UK Renal Registry 17th Annual Report: Chapter 5 Survival and Cause of Death in UK Adult Patients on Renal Replacement Therapy in 2013: National and Centre-specific Analyses

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Abstract

Introduction: The analyses presented in this chapter examine (a) survival from the start of RRT of adult RRT patients; (b) projected life years remaining for adult patients starting RRT; (c) survival amongst prevalent adult dialysis patients alive on 31st December 2012; (d) the death rate in the UK compared to the general population; (e) cause of death for incident and prevalent adult RRT patients. **Methods:** Survival of incident patients was calculated both from the start of RRT and from 90 days after start. One

year survival for prevalent dialysis patients were calculated by following patients up for one year in 2013. The relative risk of death was compared with the general UK population. **Results:** The age adjusted one year after 90 day survival for patients starting RRT in 2012 was 91.0% (90.9% in 2011). Age adjusted one year survival for prevalent dialysis patients remained relatively unchanged at 89.3% from the previous year. The age-standardised mortality ratio for prevalent RRT patients compared with the general population was 16.2 for age group 35–39 and 2.6 at age 85+ years. In the prevalent RRT dialysis population, cardiovascular disease accounted for 27% of deaths, infection and other causes for 21% each and treatment withdrawal for 16% of deaths. The median life years remaining for a 25–29 year old starting RRT was 18.5 years and approximately 2.4 years for a 75+ year old. **Conclusions:** Survival of patients starting RRT has improved substantially in last decade, overall, by age and for diabetic patients.

Introduction

The analyses presented in this chapter examine a) survival from the start of RRT of adult patients; b) projected life years remaining for adult patients starting RRT; c) survival amongst prevalent adult dialysis patients alive on 31st December 2012; d) the death rate in the UK compared to the general population; e) the cause of death for incident and prevalent adult patients. They encompass the outcomes from the total incident adult UK dialysis population (2012) reported to the UK Renal Registry (UKRR), including the 19.6% who started on peritoneal dialysis and the 7.5% who received a pre-emptive renal transplant. These results are therefore a true reflection of the outcomes in the whole UK adult incident RRT population. Analyses of survival within the first year of starting RRT include patients who were recorded as having started RRT for established renal failure (as opposed to acute kidney injury) but who had died within the first 90 days of starting RRT, a group excluded from most other countries' registry data. As is common in other countries, survival analyses are also presented for the first year after 90 days.

The term established renal failure (ERF) used throughout this chapter is synonymous with the terms end stage renal failure (ESRF) and end stage renal disease (ESRD) which are in more widespread international usage. Within the UK, patients have disliked the term 'end stage'; the term ERF was endorsed by the English National Service Framework for Renal Services, published in 2004.

Since 2006, the UKRR has openly reported and published centre attributable RRT survival data. It is again stressed that these are raw data which continue to require very cautious interpretation. The UKRR can adjust for the effects of the different age distributions of patients in different centres, but lacks sufficient data from many participating centres to enable adjustment for primary renal diagnosis, other comorbidities at start of RRT (age and comorbidity, especially diabetes, are major factors associated with survival [1–3]) and ethnic origin, which have been shown to have an impact on outcome (for instance, better survival is expected in centres with a higher proportion of Black and South Asian patients) [4]. This lack of information on case-mix makes interpretation of any apparent difference in survival between centres and UK countries difficult. Despite the uncertainty about any apparent differences in outcome, for centres which appear to be outliers the UKRR will follow the clinical governance procedures as set out in chapter 2 of the 2009 UKRR Report [5].

Methods

The unadjusted survival probabilities (with 95% confidence intervals) were calculated using the Kaplan–Meier method, in which the probability of surviving more than a given time can be estimated for all members of a cohort of patients overall or by subgroup such as age group, but without any adjustment for confounding factors such as age that affect the chances of survival. Where centres are small, or the survival probabilities are greater than 90%, the confidence intervals are only approximate.

In order to estimate the difference in survival of different subgroups of patients within the cohort, a stratified proportional hazards model (Cox) was used where appropriate. The results from the Cox model were interpreted using a hazard ratio. When comparing two groups, the hazard ratio is the ratio of the estimated hazard for group A relative to group B, where the hazard is the risk of dying at time t given that the individual has survived until this time. The underlying assumption of a proportional hazards model is that the hazard ratio remains constant throughout the period under consideration. Whenever used, the assumptions of the proportional hazards model were tested.

To allow comparisons between centres with differing age distributions, survival analyses were statistically adjusted for age and reported as survival adjusted to age 60. This gives an estimate of what the survival would have been if all patients in that centre had been aged 60 at the start of RRT. This age was chosen because it was approximately the average age of patients starting RRT 15 years ago at the start of the UKRR's data collection. The average age of patients commencing RRT in the UK has recently stabilised around an age of 62 years, but the UKRR has maintained age adjustment to 60 years for comparability with all previous years' analyses. Diabetic patients were included in all analyses unless stated otherwise and for some analyses, diabetic and non-diabetic patients were analysed separately and compared. Non-diabetic patients were defined as all patients excluding those patients with diabetes as the primary renal disease. All analyses were undertaken using SAS 9.3.

Centre variability for incident and prevalent patient survival was analysed using a funnel plot. For any number of patients in the incident cohort (x-axis), one can identify whether any given survival probability (y-axis) falls within, plus or minus 2 standard deviations (SDs) from the national mean (solid lines, 95% limits) or 3SDs (dotted lines, 99.9% limits).

Definition of RRT start date

The incident survival figures quoted in this chapter are from the first day of RRT whether with dialysis or a pre-emptive transplant. In the UKRR all patients starting RRT for ERF are included from the date of the first RRT treatment wherever it took place (a date currently defined by the clinician) if the clinician considered the renal failure irreversible. Should a patient recover renal function within 90 days they were then excluded. These UK data therefore may include some patients who died within 90 days who had developed acute potentially reversible renal failure but were recorded by the clinician as being in irreversible established renal failure.

Previously, the UKRR asked clinicians to re-enter a code for established renal failure in patients initially coded as having acute renal failure once it had become clear that there was no

recovery of kidney function. However, adherence to this requirement was very variable, with some clinicians entering a code for established renal failure only once a decision had been made to plan for long-term RRT [6]. All UK nephrologists have now been asked to record the date of the first haemodialysis session and to record whether the patient was considered to have acute kidney injury (acute renal failure) or to be in ERF at the time. For patients initially categorised as 'acute', but who were subsequently categorised as ERF, the UKRR assigns the date of this first 'acute' session as the date of start of RRT.

UKRR analyses of electronic data extracted for the immediate month prior to the start date of RRT provided by clinicians highlighted additional inconsistencies in the definition of this first date when patients started on peritoneal dialysis, with the date of start reported to the UKRR being later than the actual date of start. These findings are described in detail in chapter 13 of the 2009 Report [6]. This concern is unlikely to be unique to the UK, but will be common to analyses from all renal centres and registries.

In addition to these problems of defining day 0 within one country, there is international variability on when patient data are collected by national registries with some countries (often for financial re-imbursement or administrative reasons) defining the 90th day after starting RRT as day 0, whilst others collect data only on those who have survived 90 days and report as zero the number of patients dying within the first 90 days.

Thus as many other national registries do not include reports on patients who do not survive the first 90 days, survival from 90 days onwards is also reported to allow international comparisons. This distinction is important, as there is a much higher death rate in the first 90 days, which would distort comparisons.

Methodology for incident patient survival

The incident population is defined as all patients over 18 years old who started RRT at UK renal centres and did not have a recovery lasting more than 90 days within 90 days of starting RRT. Patients were considered 'incident' at the time of their first RRT, thus patients re-starting dialysis after a failed transplant were not included in the incident cohort (see appendix B:1 for a detailed definition of the incident (take-on) population).

For incident survival analyses, patients newly transferred into a centre who were already on RRT were excluded from the incident population for that centre and were counted at the centre at which they started RRT. Some patients recover renal function after more than 90 days but subsequently returned to RRT. If recovery was for less than 90 days, the start of RRT was calculated from the date of the first episode and the recovery period ignored. If recovery was for 90 days or more, the length of time on RRT was calculated from the day on which the patient restarted RRT.

The incident survival cohort was **NOT** censored at the time of transplantation and therefore included the survival of the 7.5% who received a pre-emptive transplant. An additional reason for not censoring was to facilitate comparison between centres. Centres with a high proportion of patients of South Asian and Black origin are likely to have a healthier dialysis population, because South Asian and Black patients are less likely to undergo early transplantation [7], and centres with a high pre-emptive transplant rate are likely to have a less healthy dialysis population as transplantation selectively removes fit patients only. However censoring at transplantation was performed in the 1997–2012 cohort to establish the effect on long term survival by age group

and also in the 2009–2012 cohort to investigate the effect on the outlying status of centres.

The one year incident survival is for patients who started RRT from 1st October 2011 until the 30th September 2012 and followed up for one full year (e.g. patients starting RRT on 1st December 2011 were followed through to 30th November 2012). The 2013 incident patients could not be analysed as they had not yet been followed for a sufficient length of time. For analysis of one year after 90 day survival, patients who started RRT from 1st October 2011 until 30th September 2012 were included in the cohort and they were followed up for a full one year after the first 90 days of RRT.

Two year's incident data (2011–2012) were combined to increase the size of the patient cohort, so that any differences between the four UK countries can likely be more reliably identified. To help identify any centre differences in survival from the small centres (where confidence intervals are large), an analysis of one year after 90 day survival using a rolling four year combined incident cohort from 2009 to 2012 was also undertaken. For those centres which had joined the UKRR after 2009, data were not available for all the years but the available data were included. A 10 year rolling cohort was used when analysing trends over time and for long term survival, a cohort from 1997 to 2012 was analysed.

The death rate per 1,000 patient years was calculated by dividing the number of deaths by the person years exposed. Person years exposed are the total years at risk for each patient (until death, recovery or lost to follow up). The death rate is presented by age group and UK nation.

