



Cancer: breast cancer mortality rate

NICE indicator

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Indicator

Breast cancer mortality rates.

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

The indicator can be influenced in a number of ways including improved early detection. Improvements in the quality and availability of effective treatments are also reflected by lower mortality rates.

Source guidance

[Early and locally advanced breast cancer: diagnosis and management. NICE guideline NG101](#) (2018, updated 2023)

Specification

Numerator: The number of registered deaths from breast cancer in the relevant year.

Denominator: The number of people with breast cancer.

Calculation: This indicator is calculated as a rate directly standardised by age and sex. Calculated per 100,000 registered patients.

Exclusions: None

Data source: Primary Care Mortality Database.

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

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