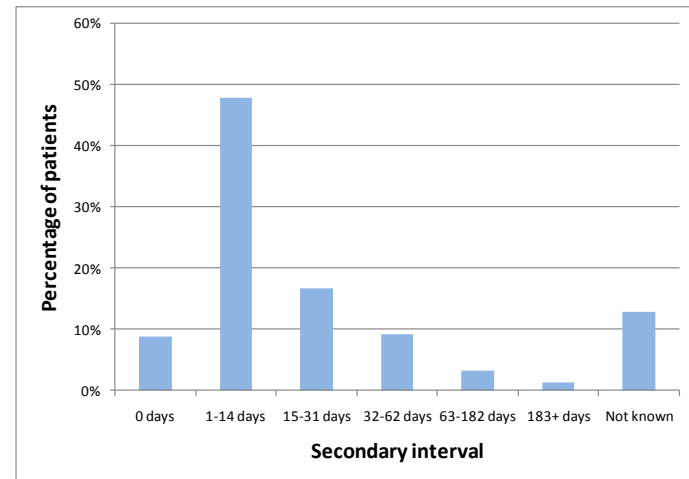
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24% Female colorectal intervals > 31 days compared to 19% males

Secondary care interval



Median interval: 12 days

Fraction over 31 days: 14% (or 16% if unknowns randomly distributed)

Secondary care interval > 31 days

Demographic Variable	Value	All	Breast	Colorectal	Lung	Prostate	Haemo	Other
		OR p	OR p	OR p	OR p	OR p	OR p	OR p
Age	75+ (compared to <75)	0.88 *	0.90	0.68 **	1.28	0.80	1.28	0.77 **
Sex	Female (compared to Male)	0.65 ***	0.58	1.08	0.84	-	0.79	1.01
Housebound	Yes (compared to No)	0.89	1.17	0.78	0.98	0.71	1.27	0.97
Communication Difficulty	Yes (compared to No)	1.25 *	1.50	1.15	1.12	1.22	1.64	1.16
Ethnicity	Non-white (compared to White British)	1.28 **	2.30 **	1.04	2.13 *	1.22	0.91	1.28

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Secondary interval > 31 days

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Age	75+ (compared to <75)	0.88 *	0.90	0.68 **	1.28	0.80	1.28	0.77 **
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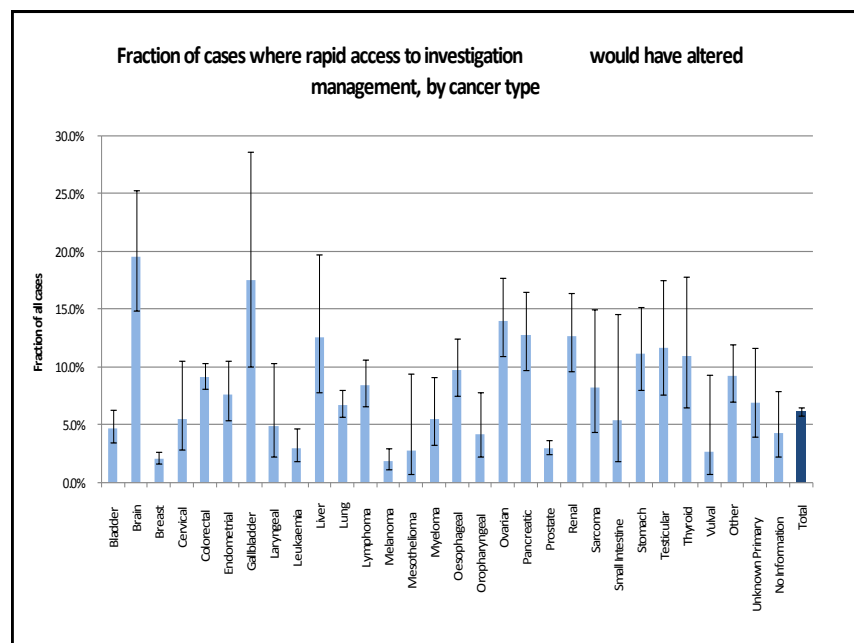
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Breast: 12% non-white patients interval >31 days compared to 5% White British

Lung: 14% non-white patients interval >31 days compared to 8% White British



Summary



- Large robust data set with most fields >85% complete
- Significant variation in stage by cancer type, housebound status associated with later stage diagnosis for 10% of patients
- Primary and secondary intervals <32 days for around 80% of patients
- Differences of around 5% of patients for interval >31 days, in various combinations of cancer type and demographic variables

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