Adjustment of one year after 90 day survival for the effect of comorbidity was undertaken using a rolling four year combined incident cohort from 2009 to 2012. Twenty-four centres returned $\geq 85\%$ of comorbidity data for patients in the combined cohort. Adjustment was first performed to a mean age of 60 years, then to the average distribution of primary renal diagnoses for the 24 centres. The individual centre data were then further adjusted for average distribution of comorbidity present at these centres.

Methodology of median life expectancy

Kaplan Meier survival analyses were used to calculate the median survival after the first 90 days by age group (18–34, 35–44, 45–54, 55–64, 65–74, 75+) for incident patients starting RRT from 2001–2010, with at least three years follow up from 2011 to 2013. The patient inclusion criteria are the same as those of the incident patient cohort described above. Patients were followed until death, censoring (recovery or lost to follow up) or the end of the study period. Median life years remaining is the difference between the age when reaching the 50% probability of survival and the age of starting RRT. Median life years remaining were calculated for all incident and diabetic incident patients

Methodology for prevalent dialysis patient survival

The prevalent dialysis patient group was defined as all patients over 18 years old, alive and receiving dialysis on 31st December 2012 who had been on dialysis for at least 90 days at one of the UK adult renal centres. Prevalent dialysis patients on 31st December 2012 were followed-up in 2013 and were censored at transplantation. When a patient is censored at transplantation, this means that the patient is considered as alive up to the point of

transplantation, but the patient's status post-transplant is not considered.

As discussed in previous reports, comparison of survival of prevalent dialysis patients between centres is complex. Survival of prevalent dialysis patients can be studied with or without censoring at transplantation and it is common practice in some registries to censor at transplantation. Censoring could cause apparent differences in survival between those renal centres with a high transplant rate and those with a low transplant rate, especially in younger patients where the transplant rate is highest. Censoring at transplantation systematically removes younger fitter patients from the survival data. The differences are likely to be small due to the relatively small proportion of patients being transplanted in a given year compared to the whole dialysis population (about 14% of the dialysis population aged under 65 and 2% of the population aged 65 years and over). To allow comparisons with other registries the survival results for prevalent dialysis patients **CENSORED** for transplantation have been quoted. To understand survival of patients, including survival following transplantation, the incident patient analyses should be viewed. The effect of not censoring at transplantation was performed in the 2012 cohort to investigate the effect on the outlying status of centres.

Methodology for comparing mortality in prevalent RRT patients with the mortality in the general population

Data on the UK population in mid-2013 and the number of deaths in each age group in 2013 were obtained from the Office of National Statistics. The age specific UK death rate was calculated as the number of deaths in the UK per thousand people in the population. The age specific expected number of deaths in the RRT population was calculated by applying the UK age specific death rate to the total of years exposed for RRT patients in that age group. This is expressed as deaths per 1,000 patient years. The age specific number of RRT deaths is the actual number of deaths observed in 2013 in RRT patients. The RRT observed death rate was calculated as number of deaths observed in 2013 per 1,000 patient years exposed. Relative risk of death was calculated as the ratio of the observed and expected death rates for RRT patients. The death rate was calculated for the UK general population by age group and compared with the same age group for prevalent patients on RRT on 31st December 2012.

Methodology of cause of death

The EDTA-ERA Registry codes for cause of death were used. These have been grouped into the following categories:

- Cardiac disease
- Cerebrovascular disease
- Infection

- Malignancy
- Treatment withdrawal
- Other
- Uncertain

Completeness of cause of death data was calculated for all prevalent patients on RRT that died in a specific year with cause of death data completed for that year. Patients that were lost to follow up or that recovered were not included in the cause of death completeness calculation.

Adult patients aged 18 years and over from England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland were included in the analyses of cause of death. The incident patient analysis included all patients starting RRT in the years 2000–2012. Analysis of prevalent patients included all those aged over 18 years and receiving RRT on 31st December 2012 and followed-up for one year in 2013.

Results
Incident (new RRT) patient survival

Overall survival

The 2012 incident cohort included 6,881 patients who started RRT, without any period of renal function recovery lasting more than 90 days. The age adjusted (adjusted to age 60) one year after 90 day survival for incident patients starting RRT in 2012 (table 5.1), was similar to last year: 91.0% compared to 90.9% in the 2011 cohort. Survival at 90 days was also similar to the 2011 cohort at 96.2% (table 5.1).

Survival by UK country

There was no evidence of a difference in the 90 day survival between the UK countries (table 5.2). One year after 90 day survival in Wales decreased to 86.6% from 88.2% in the previous cohort (2010–2011) and although there was evidence that survival was lower compared to England, Northern Ireland and Scotland (table 5.2), this data have not been adjusted for differences in primary renal diagnosis, ethnicity, socio-economic status or comorbidity, nor for differences in life expectancy in the general populations of the four UK countries. There are known regional differences in the life expectancy of

Table 5.1. Survival of incident patients, 2012 cohort

Interval	Unadjusted survival (%)	Adjusted survival (%)	95% CI	N
Survival at 90 day	94.5	96.2	95.6–96.7	6,881
Survival one year after 90 days	88.0	91.0	90.2–91.8	6,484

Table 5.2. Incident patient survival across the UK countries, combined 2 year cohort (2011–2012), adjusted to age 60

Interval	England	N Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Survival at 90 day (%)	96.2	96.4	95.9	96.5	96.2
95% CI	95.8–96.6	94.9–97.9	94.9–97.0	95.5–97.6	95.8–96.6
Survival 1 year after 90 days (%)	91.2	91.6	90.8	86.6	90.9
95% CI	90.6–91.8	89.2–94.0	89.2–92.5	84.4–88.8	90.3–91.5

the general population within the UK. Table 5.3 shows differences in life expectancy between the UK countries for the period 2010–2012. These differences in life expectancy are not accounted for in these analyses and are likely to be one of the reasons contributing to the variation in survival between renal centres and UK countries.

Survival by modality

It is impossible to obtain truly valid comparisons of survival of patients starting RRT on different treatment modalities, as modality selection is not random. In the UK, patients starting peritoneal dialysis as a group were younger and fitter than those starting haemodialysis and were transplanted more quickly. The age adjusted one year survival estimates for incident patients starting

Table 5.3. Life expectancy in years in UK countries, 2010–2012 (source ONS [8])

Country	At birth		At age 65	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
England	79.2	83.0	18.6	21.1
Northern Ireland	77.8	82.3	17.9	20.6
Scotland	76.6	80.8	17.2	19.5
Wales	78.2	82.8	18.0	20.6
UK	78.9	82.7	18.4	20.9

RRT on HD and PD were 89.2% and 93.7% respectively, with PD patient survival increasing by 0.8% from the previous year (figure 5.1). Over the last 10 years the one year after 90 days survival has progressively improved in HD patients, but remained static in PD patients (figure 5.1).

Survival by age

Tables 5.4 and 5.5 show survival of all incident patients, those aged ≥ 65 years and those aged < 65

Table 5.4. Unadjusted 90 day survival of incident patients, 2012 cohort, by age

Age group	Survival (%)	95% CI	N
18–64	97.5	96.9–98.0	3,541
≥ 65	91.3	90.3–92.2	3,340
All ages	94.5	93.9–95.0	6,881

Table 5.5. Unadjusted one year after day 90 survival of incident patients, 2012 cohort, by age

Age group	Survival (%)	95% CI	N
18–64	93.8	93.0–94.6	3,444
≥ 65	81.3	79.8–82.6	3,040
All ages	88.0	87.1–88.7	6,484

Fig. 5.1. Trend in one year after 90 day incident patient survival by first modality, 2003–2012 cohorts (adjusted to age 60) (excluding patients whose first modality was transplantation)

Fig. 5.2. Unadjusted survival of incident patients by age group, 2012 cohort

years. In the UK, short term survival (survival at 90 days) remains static at 94.5% (table 5.4). Survival one year after 90 days increased marginally compared to last year (87.5%) and this was mainly due to an increase in survival for patients aged ≥ 65 years (table 5.5). There was a steep decline in survival with advancing age (figures 5.2 and 5.3).

There was a curvilinear increase in death rate per 1,000 patient years with age for the period one year after 90 days (figure 5.3). There was evidence that the overall death rate in Wales was higher than in the other UK countries, mostly due to a higher death rate in Wales for older patients (≥ 65 years old) (figure 5.3). There was also evidence that the one year prevalent dialysis patient death rate in the 2012 cohort was higher in Wales compared to England.

From figure 5.4 it can be seen that 50% of patients starting RRT aged between 45–54 survived for over 10 years, 50% of patients starting RRT aged between

Fig. 5.3. One year after 90 days death rate per 1,000 patient years by UK country and age group for incident patients, 2009–2012 cohort

55–64 survived for about 5.8 years and 50% of patients starting RRT aged between 65–74 survived for about 3.4 years (also see also median life expectancy on RRT).

Fig. 5.4. Survival of incident patients (unadjusted), 1997–2012 cohort (from day 0), without censoring at transplantation

Fig. 5.5. Survival of incident patients (unadjusted), 1997–2012 cohort (from day 90), without censoring at transplantation

Figure 5.5 illustrates the survival of incident patients, without censoring at transplantation and shows that 50% of patients aged between 55–64 years survived for 6 years and 50% of patients aged between 65–74 years survived for about 3.6 years.

Censoring at transplantation would make the longer term outcomes of younger patients (who were more likely to have undergone transplantation) appear worse than they actually were. Without censoring, the 10 year survival for patients aged 18–34 years was 83.4% (figure 5.4), which contrasts with a 56.9% survival if censoring at the time of transplantation (data not shown). For more detailed information on this effect, refer to the 2008 Report [9].

Age and the hazard of death

Figure 5.6 shows the monthly hazard of death from the first day of starting RRT by age group, which falls sharply during the first 4–5 months, particularly for older patients (≥ 65 years).

Fig. 5.6. First year monthly hazard of death, by age group 1997–2012 combined incident cohort

A 10 year increase in patient age was associated with a 1.68 times increased risk of death within 90 days and a 1.65 times increased risk of death within one year after 90 days (table 5.6).

