

WE NEED A NATIONAL BLADDER CANCER AUDIT

A national audit collects information about care pathways and cancer treatment outcomes and addresses regional variation.

The impact of bladder cancer

- **21,185** people in the UK are diagnosed with bladder cancer each year
- More than **50%** of people have never heard of bladder cancer before their diagnosis
- More than **49%** of patients receive insufficient information when diagnosed



Examples of successful audits include prostate and lung cancer as well as the Scottish Quality Performance Indicators (QPI) initiative in bladder cancer.

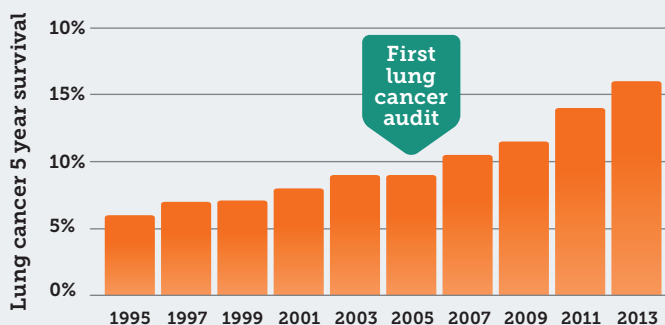
Bladder cancer 5-year survival for women has decreased from **43% to 41%** since 2012

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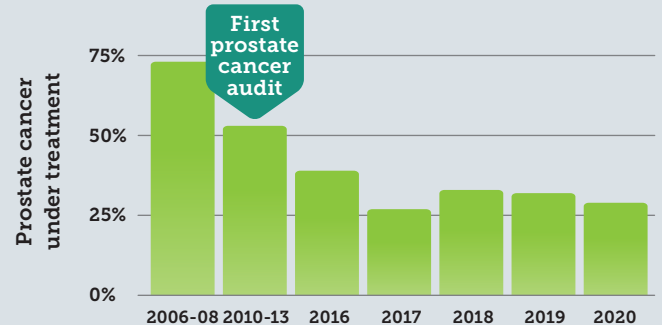
Bladder cancer 5-year survival for men has decreased from **58% to 56%** since 2012

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National cancer audits make real improvements to patient outcomes



National cancer audits identify and reduce over-treatment and under-treatment



“If we collect better data about bladder cancer, we can improve the lives of thousands of people.”

Ravi
Bladder cancer patient

“Timely treatment will ensure good quality of life for bladder cancer patients like my husband.”

Yvonne
Bladder cancer carer



“We have had poor outcomes for too long. Now is the time for a national bladder cancer audit.”

Roger Kockelbergh
Chair, Action Bladder Cancer UK

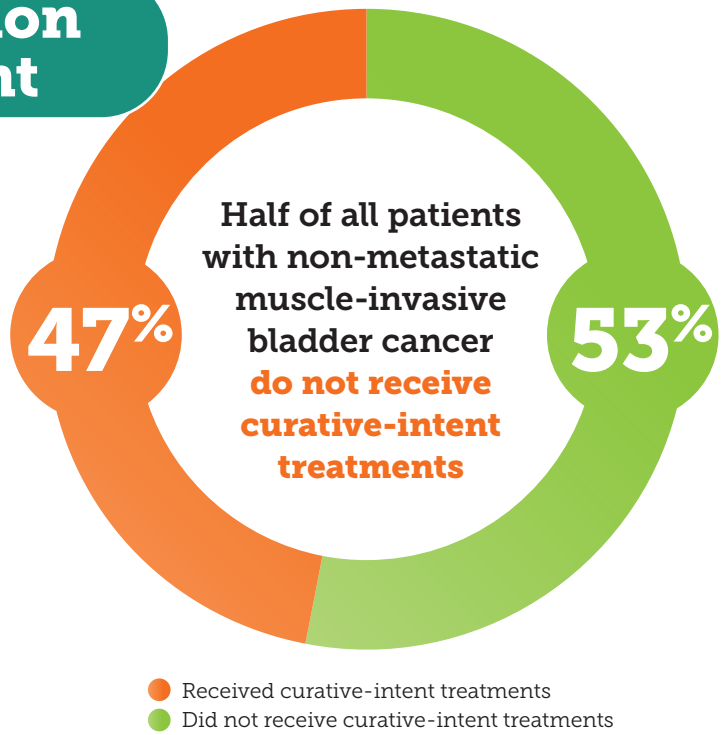
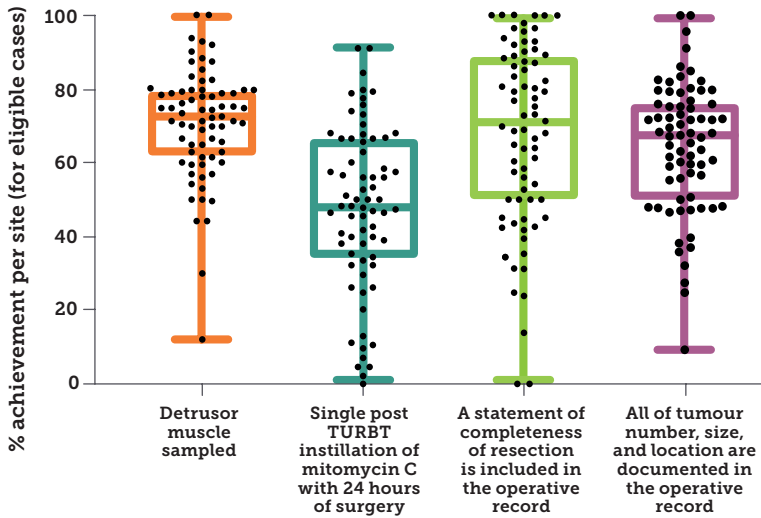


