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Diagnostic activity indicators for cancer in primary care

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This talk will review a project funded by CRUK under the National Awareness and Early Diagnosis Initiative (NAEDI) examining a set of cancer diagnostic activity indicators published by Public Health England for general practices. The family of indicators covers aspects of diagnostic activity including the use of imaging and the use of the Two Week Wait referral pathway. Screening indicators are also present. I will discuss the real and apparent variability in these measures considering, in particular, how the presence of small numbers can lead to misleading practice level measures. I will also consider the relationship between these measures and other measures of quality as measured by the General Practice Patient Survey and the Quality and Outcomes Framework.