Survival by gender

There were no survival differences between genders in an incident cohort of patients starting RRT from 2001 to 2010 and followed up for a minimum of three years until 2013 (figure 5.7). Gender differences were investigated in the first 90 days and one year after the first 90 days and

Table 5.6. Increase in proportional hazard of death for each 10 year increase in age, 2012 incident cohort

Interval	Hazard of death for 10 year age increase	95% CI
First 90 days	1.68	1.54–1.82
1 year after first 90 days	1.65	1.56–1.75

Fig. 5.7. Long term survival of incident patients by gender, 2001–2010 combined cohort, adjusted to age 60

there was also no evidence of a survival difference (data not shown).

Survival in the 2003–2012 cohort

The death rate per 1,000 patient years in the first year of starting RRT from 2003 to 2012 is shown in figure 5.8. There was a declining trend in the overall death rate with a steeper rate of decline in the older age group (≥ 65 years). It is important to note that these death rates are not directly comparable with those produced by the United States Renal Data System (USRDS) Registry, as the UK data include the first 90 day period when death rates are higher than subsequent time periods.

The time trend changes are shown in figure 5.9. The left hand plot, which includes only those centres that have been sending data continuously since 2003, shows a similar improvement in survival to the plot in which data from all renal centres are analysed.

One year after 90 days incident patient survival in the 2003–2012 cohort by centre, UK country and overall, can be found in appendix 1, table 5.24.

Fig. 5.8. One year incident death rate per 1,000 patient years by age group, 2003–2012 cohort

Long term survival: trends up to 10 years post RRT start

Longer term survival of patients on RRT continued to improve (tables 5.7 and 5.8). There is a steep decline in survival with advancing age. The unadjusted survival analyses (figures 5.10, 5.11) show a large improvement in one to 10 year survival across the years for both those aged under and those 65 years and over. One year survival amongst patients aged <65 years at start of RRT has improved from 87.6% in the 1998 cohort to 93.1% in the 2012 cohort.

Similarly, for patients aged ≥ 65 years there has been a 14.8% absolute improvement in one year survival from the 1998 to 2012 cohorts (table 5.8). As these are observational data it remains difficult to attribute this reduction in risk of death to any specific improvements in care.

Change in survival on RRT by vintage

Figure 5.12 shows the instantaneous hazard of death by age group. There is little evidence of a worsening prognosis with time on RRT (vintage) for the majority

Fig. 5.9. Change in one year after 90 day survival, 2003–2012 incident cohort (adjusted to age 60) Showing 95% confidence intervals

Table 5.7. Unadjusted survival of incident patients, 1998–2012 cohort for patients aged 18–64 years

Cohort	1 year	2 year	3 year	4 year	5 year	6 year	7 year	8 year	9 year	10 year	95% CI for latest year	N
2012	93.1										92.2–93.9	3,541
2011	93.4	88.7									87.6–89.7	3,361
2010	92.2	86.7	81.7								80.3–83.0	3,370
2009	91.3	85.1	80.5	76.5							75.0–77.9	3,402
2008	91.6	86.1	81.2	77.1	73.3						71.8–74.8	3,455
2007	92.7	87.2	81.9	77.0	73.2	69.5					67.9–71.1	3,335
2006	90.7	85.0	80.2	75.8	72.2	68.2	64.3				62.5–65.9	3,166
2005	89.7	83.7	78.7	73.9	69.4	65.8	62.7	59.7			57.8–61.5	2,831
2004	89.6	83.5	78.1	72.7	68.0	64.3	61.2	57.4	54.9		52.9–56.8	2,563
2003	89.4	82.7	77.3	72.4	67.3	63.3	59.5	56.8	54.2	51.6	49.5–53.7	2,266
2002	88.6	80.7	74.7	69.1	65.1	61.2	57.8	54.9	51.7	49.7	47.4–51.8	2,030
2001	88.0	81.0	75.4	70.2	65.2	60.5	56.5	53.1	50.2	48.0	45.6–50.3	1,740
2000	89.2	81.4	74.5	69.2	63.7	59.1	55.6	52.5	50.1	47.3	44.8–49.8	1,529
1999	87.0	81.1	73.3	67.5	62.1	58.1	53.9	51.0	48.6	47.0	44.3–49.7	1,346
1998	87.6	80.3	74.4	69.5	64.1	59.0	55.2	53.2	50.0	47.8	44.9–50.6	1,170

Table 5.8. Unadjusted survival of incident patients, 1998–2012 cohort for patients aged ≥ 65 years

Cohort	1 year	2 year	3 year	4 year	5 year	6 year	7 year	8 year	9 year	10 year	95% CI for latest year	N
2012	77.4										75.9–78.8	3,340
2011	77.4	62.9									61.2–64.5	3,367
2010	76.4	63.5	51.3								49.6–53.0	3,280
2009	76.6	63.4	52.6	41.7							40.0–43.4	3,375
2008	74.7	61.4	50.2	40.7	32.6						30.9–34.2	3,185
2007	75.2	61.3	50.1	40.8	32.3	25.7					24.2–27.3	3,215
2006	72.0	58.4	47.1	37.5	29.4	23.5	18.1				16.8–19.5	3,131
2005	71.1	57.3	45.4	36.3	28.0	21.3	16.8	12.7			11.5–14.0	2,939
2004	69.2	54.3	42.8	34.3	27.1	21.4	16.7	13.3	10.3		9.2–11.5	2,626
2003	68.4	53.8	42.0	32.2	24.7	18.5	14.6	11.4	8.9	7.2	6.2–8.3	2,315
2002	66.0	50.7	40.3	31.8	23.9	18.3	13.7	10.9	8.3	6.5	5.5–7.7	2,086
2001	66.5	51.8	38.4	28.9	21.9	16.2	12.2	9.3	7.4	5.7	4.6–6.9	1,710
2000	66.0	52.4	39.6	28.6	22.3	17.3	13.3	9.9	7.7	5.9	4.7–7.1	1,497
1999	68.4	51.6	39.2	30.0	22.3	16.5	11.8	8.9	6.7	5.3	4.1–6.7	1,217
1998	62.6	45.5	36.1	26.5	20.1	14.1	10.6	7.6	5.8	4.7	3.5–6.2	1,020

Fig. 5.10. Change in long term survival by year of starting RRT, for incident patients aged 18–64 years

Fig. 5.11. Change in long term survival by year of starting RRT, for incident patients aged ≥ 65 years

Fig. 5.12. Six monthly hazard of death, by vintage and age group, 1997–2012 incident cohort after day 90 (not censored at transplantation)

of incident RRT patients in the UK (not censored for transplantation), although an increased hazard over time is evident for incident patients aged 75 years and older. The apparent vintage effect when censoring for transplantation (data not shown) is at least in part because these younger and healthier patients are only included in the survival calculation up to the date of transplantation. In the older age groups there were

decreasing numbers remaining alive beyond seven years accounting for the increased variability seen. Figures 5.13 and 5.14 show these data for the non-diabetic and diabetic patients respectively.

Centre variability in one year after 90 days survival

In the analysis of the 2012 incident cohort survival data, some of the smaller centres had wide confidence

Fig. 5.13. Six monthly hazard of death, by vintage and age group, 1997–2012 non-diabetic incident cohort after day 90 (not censored at transplantation)

Fig. 5.14. Six monthly hazard of death, by vintage and age group, 1997–2012 diabetic incident cohort after day 90 (not censored at transplantation)

intervals (appendix 1, table 5.22) due to small numbers of patients. This was addressed by including a larger cohort across several years, which will also assess sustained performance. Similar to previous years, this is shown as a rolling four year cohort from 2009 to 2012. These data are presented as a funnel plot in figure 5.15. Table 5.9 allows centres to be identified on this graph by finding the number of patients treated by the centre and then looking up this number on the x-axis. One centre (Swansea) had survival below the 95% lower limit whilst four centres (London St. George's, London Guy's, Stevenage, Western Trust Northern Ireland) had survival above the 95% upper limit.

With 71 centres it would be expected that only three centres would be outside these limits by chance. It is important to acknowledge that these data have not been adjusted for any patient related factor except age (i.e. not comorbidity, primary renal disease or ethnicity) and have not been censored at transplantation, so the effect of differing centre rates of transplantation was not taken into account. Figure 5.16 illustrates the effect of adjusting for comorbidity on survival in centres with good comorbidity returns ($\geq 85\%$), with the biggest improvement in survival seen in Swansea. Adjustment for comorbidity could have an important effect on survival results for in some renal centres like Swansea that appear to have a higher comorbid burden in their RRT population. This could affect the outlier status of centres as illustrated in figure 5.15, but due to poor comorbidity returns for many renal centres, comorbidity adjustment for the entire incident RRT population is not yet possible. Case mix adjustment performed in a cohort of incident patients starting RRT in England from 2002 to 2006 and linked to the Hospital Episodes Statistics (HES) data, found that three of the four survival outliers were

Fig. 5.15. Funnel plot for age adjusted one year after 90 days survival, 2009–2012 incident cohort

no longer outliers after adjustment for HES-derived case mix [10]. Swansea could not be evaluated in this analysis as this was only for England, but the study results highlight that variability in survival between centres is affected by case mix.

Also see appendix 1, table 5.22 and 5.23 for unadjusted and adjusted survival together with 95% confidence intervals for incident patient survival one year after 90 days and at 90 days. The one year after 90 days survival for the 2003 to 2012 cohort can be found in appendix 1, table 5.24.