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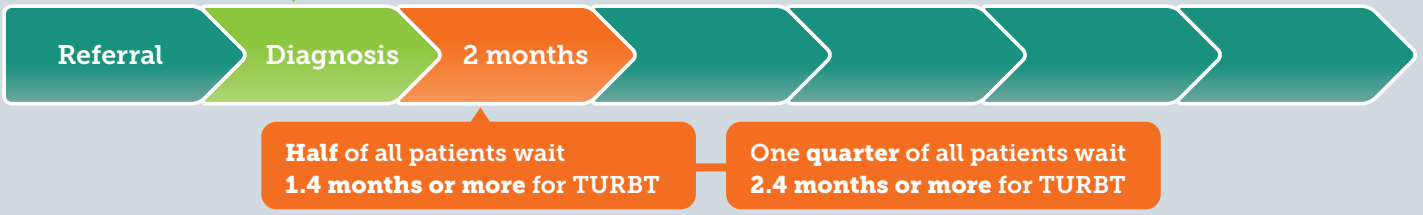
There is too much variation in the quality of treatment

There is too much variation in the quality of TURBT
Only **12%** of hospitals have a TURBT audit programme

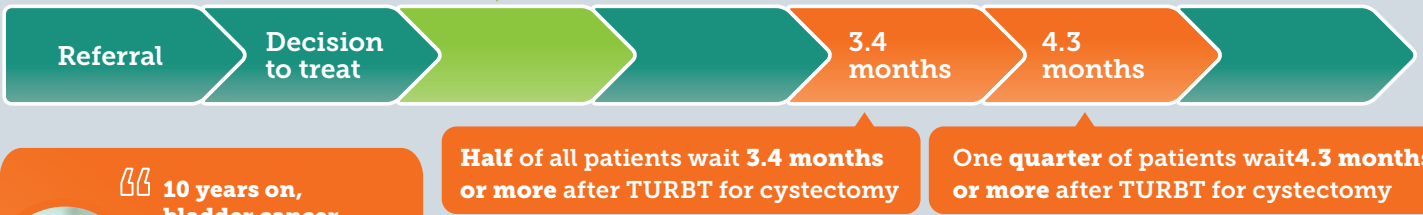


The target is for all patients to receive a diagnosis within 1 month of referral

People with bladder cancer are waiting too long



The target is for all patients to start their first treatment within 1 month of a decision to treat



10 years on, bladder cancer care in the UK has not improved. A national QI initiative is needed to shift focus from reporting to improving care. A National Bladder Cancer Audit will do just that.

Krishna Narahari
Chair, British Association of Urological Surgeons Oncology Section

A national bladder cancer audit – from diagnosis to treatment to palliative care – will improve care for bladder cancer patients.

Lydia Makaroff
Chief Executive, Fight Bladder Cancer

A comprehensive audit of bladder cancer care for all patients, including the patient experience, will help drive up standards for all.

Jo Cresswell
President, British Association of Urological Surgeons

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