Centre variability in one year after 90 day survival: impact of adjustment for comorbidity

Although comorbidity returns to the UKRR have remained poor, there was an increase in the number of centres returning $\geq 85\%$ of comorbidity data to the UKRR for patients starting RRT in 2012. Using the combined incident cohort from 2009–2012, 24 centres had returned comorbidity data for $\geq 85\%$ of patients and

Table 5.9. Age adjusted (to age 60) one year after 90 day survival, 2009–2012 incident cohort

1 year after 90 days				
Centre	N	Age adjusted survival %	Limits for funnel plot	
			Lower 95% limit	Upper 95% limit
D & Gall	58	88.6	79.5	95.7
Inverns	75	90.1	81.2	95.2
Clwyd	80	91.0	81.6	95.1
Ulster	84	88.3	81.8	95.0
Carlisle	91	85.1	82.2	94.9
Newry	92	88.3	82.3	94.9
Wrexham	93	86.7	82.4	94.8
Bangor	94	90.0	82.4	94.8
St Helens	102	92.1	82.8	94.7
Antrim	112	90.8	83.2	94.5
West NI	122	95.7	83.6	94.4
Colchester	124	86.1	83.6	94.4
Kilmarnock	136	88.5	84.0	94.2
Kirkcaldy	136	93.4	84.0	94.2
Ipswich	145	93.5	84.2	94.1
Doncaster	146	89.4	84.3	94.1
Basildon	149	88.8	84.3	94.1
York	161	92.3	84.6	94.0
Truro	167	92.9	84.7	93.9
Chelmsford	180	88.2	85.0	93.8
Dudley	183	88.8	85.0	93.8
Liverpool	188	89.3	85.1	93.7
Airdrie	196	87.5	85.2	93.7
Aberdeen	196	89.4	85.2	93.7
Dundee	201	90.3	85.3	93.7
Wirral	202	87.8	85.3	93.6
Shrewsbury	209	87.4	85.4	93.6
Plymouth	220	91.6	85.6	93.5
Bradford	227	88.7	85.7	93.5
Sunderland	227	87.6	85.7	93.5
Gloucester	247	90.4	85.9	93.4
Belfast	276	91.7	86.2	93.2
Derby	283	88.8	86.2	93.2
Norwich	285	89.7	86.2	93.2
Dorset	288	89.7	86.3	93.2
Edinburgh	307	88.4	86.4	93.1

1 year after 90 days				
Centre	N	Age adjusted survival %	Limits for funnel plot	
			Lower 95% limit	Upper 95% limit
Wolverhampton	323	87.4	86.5	93.0
Redding	341	92.8	86.6	93.0
Newcastle	351	86.8	86.7	92.9
L St.G	352	94.0	86.7	92.9
Stoke	353	89.6	86.7	92.9
Hull	358	90.3	86.7	92.9
Middlesbrough	379	88.4	86.8	92.9
B Heart	385	89.5	86.9	92.8
Liverpool Roy	394	90.5	86.9	92.8
Stevning	399	93.4	86.9	92.8
Covington	406	90.4	87.0	92.8
Brighton	436	89.1	87.1	92.7
Nottm	444	91.3	87.1	92.7
Swansea	455	84.3	87.2	92.7
Camb	458	90.3	87.2	92.7
Kent	464	90.8	87.2	92.6
Exeter	483	91.7	87.3	92.6
Preston	509	90.0	87.4	92.5
Salford	521	89.2	87.4	92.5
L Kings	525	89.1	87.4	92.5
Leeds	543	90.8	87.5	92.5
Sheff	550	91.8	87.5	92.5
L Guys	554	93.7	87.5	92.5
Bristol	571	90.3	87.5	92.4
M RI	599	90.0	87.6	92.4
Ports	612	90.2	87.6	92.4
Oxford	614	91.1	87.6	92.4
Glasgow	636	88.6	87.7	92.3
Cardiff	691	88.3	87.8	92.3
L Rfree	780	91.1	88.0	92.1
Carsh	799	90.3	88.0	92.1
B QEH	866	91.7	88.1	92.1
Leic	905	90.9	88.1	92.0
L Barts	907	91.6	88.1	92.0
L West	1,367	91.2	88.6	91.7

these centres were included in this analysis. Adjustment was first performed to age 60, then to the average distribution of primary renal diagnoses for the 24 centres. Further adjustment was then made to the average distribution of comorbidities present at those centres (table 5.10).

It can be seen that adjustment for age has the largest effect, most notably in those centres with the lower unadjusted survival figures. Survival improved for all centres after adjustment for age, as the average age for incident patients was higher than the adjustment to the average

age of 60 years. There were only minor differences for most centres after adjustment for primary renal diagnosis (PRD), but survival increased by $\geq 1\%$ for four centres (Swansea, Wrexham, Newry, Derby). In six centres (Swansea, Newry, Basildon, Middlesbrough, Bradford, Leeds) adjustment for comorbidity had a noticeable effect on adjusted survival (table 5.10, figure 5.16) helping explain the lower survival noted in figure 5.15. After adjustment for age, PRD and comorbidity, Swansea and Ulster had a noticeable improvement in survival of 10.3% and 7.5% respectively.

Fig. 5.16. The effect on survival after sequential adjustment for age, PRD and comorbidity, 2009–2012 incident cohort

Table 5.10. The effect of adjustment for age, PRD and comorbidity on survival, 2009–2012 incident cohort, % survival one year after 90 days

Centre*	Unadjusted	Age adjusted	Age, PRD adjusted	Age, PRD and comorbidity adjusted
Swanse	78.6	85.4	86.9	88.9
Ulster	81.7	87.9	88.8	89.2
Wrexm	82.4	87.3	88.3	87.8
Shrew	83.0	88.6	89.2	85.4
Wolve	83.9	87.4	88.1	88.2
Newry	84.3	88.0	89.7	90.8
Dorset	84.6	90.1	90.3	91.0
Bangor	84.8	88.9	89.4	89.0
Derby	85.0	88.9	90.0	90.4
Basldn	85.7	89.7	90.0	91.4
Middlbr	86.0	88.9	89.5	90.5
Bradfd	86.3	88.5	88.7	90.2
L Kings	86.8	89.1	89.5	89.8
Sund	87.6	89.0	88.9	89.5
Leeds	88.3	90.8	91.0	92.3
Bristol	88.6	91.7	92.1	92.9
Kent	88.8	91.8	92.2	91.7
Hull	88.9	91.4	91.6	92.2
Nottm	89.1	91.8	92.3	92.6
Oxford	89.5	91.4	91.7	92.0
York	91.2	93.0	93.1	93.0
Truro	92.2	94.6	94.9	94.5
Stevng	92.2	93.5	94.2	93.2
Sthend	93.1	95.6	95.8	95.7
All 24 centres	87.1	90.3	90.8	91.1

*Centre included if $\geq 85\%$ comorbidity data available

Fig. 5.17. Survival at 90 days for incident diabetic and non-diabetic patients by age group for patients starting RRT, 2012 cohort

Fig. 5.18. Survival at one year after 90 days for incident diabetic and non-diabetic patients by age group for patients starting RRT, 2012 cohort

Survival in patients with diabetes

Although it has previously been shown that diabetic patients have worse long term survival compared to non-diabetic patients [3], non-diabetic patient survival in the older age group (≥ 65 years) was worse compared to diabetic patients in the same age group during the first 90 days of starting RRT (2012 cohort) (figure 5.17) and in the subsequent year (figure 5.18); this might be due to patient selection.

Long term survival for diabetic and non-diabetic patients was evaluated in a cohort of patients starting RRT from 2001 to 2010 with a minimum of three years follow up until 2013. These data show large differences between diabetic and non-diabetic patient survival in the age groups 18–44 and 45–64 years, but there was very little difference in five year survival between diabetic and non-diabetic patients in the older age group (≥ 65 years). In age group 18–44, 89% of non-diabetic patients were alive five years after start of RRT compared to 71% for diabetic patients.

Fig. 5.19. Long term survival for incident diabetic and non-diabetic patients by age group, 2001–2010 cohort, followed up for a minimum of three years

for diabetic patients. In the age group 45–64, 67% of non-diabetic patients were alive five years after start of RRT compared to 50% for diabetic patients (figure 5.19).

Median life expectancy on RRT

Figure 5.20 shows median life expectancy for incident RRT and diabetic patients after 90 days by age group. Incident patients starting RRT from 2001 to 2010 have been included in this analysis and patients were followed up for a minimum of three years. The estimated median survival will be different for low risk patients (e.g. polycystic kidney disease with a transplant) vs. high risk patients (diabetes with previous myocardial infarction on dialysis) even within the same age group. Median life years remaining for non-diabetic patients were also

Fig. 5.20. Median life expectancy on RRT after 90 days, by age group, incident and incident diabetic patients starting RRT from 2001–2010

Table 5.11. One year survival of prevalent RRT patients in the UK (unadjusted unless indicated otherwise)

Patient group	Patients	Deaths	Survival	95% CI
Dialysis patients 2012 cohort				
All	26,285	3,640	85.5	85.1–85.9
All-adjusted to age 60	26,285	3,640	89.3	88.8–89.7
2 year survival – dialysis patients				
All patients alive on 31/12/2011	25,925	6,540	72.6	72.0–73.2

Cohorts of patients alive on 31/12/2012 unless indicated otherwise

calculated and show that median life expectancy for patients younger than 45 was on average nine years more for non-diabetic patients (data not shown) compared with age matched diabetic patients. In the older age group (≥ 65 years), the median life years remaining were similar between diabetic and non-diabetic patients.

Survival in prevalent dialysis patients

Overall survival

Table 5.11 shows the one year survival for prevalent patients on dialysis. One year age adjusted survival for prevalent dialysis patients remained relatively unchanged at 89.3% in the 2012 cohort compared to 89.7% in the 2011 cohort.

Survival by UK country

The one year death rate for prevalent dialysis patients in each UK country is shown in table 5.12 for the 2012 cohort. There was evidence that the one year death rate in Wales was higher than in England and Northern Ireland; the higher median age in Wales compared to England and socio-economic reasons like life expectancy of the population and area deprivation, would affect the death rate in Wales. These results are unadjusted for age, PRD or comorbidity.

Table 5.12. One year death rate per 1,000 prevalent dialysis patient years in the 2012 cohort and median age of prevalent patients by country

	England	N Ireland	Scotland	Wales
Death rate	154	145	168	198
95% CI	149–160	119–160	150–188	172–226
Median age	66.2	68.4	66.2	68.2

One year survival of prevalent dialysis patients by centre

The age adjusted (adjusted to age 60) one year survival of dialysis patients by centre is illustrated in a funnel plot (figure 5.21). With over 70 centres included, it would be expected by chance that three centres would fall outside the 95% (1 in 20) confidence limits. The survival for four centres (Doncaster, Shrewsbury, Newcastle, Manchester RI) was below the 95% confidence limits, and for three centres (Cambridge, Birmingham QEH, Sheffield) above the 95% confidence limits.

Case mix adjustment performed in a cohort of incident patients starting RRT in England from 2002 to 2006 and linked to the HES data, showed that the lower than expected survival in Newcastle may be explained by case mix [10]. This study found that three of the four survival outliers were no longer outliers after adjustment for HES-derived case mix. It is not yet possible to routinely perform this adjustment using HES-linked data, but looking back at the 2002–2006 HES-linked data, Newcastle's survival did increase more than other centres after case mix adjustment and so their current

Fig. 5.21. One year survival funnel plot of prevalent dialysis patients by centre adjusted to age 60, 2012 cohort

Table 5.13. One year survival of prevalent dialysis patients in each centre (adjusted to age 60), 2012 cohort

Centre	N	Adjusted one year survival	Limits for funnel plot		Centre	N	Adjusted one year survival	Limits for funnel plot	
			Lower 95% limit	Upper 95% limit				Lower 95% limit	Upper 95% limit
D & Gall	66	90.4	79.3	94.8	Redng	320	90.8	85.4	92.2
Carlisle	82	82.8	80.6	94.4	L St.G	321	91.6	85.4	92.2
Inverness	92	87.6	81.2	94.2	Middlbr	325	88.8	85.4	92.2
Clwyd	96	86.2	81.4	94.1	Norwch	352	88.6	85.6	92.1
Bangor	97	84.4	81.4	94.1	Wolve	366	88.9	85.7	92.1
Newry	110	91.5	82.0	93.9	Stoke	370	91.5	85.7	92.1
Colchr	111	85.8	82.1	93.8	Swanse	382	88.3	85.8	92.0
Wrexham	114	89.2	82.2	93.8	Hull	391	88.5	85.8	92.0
Ulster	120	92.0	82.4	93.7	Brightn	427	88.1	86.0	91.9
Sthend	122	91.7	82.5	93.7	Kent	429	87.7	86.0	91.9
York	149	91.5	83.2	93.3	Exeter	431	91.6	86.0	91.9
Antrim	154	92.4	83.4	93.3	Covnt	438	90.5	86.0	91.9
Ipswich	156	87.9	83.4	93.3	Camb	446	92.7	86.1	91.8
Chelms	156	90.2	83.4	93.3	Nottm	455	90.5	86.1	91.8
Truro	158	88.7	83.4	93.3	B Heart	457	88.8	86.1	91.8
Liv Ain	159	83.9	83.5	93.2	Liv Roy	459	87.7	86.1	91.8
Plymth	161	89.8	83.5	93.2	Salford	473	88.1	86.2	91.8
Krkcldy	170	91.1	83.7	93.1	Oxford	491	89.4	86.2	91.7
West NI	177	92.6	83.8	93.1	Stevng	497	89.1	86.3	91.7
Klmarnk	182	87.1	83.9	93.0	Cardff	536	87.5	86.4	91.6
Donc	185	82.8	84.0	93.0	Bristol	542	90.1	86.4	91.6
Airdrie	187	85.7	84.0	93.0	Leeds	545	88.2	86.4	91.6
Basldn	191	92.6	84.1	93.0	M RI	561	86.0	86.5	91.6
Sund	206	84.8	84.3	92.8	Prestn	563	88.9	86.5	91.6
Dundee	207	89.5	84.3	92.8	L Kings	566	89.3	86.5	91.6
Wirral	216	90.8	84.4	92.8	Ports	596	90.2	86.6	91.5
Bradfd	218	85.1	84.5	92.8	L Guys	632	90.8	86.6	91.5
Dudley	225	86.4	84.5	92.7	Sheff	633	91.5	86.6	91.5
Shrew	227	83.5	84.6	92.7	Glasgw	664	88.1	86.7	91.4
Glouc	233	89.6	84.6	92.7	L Rfree	780	90.8	86.9	91.3
Abrdn	237	88.2	84.7	92.6	Carsh	824	90.3	87.0	91.2
Belfast	281	88.1	85.1	92.4	Leic	978	88.9	87.2	91.1
Dorset	305	91.8	85.3	92.3	L Barts	1,037	91.0	87.3	91.0
Newc	307	84.3	85.3	92.3	B QEH	1,069	91.9	87.3	91.0
Edinb	307	89.8	85.3	92.3	L West	1,456	90.1	87.6	90.8
Derby	309	88.0	85.3	92.3					

outlier status may reflect a higher comorbid burden in their dialysis population. Considering other outliers this year, Shrewsbury's survival did not increase more than the average after the HES-derived case mix adjustment and the impact from case mix cannot be commented on for Doncaster and Manchester RI as they were not part of the 2002–2006 HES-linked cohort analysis due to joining the UKRR only in 2007.

The funnel plot analysis shows an increase in the number of centres that are outliers below the 95% lower limits compared to the 2011 cohort when

there were two outlying centres. The number of centres that were outliers above the 95% upper limit increased from two in the 2011 cohort to three in this most recent analysis.

Table 5.13 allows centres in figure 5.21 to be identified by finding the number of patients treated by the centre and the corresponding survival and then looking this up on the axes of the funnel plot.

One year survival of dialysis patients by centre is illustrated in figures 5.22 and 5.23 for patients aged <65 years and those aged ≥65 years.

Fig. 5.22. One year survival of prevalent dialysis patients aged under 65 by centre, 2012 cohort

Fig. 5.23. One year survival of prevalent dialysis patients aged 65 years and over by centre, 2012 cohort

Survival by age group

Figure 5.24 shows the one year survival of prevalent dialysis patients who were alive and receiving dialysis on 31st December 2012, stratified by age group. There was a curvilinear decrease in survival with increasing age, especially so for patients aged ≥ 75 years (figure 5.24).

One year death rate in prevalent dialysis patients in the 2012 cohort by age group

The death rates for prevalent patients on dialysis by age group are shown in figure 5.25. The younger patients included in this analysis are a selected higher risk group, as the similar aged transplanted patients have been excluded. The increase in the death rate was not linear with age; with a 10 year increase in age in the younger

Fig. 5.24. One year survival of prevalent dialysis patients by age group, 2012 cohort

Fig. 5.25. One year death rate per 1,000 patient years by UK country and age group for prevalent dialysis patients, 2012 cohort

patients, the death rate increased by about 15 deaths per 1,000 patient years compared with an increase of about 130 deaths per 1,000 patient years in the older age groups. There was no evidence that the apparent differences between the countries were significant except for Wales where there was evidence that the death rate was higher compared to England.

Time trends in survival, 2003 to 2012

Figure 5.26 illustrates that one year survival for prevalent dialysis patients has gradually improved since 2003. In Northern Ireland and Wales the numbers of patients were much smaller than in England and survival was therefore more variable with very wide confidence intervals, making it difficult to draw conclusions on trends. The change in prevalent survival by centre over the

Table 5.14. One year survival of prevalent RRT patients in the UK by age group and diabetic status

Patient group	Patients	Deaths	Survival	95% CI
Dialysis patients 2012 cohort				
All, age <65	12,273	940	91.7	91.2–92.2
All, age 65+	14,012	2,700	80.4	79.8–81.1
Non-diabetic <65	9,611	592	93.3	92.7–93.8
Non-diabetic 65+	11,033	2,081	80.8	80.1–81.5
Diabetic <65	2,662	348	86.1	84.7–87.4
Diabetic 65+	2,979	619	79.0	77.5–80.5

Cohorts of patients alive on 31/12/2012

cohort years 2003 to 2012 is shown in this chapter, appendix 1, table 5.25.

Survival in patients with diabetes

There was a large difference in one year survival between diabetic and non-diabetic prevalent dialysis patients in the younger age group (aged <65 years), whereas survival was very similar for older diabetic and non-diabetic patients (≥ 65 years) (table 5.14). Similar findings were reported for incident patients (see section on survival in patients with diabetes).

Time trends in patient with a primary diagnosis of diabetes

The age adjusted one year survival for dialysis patients with diabetic primary renal disease in the UK are shown in table 5.15.

Fig. 5.26. Serial one year survival for prevalent dialysis patients by UK country, 2003 to 2012 cohort years, adjusted to age 60

Table 5.15. Serial one year survival of prevalent dialysis patients with a primary diagnosis of diabetes, 2003–2012 cohort years

Survival	Year									
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
1 year survival %	81.8	82.8	82.4	84.8	83.6	84.0	83.5	85.1	85.2	84.6

Death rate on RRT compared with the UK general population

The death rate compared to the general population is shown in table 5.16. The relative risk of death on RRT decreased with age from 16.2 times that of the general population at age 35–39 years to 2.6 times the general population at age 85 and over. Figure 5.27

shows that the relative risk of death has decreased substantially for the younger age groups (<50 years) compared to the relative risk of death in the 1998–2001 cohort. The overall relative risk of death at 6.2 in the 2012 cohort is similar to that in the 2011 and 2010 cohort. With the reduction in rates of death on RRT over the last 10 years, the relative risk of death is falling (7.7 in 1998–2001 cohort).

Table 5.16. Death rate by age group for all prevalent RRT patients, 2012 cohort, compared with the general population and with previous analyses in the 1998–2001 cohort

Age group	UK population mid 2013 (thousands)	UK deaths in 2013	Death rate per 1,000 population	Expected number of deaths in UKRR population	UKRR deaths in 2013	UKRR death rate per 1,000 prevalent RRT patients	Relative risk of death in 2013	Relative risk of death 1998–2001 cohort
20–24	4,313	1,496	0.3	0	15	15	44.4	41.1
25–29	4,350	1,996	0.5	1	13	9	18.5	41.8
30–34	4,327	2,782	0.6	1	32	15	22.7	31.2
35–39	3,967	3,807	1.0	3	43	16	16.2	26.0
40–44	4,496	6,413	1.4	6	109	26	18.1	22.6
45–49	4,687	9,728	2.1	11	165	31	14.8	19.0
50–54	4,344	13,759	3.2	18	223	38	12.1	12.8
55–59	3,757	19,026	5.1	29	335	59	11.6	10.1
60–64	3,541	28,361	8.0	45	442	79	9.9	10.4
65–69	3,491	42,380	12.1	69	596	105	8.6	7.9
70–74	2,539	52,165	20.5	97	690	147	7.1	7.2
75–79	2,092	72,499	34.7	135	787	203	5.9	5.3
80–84	1,550	96,885	62.5	155	675	272	4.3	4.0
85+	1,459	219,977	150.8	172	444	389	2.6	3.0
Total	48,913	571,274	11.7	742	4,569	88	6.2	7.7

Fig. 5.27. Relative risk of death in prevalent RRT patients in the 2012 cohort compared to the UK general population

Cause of death

Data completeness

Completeness of cause of death data was 70.0% in 2013 (see appendix 1, table 5.26). A large improvement of 35% in the completeness of cause of death data for Wales, contributed to the overall UK improvement of 2.2% in 2013 (appendix 1, table 5.26). Some centres consistently achieve a very high rate of data return for cause of death because a process is in place to ensure that these data were entered. Several centres have shown substantial improvement in data returns (appendix 1, table 5.26), but there was still much variability between the centres regarding the completeness of cause of death with some centres returning no data and other centres having 100%.

Cause of death in incident RRT patients

Cause of death within the first 90 days

See table 5.17.

Cause of death within one year after 90 days

Treatment withdrawal as a cause of death (tables 5.17, 5.18) in incident patients in the first 90 days and one year after 90 days was more common in older patients (aged 65+) and malignancy more common in younger patients (<65 years old). Infection as cause of death within the first 90 days was more common in older patients. Cardiac disease remained the leading cause of death both in the first 90 days and one year after 90 days. Treatment withdrawal as cause of death at 90 days has increased in older patients (aged 65+) during the last three years (data not shown).

Cause of death in prevalent RRT patients in the 2012 cohort

Table 5.19 shows the cause of death for both prevalent dialysis and transplant patients in the 2012 cohort. These data are neither age adjusted nor adjusted for differences in the comorbidity between the two groups. Cardiac

Table 5.17. Cause of death in the first 90 days for incident patients by age group, 2000–2012 cohort

Cause of death	All age groups		<65 years		≥65 years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Cardiac disease	717	26	171	29	546	26
Cerebrovascular disease	132	5	30	5	102	5
Infection	480	18	88	15	392	18
Malignancy	253	9	75	13	178	8
Treatment withdrawal	414	15	56	9	358	17
Other	625	23	155	26	470	22
Uncertain	115	4	23	4	92	4
Total	2,736		598		2,138	
No cause of death data	2,582	49	570	49	2,012	48

Table 5.18. Cause of death at one year after 90 days for incident patients by age group, 2000–2012 cohort

Cause of death	All age groups		<65 years		≥65 years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Cardiac disease	1,133	23	368	26	765	21
Cerebrovascular disease	251	5	69	5	182	5
Infection	921	18	258	18	663	18
Malignancy	543	11	181	13	362	10
Treatment withdrawal	833	17	119	8	714	20
Other	1,071	21	335	24	736	20
Uncertain	274	5	83	6	191	5
Total	5,026		1,413		3,613	
No cause of death data	4,563	47.6	1,285	47.6	3,278	47.6

Table 5.19. Cause of death in prevalent RRT patients by modality, 2012 cohort

Cause of death	All modalities		Dialysis		Transplant	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Cardiac disease	734	23	647	24	87	17
Cerebrovascular disease	136	4	111	4	25	5
Infection	664	21	531	20	133	26
Malignancy	311	10	186	7	125	24
Treatment withdrawal	525	16	517	19	8	2
Other	660	21	543	20	117	23
Uncertain	186	6	161	6	25	5
Total	3,216		2,696		520	
No cause of death data	1,353	30	1,130	30	223	30

Table 5.20. Cause of death in prevalent transplanted patients by age group, 2012 cohort

Cause of death	All age groups		<65 years		≥65 years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Cardiac disease	87	17	47	18	40	16
Cerebrovascular disease	25	5	11	4	14	5
Infection	133	26	65	25	68	27
Malignancy	125	24	73	28	52	20
Treatment withdrawal	8	2	5	2	3	1
Other	117	23	54	20	63	25
Uncertain	25	5	9	3	16	6
Total	520		264		256	
No cause of death data	223	30	110	29	113	31

disease as a cause of death was less common in transplanted patients as these were a pre-selected low risk group of patients. Malignancy and infection were both responsible for a greater percentage of deaths in prevalent transplanted patients, with treatment withdrawal a common cause of death in the prevalent dialysis population.

Table 5.20 shows that malignancy and cardiac disease were slightly more common in younger (<65 years)

prevalent transplanted patients as the cause of death than in older (≥65 years old) transplanted patients.

Table 5.21 shows the cause of death for prevalent dialysis patients in the 2012 cohort. Prevalent dialysis patients aged ≥65 years were substantially more likely to withdraw from treatment than younger patients and cardiac disease was much more common as a cause of death in younger (<65 years) dialysis patients. Figure 5.28

Table 5.21. Cause of death in prevalent dialysis patients by age group, 2012 cohort

Cause of death	All age groups		<65 years		≥65 years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Cardiac disease	647	24	223	32	424	21
Cerebrovascular disease	111	4	37	5	74	4
Infection	531	20	149	21	382	19
Malignancy	186	7	37	5	149	7
Treatment withdrawal	517	19	56	8	461	23
Other	543	20	162	23	381	19
Uncertain	161	6	43	6	118	6
Total	2,696		707		1,989	
No cause of death data	1,130	30	296	30	834	30

Fig. 5.28. Cause of death in prevalent RRT patients by cohort year

shows cause of death for prevalent patients in the 2003 to 2012 cohort. Over time, cardiovascular disease as cause of death has decreased markedly; treatment withdrawal has increased over time, while infection as cause of death remained at a high level over this period (figure 5.27).

Conclusions

One year after 90 days age adjusted (adjusted to age 60) survival for incident RRT patients improved over the last 10 years (2003 to 2012 cohorts), although survival in the 2012 cohort remained relatively unchanged at 91.0% compared to 90.9% for those patients starting RRT in 2011. Prevalent dialysis patient survival remained static over the last three years (2010 to 2012 cohort).

One year after 90 day survival in incident patients with diabetes aged ≥ 65 years, was better compared to non-diabetic patients, whereas in younger (aged < 65 years) incident patients with diabetes, survival was worse compared to non-diabetic patients. The relative risk of death on RRT decreased with age from 16.2 times that of the general population at age 35–39 years to 2.6 times the general population at age 85 and over.

In the prevalent RRT population, cardiovascular disease accounted for 27% of deaths, infection and other causes of death accounted for 21% of deaths each and treatment withdrawal for 16% of deaths. Since 2003, infection as cause of death remained high and treatment withdrawal as cause of death increased.

There was much variability in survival between centres, with outlying centres below the lower 95% and 99% confidence limits for incident RRT and prevalent

dialysis patient survival. The survival analyses in this chapter have not been adjusted for any case-mix factors except for age, and differences in primary renal diagnosis, ethnicity, comorbidity and life expectancy in the general population have not been considered.

Research has suggested that adjustment for comorbidity only explains a modest part of the variance in ERF patient outcomes [10]. At centre level however, the prevalence of comorbidities could vary substantially between patient populations of the different renal centres and it would be expected that adjustment for comorbidity may explain an increased amount of the variance in survival outcome. An incident patient analysis evaluating the effect of adjusting for PRD and comorbidity in addition to age in those centres returning $\geq 85\%$ of comorbidities, showed that at centre level, there is clear benefit in some centres when adjusting for PRD and comorbidities. Research using comorbid conditions identified from the HES data, illustrated that adjusting for HES derived case-mix, including comorbid conditions, affected the position and outlying status of some renal centres on the funnel plot for incident patients and reduced outlying centres from four to one [11]. Variation in the proportion of patients with terminal illness receiving RRT between centres could also contribute to variations in survival and provide a possible explanation for lower survival than expected for some centres. Survival adjusted for case-mix (age, ethnicity, PRD and comorbidity) will be introduced in future UKRR reports and this will provide a fairer comparison of centres and a more accurate identification of outlying centres on the funnel plots.

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Appendix 1: Survival tables

Table 5.22. One year after 90 day incident survival percentage by centre, 2012 cohort, unadjusted and adjusted to age 60

Centre	Unadjusted one year after 90 days survival	Adjusted one year after 90 days survival	Adjusted one year after 90 days 95% CI	Centre	Unadjusted one year after 90 days survival	Adjusted one year after 90 days survival	Adjusted one year after 90 days 95% CI
England				Plymth	88.5	92.1	86.2–98.3
B Heart	82.7	87.2	81.6–93.1	Ports	88.5	91.0	87.2–94.9
B QEH	90.3	92.4	89.2–95.6	Prestn	91.2	92.8	88.8–97.0
Baslbn	85.7	89.7	82.9–97.1	Redng	93.6	96.0	92.7–99.5
Bradfd	84.9	86.7	79.5–94.7	Salford	85.8	89.0	84.2–94.1
Brightn	86.1	91.1	87.0–95.4	Sheff	90.9	93.4	90.1–97.0
Bristol	84.2	88.5	84.0–93.3	Shrew	78.2	85.0	77.2–93.5
Camb	88.9	92.5	88.7–96.5	Stevng	91.4	93.1	88.6–97.8
Carsh	84.1	89.1	85.7–92.7	Stoke	90.8	94.0	89.7–98.4
Chelms	85.4	91.1	84.6–98.1	Sund	91.4	93.0	87.8–98.5
Colchr	73.5	82.6	73.1–93.5	Truro	91.5	94.6	89.0–100.0
Covnt	83.8	87.9	82.5–93.7	Wirral	81.6	86.2	77.3–96.0
Derby	85.5	89.2	83.4–95.4	Wolve	80.5	84.1	77.1–91.8
Donc	84.2	88.9	81.0–97.5	York	92.0	94.0	88.4–99.8
Dorset	83.8	90.2	85.0–95.6	N Ireland			
Dudley	85.1	90.0	83.2–97.2	Antrim	83.9	89.4	81.3–98.4
Exeter	87.8	93.0	89.4–96.6	Belfast	91.9	93.1	88.4–98.1
Glouc	87.9	91.3	85.4–97.6	Newry	86.5	89.8	79.7–100.0
Hull	89.0	90.3	84.6–96.5	Ulster	90.0	93.9	86.4–100.0
Ipswi	91.7	93.1	86.0–100.0	West NI	96.3	97.5	92.9–100.0
Kent	92.5	94.8	91.3–98.4	Scotland			
L Barts	89.9	90.8	87.4–94.2	Abrdn	86.4	89.9	82.6–97.8
L Guys	93.8	94.7	91.1–98.3	Airdrie	90.0	92.0	86.1–98.3
L Kings	88.0	89.8	85.0–94.8	Dundee	89.7	93.6	87.7–99.8
L Rfree	91.8	93.6	90.8–96.5	Edinb	91.8	92.8	87.5–98.5
L St.G	91.3	93.5	89.1–98.3	Glasgw	87.6	90.2	86.4–94.2
L West	90.5	92.5	90.0–95.0	Klmarnk	88.6	90.9	82.8–99.7
Leeds	91.0	92.5	88.7–96.5	Krkldy	96.6	97.3	92.4–100.0
Leic	87.5	90.3	86.9–93.8	Wales			
Liv Ain	91.9	95.1	91.0–99.4	Cardff	82.5	86.9	82.5–91.4
Liv Roy	88.0	89.9	84.5–95.7	Swanse	74.8	83.7	78.3–89.5
M RI	88.5	89.9	85.6–94.3	Wrexm	81.5	86.0	75.6–97.9
Middlbr	87.0	89.6	84.8–94.7	England	88.3	91.2	90.4–92.0
Newc	84.8	86.8	80.6–93.5	N Ireland	90.3	92.8	89.7–96.1
Norwch	81.3	87.9	82.2–94.1	Scotland	89.0	91.4	89.2–93.7
Nottm	87.6	90.1	84.8–95.8	Wales	79.5	85.5	82.3–88.8
Oxford	92.5	93.9	90.4–97.4	UK	88.0	91.0	90.2–91.8

Excluded: centres with less than 20 patients (Bangor, Carlisle, Clwyd, D & Gall, Inverns, Sthend)

Table 5.23. Ninety day incident survival percentage by centre, 2012 cohort, unadjusted and adjusted to age 60

Centre	Unadjusted 90 day survival	Adjusted 90 day survival	Adjusted 90 day 95% CI	Centre	Unadjusted 90 day survival	Adjusted 90 day survival	Adjusted 90 day 95% CI
England				Plymth	94.6	96.7	93.1–100.0
B Heart	95.2	96.9	94.2–99.6	Ports	93.8	95.5	92.9–98.1
B QEH	98.2	98.7	97.4–100.0	Prestn	94.0	95.3	92.2–98.5
Basldn	96.1	97.5	94.1–100.0	Redng	97.6	98.6	96.7–100.0
Bradfd	94.4	95.6	91.5–99.9	Salford	99.2	99.4	98.3–100.0
Brightn	91.5	94.9	92.0–97.9	Sheff	94.7	96.5	94.1–98.9
Bristol	94.3	96.2	93.6–98.8	Shrew	91.1	94.4	89.8–99.3
Camb	93.7	96.0	93.4–98.8	Stevng	95.0	96.3	93.1–99.5
Carsh	94.7	96.7	94.9–98.6	Stoke	90.6	94.2	90.3–98.2
Chelms	95.3	97.4	94.0–100.0	Sund	95.9	96.9	93.5–100.0
Colchr	94.4	96.9	92.7–100.0	Truro	87.8	92.7	86.7–99.0
Covnt	95.2	96.8	94.1–99.6	Wirral	92.9	95.1	90.0–100.0
Derby	92.8	95.2	91.6–99.0	Wolve	90.7	93.4	89.1–97.9
Dorset	97.4	98.5	96.5–100.0	York	94.5	96.1	91.8–100.0
Dudley	96.0	97.4	94.0–100.0	N Ireland			
Exeter	95.9	97.8	96.0–99.7	Belfast	92.5	94.0	89.9–98.4
Glouc	92.2	94.9	90.7–99.3	Newry	95.8	97.1	92.0–100.0
Hull	89.1	91.5	86.5–96.7	Ulster	76.9	86.9	77.8–97.1
Ipswi	97.3	97.9	94.0–100.0	West NI	96.7	97.7	93.5–100.0
Kent	93.9	96.0	93.2–99.0	Scotland			
L Barts	95.3	96.0	93.9–98.2	Dundee	95.1	97.1	93.3–100.0
L Guys	99.2	99.4	98.2–100.0	Edinb	92.6	94.0	89.5–98.8
L Kings	98.5	98.8	97.1–100.0	Glasgw	96.2	97.2	95.2–99.3
L Rfree	96.2	97.2	95.5–99.1	Klmarnk	89.7	92.1	85.1–99.7
L St.G	91.0	93.9	89.8–98.1	Krkldy	93.5	95.2	89.1–100.0
L West	96.4	97.4	95.9–98.8	Wales			
Leeds	96.7	97.4	95.2–99.7	Cardff	95.0	96.6	94.5–98.8
Leic	93.4	95.2	92.9–97.6	Clwyd	90.5	94.0	86.4–100.0
Liv Ain	94.1	96.6	93.3–99.9	Swanse	92.9	96.1	93.5–98.7
Liv Roy	90.4	92.2	87.7–97.0	Wrexm	87.5	91.6	84.1–99.7
M RI	98.2	98.5	96.8–100.0	England	94.6	96.2	95.6–96.7
Middlbr	90.6	93.4	89.8–97.1	N Ireland	92.6	94.9	92.3–97.5
Newc	88.8	90.9	86.1–95.9	Scotland	95.5	96.7	95.4–98.1
Norwch	93.8	96.2	93.0–99.5	Wales	93.1	95.7	94.0–97.4
Nottm	89.9	92.5	88.2–97.1	UK	94.5	96.2	95.6–96.7
Oxford	90.4	92.7	89.3–96.3				

Excluded: centres with less than 20 patients (Carlisle, D & Gall, Inverness, Bangor) and centres with no deaths recorded in the first 90 days of RRT (Doncaster, St Helens, Antrim, Aberdeen, Airdrie)

Table 5.24. One year after 90 day incident survival by centre for incident cohort years 2003–2012, adjusted to age 60

Centre	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
England										
B Heart	88.2	86.4	83.6	88.4	93.5	93.6	83.7	92.0	94.4	87.2
B QEH		88.0	90.4	86.8	92.9	89.7	92.4	88.3	93.3	92.4
Basldn	92.4	92.3	92.9	90.9	89.9	89.3	86.9	85.4	91.6	89.7
Bradfd	88.3	80.6	86.2	81.4	83.8	84.4	91.6	88.2	88.9	86.7
Brightn		90.6	84.4	87.1	94.2	89.3	85.7	88.4	91.0	91.1
Bristol	85.7	88.0	82.9	92.6	91.4	84.0	89.2	88.9	94.5	88.5
Camb	89.4	86.9	89.9	90.7	93.4	91.2	87.3	89.5	91.8	92.5
Carlis	82.5	86.9	79.6	89.9	96.5	87.8	71.8	86.3	91.5	
Carsh	89.9	85.7	90.3	88.4	87.1	86.6	88.0	89.9	94.3	89.1
Chelms		82.2	83.0	94.3	86.7	90.8	94.1	85.6	80.9	91.1
Colchr						86.6	86.3	96.8	84.1	82.6
Covnt	81.8	87.7	82.6	88.5	90.6	86.9	94.2	89.1	90.4	87.9
Derby	86.5	83.0	87.9	93.1	96.4	90.4	88.0	87.2	90.8	89.2
Donc						89.8	87.8	91.5	88.9	88.9
Dorset	85.9	91.3	82.6	86.3	90.4	93.5	92.4	87.5	88.2	90.2
Dudley	90.5	81.3	97.3	92.7	85.6	71.1	84.1	87.8	93.7	90.0
Exeter	82.2	88.5	86.2	88.8	86.4	87.0	89.1	95.3	88.5	93.0
Glouc	82.9	83.5	95.1	89.6	86.3	94.4	89.3	92.3	89.6	91.3
Hull	89.0	88.8	85.6	93.5	89.6	85.4	89.2	87.9	93.1	90.3
Ipswi	93.2	97.4	84.8	93.9	96.0	95.8	92.2	93.2	95.5	93.1
Kent					91.8	89.9	89.7	90.6	88.5	94.8
L Barts		87.1	91.1	93.9	86.5	92.5	90.8	91.8	93.7	90.8
L Guys	94.7	91.6	90.4	92.9	92.0	90.5	94.1	91.5	94.8	94.7
L Kings	88.0	86.9	91.9	85.2	87.8	89.7	85.9	89.7	90.9	89.8
L Rfree			93.3	89.7	94.4	95.2	89.1	90.3	90.9	93.6
L St.G					92.1	94.0	92.7	93.7	96.6	93.5
L West	95.9	92.4	94.1	92.5	92.8	94.2	93.1	88.8	90.7	92.5
Leeds	87.1	90.1	89.8	85.0	87.2	88.7	90.4	92.7	88.2	92.5
Leic	89.0	87.4	84.7	87.8	89.8	90.5	90.4	92.0	91.3	90.3
Liv Ain	N/A			86.9	82.9	78.5	82.8	89.1	86.3	95.1
Liv Roy	90.2	80.7	90.1	86.5	86.2	94.1	93.9	88.5	88.9	89.9
M RI					90.2	87.7	87.5	89.6	93.2	89.9
Middlbr	82.4	85.4	82.8	91.5	87.9	82.3	86.8	88.0	89.0	89.6
Newc	87.2	85.3	82.1	86.2	85.8	91.4	85.7	88.8	85.9	86.8
Norwch		84.6	90.7	86.5	91.0	89.0	89.7	92.2	89.5	87.9
Nottm	85.9	85.6	87.0	91.9	90.0	91.1	88.8	93.5	92.7	90.1
Oxford	89.0	87.8	87.9	90.2	89.3	87.1	91.6	90.6	88.8	93.9
Plymth	84.0	77.7	84.6	81.1	90.1	87.8	89.0	93.8	91.3	92.1
Ports	89.8	88.4	83.2	87.5	88.7	88.8	90.1	88.2	91.2	91.0
Prestn	85.2	87.2	88.5	83.6	91.4	82.1	87.5	87.6	91.8	92.8
Redng	92.1	90.7	90.7	91.1	90.7	95.2	89.0	92.9	93.0	96.0
Salford	88.4	85.1	88.3	90.6	89.2	86.0	88.7	86.7	91.9	89.0
Sheff	87.6	91.5	90.6	88.6	90.9	92.5	94.2	92.2	87.5	93.4
Shrew		87.4	86.2	87.7	91.8	92.9	84.7	86.9	91.9	85.0
Stevng	93.8	93.3	76.7	85.4	90.7	90.2	96.7	94.0	91.1	93.1
Sthend	91.7	90.4	91.1	94.8	91.8	86.2	91.5	81.9	94.3	
Stoke					87.4	89.7	85.8	87.0	93.0	94.0
Sund	80.6	86.7	80.6	83.6	88.8	85.3	83.0	84.1	88.7	93.0
Truro	86.9	92.7	90.6	89.5	90.2	89.2	94.2	90.9	93.0	94.6
Wirral	96.6	85.3	87.0	85.9	88.9	90.4	84.8	93.0	86.8	86.2
Wolve	83.6	88.0	84.2	89.3	89.5	89.4	88.6	87.5	89.5	84.1
York	76.1	91.3	84.0	82.6	95.1	86.2	94.1	86.2	93.4	94.0

Table 5.24. Continued

Centre	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
N Ireland										
Antrim			87.4	93.9	87.0	90.2	97.4	90.2	86.3	89.4
Belfast			87.0	93.1	91.0	88.4	91.4	89.3	92.5	93.1
Newry			90.2			90.0		92.0	87.9	89.8
Ulster								90.9	86.3	93.9
West NI				90.2	97.3	93.1	97.6	91.3	95.9	97.5
Scotland										
Abrdn	86.0	88.7	84.2	82.5	86.0	86.9	88.8	85.4	92.8	89.9
Airdrie	74.6	86.1	75.2	80.7	76.7	88.3	94.3	82.0	84.1	92.0
D & Gall	84.5						84.0			
Dundee	86.9	85.7	84.4	89.4	81.4	86.2	87.9	90.3	90.3	93.6
Edinb	86.7	79.4	83.3	88.8	90.1	84.5	85.1	86.4	90.2	92.8
Glasgw	87.4	81.0	86.3	83.4	88.1	84.2	88.7	86.9	88.6	90.2
Inverns	87.6	89.2	84.3	83.9	90.6	87.1		96.7		
Klmarnk	83.7	87.4	96.3	82.8	87.6	90.1	84.1	88.4	91.1	90.9
Krkldy	88.2	89.8	78.3	80.2	87.4	87.0	90.1	93.6	92.4	97.3
Wales										
Bangor	91.1	80.8	82.3	81.4	92.3	87.8	87.3	89.1	94.3	
Cardff	87.2	85.4	87.2	87.1	84.3	83.2	89.3	89.5	88.2	86.9
Clwyd				96.9			92.3			
Swanse	84.6	77.7	82.7	84.2	89.0	85.1	81.7	86.8	85.0	83.7
Wrexm	93.5	77.2	97.7	85.5	90.0			82.1	88.8	86.0
England	88.4	87.8	87.9	89.0	90.2	89.5	89.8	90.0	91.1	91.2
N Ireland			89.0	91.6	91.0	88.4	92.1	90.3	90.3	92.8
Scotland	86.0	84.7	84.5	84.5	86.5	86.0	87.4	87.8	90.2	91.4
Wales	87.0	82.4	86.0	86.2	86.8	84.4	87.3	88.6	87.6	85.5
UK	88.0	87.1	87.5	88.5	89.7	89.0	89.5	89.7	90.8	91.0

Blank cells: centres with less than 20 patients for that year or centres with no data available for that year

Table 5.25. One year prevalent patient survival by centre for prevalent cohort years 2003–2012, adjusted to age 60

Centre	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
England										
B Heart	86.4	87.9	86.5	87.1	90.1	90.8	87.4	89.5	88.4	88.8
B QEH	89.1	89.1	88.4	88.5	88.4	90.2	89.5	91.2	91.7	91.9
Basldn	87.6	90.2	90.0	90.3	92.6	91.6	88.5	90.8	88.3	92.6
Bradfd	88.2	86.4	82.8	84.2	87.7	84.4	89.2	88.0	87.7	85.1
Brightn	87.1	84.3	87.6	87.1	88.7	87.3	89.9	88.1	89.2	88.1
Bristol	86.9	87.5	87.7	89.2	87.4	85.0	85.8	89.7	90.7	90.1
Camb	88.0	87.0	89.3	87.9	92.5	89.9	91.3	93.0	88.8	92.7
Carlisle	82.9	83.7	83.9	85.8	86.9	80.2	80.4	93.2	88.8	82.8
Carsh	86.9	85.6	89.1	88.3	89.7	88.7	89.1	89.5	90.9	90.3
Chelms	86.4	82.9	85.6	87.5	85.0	86.0	89.5	84.1	91.2	90.2
Colchr						91.0	86.5	88.9	89.1	85.8
Covnt	89.1	89.3	85.0	87.1	87.2	90.9	90.1	91.0	91.8	90.5
Derby	88.5	87.6	88.5	86.8	90.2	90.4	89.9	89.7	89.5	88.0
Donc					88.7	83.8	88.8	91.7	91.1	82.7
Dorset	87.9	89.4	87.0	87.4	89.8	90.1	93.0	89.9	90.4	91.8
Dudley	86.0	85.9	87.3	87.2	88.8	88.8	90.7	87.6	91.5	86.4
Exeter	86.5	84.0	91.1	87.3	85.5	85.5	86.7	88.3	88.2	91.6
Glouc	88.9	88.1	91.1	88.2	86.2	91.7	92.2	89.5	90.6	89.6
Hull	86.1	84.5	85.8	89.9	86.7	87.7	87.5	89.7	90.9	88.5
Ipswi	90.0	85.7	84.3	86.3	93.1	84.6	87.6	91.9	90.4	87.9
Kent					86.2	87.9	90.3	89.7	89.1	87.7
L Barts	83.8	85.6	88.3	89.3	88.7	90.8	92.9	91.6	89.7	91.0
L Guys	88.4	89.3	87.2	90.5	90.3	91.3	90.9	93.9	91.1	90.8
L Kings	81.1	86.6	89.1	84.7	88.0	87.9	89.4	90.0	89.7	89.2
L Rfree		90.2	90.0	90.3	91.2	89.6	90.2	91.6	90.2	90.8
L St.G				95.8	94.3	89.2	90.7	91.8	88.3	91.6
L West	91.2	91.2	91.1	91.4	90.2	92.0	90.6	90.6	91.7	90.1
Leeds	85.8	89.1	88.6	88.1	87.2	88.7	90.8	88.8	86.5	88.2
Leic	85.1	86.6	84.4	89.7	89.5	88.5	90.3	89.7	90.3	88.9
Liv Ain		97.0	86.8	90.5	88.3	91.9	89.7	89.5	83.5	83.9
Liv Roy	85.3	83.6	87.6	84.4	86.4	89.0	88.9	90.5	88.5	87.7
M RI				86.4	86.3	87.5	86.9	88.4	90.7	86.0
Middlbr	83.6	86.1	85.1	87.2	86.9	86.4	83.5	93.0	88.6	88.8
Newc	80.9	85.9	83.7	85.9	86.2	87.0	86.1	85.0	89.1	84.3
Norwch	87.4	88.4	90.3	87.6	91.1	89.5	89.8	91.2	91.3	88.6
Nottm	86.7	84.7	83.2	89.5	88.3	88.0	89.5	89.8	89.0	90.5
Oxford	88.3	87.2	86.9	86.8	87.8	88.5	87.2	87.9	88.1	89.4
Plymth	85.9	87.7	83.7	82.7	88.0	85.8	85.2	89.8	84.6	89.8
Ports	89.2	85.9	85.2	89.8	88.4	89.2	88.4	88.2	89.9	90.2
Prestn	85.6	85.8	86.3	90.7	90.1	89.7	90.1	88.1	90.6	88.9
Redng	89.2	86.2	89.0	90.3	88.8	92.4	88.9	89.4	90.9	90.8
Salford	81.7	83.2	85.9	88.0	86.5	87.9	85.2	87.7	89.0	88.1
Sheff	87.8	86.9	89.2	88.8	88.7	89.7	89.5	88.7	88.9	91.5
Shrew	84.7	86.3	86.6	89.1	88.9	87.8	85.6	87.4	89.9	83.5
Stevng	89.6	88.8	89.4	89.7	92.4	90.5	90.0	92.8	92.0	89.1
Sthend	88.5	86.9	83.4	86.3	90.2	91.0	92.4	90.2	87.7	91.7
Stoke				84.5	87.3	88.4	86.8	90.5	90.5	91.5
Sund	81.9	86.4	79.4	83.7	87.5	85.2	84.7	83.7	86.5	84.8
Truro	89.9	84.8	91.8	89.3	89.4	88.9	90.7	89.0	89.6	88.7
Wirral	87.4	89.4	88.4	88.1	89.2	90.2	88.5	90.7	90.2	90.8
Wolve	87.6	86.5	89.3	87.8	92.8	89.4	87.3	89.2	88.7	88.9
York	82.9	89.4	84.0	88.5	87.8	88.8	90.0	84.1	88.6	91.5

Table 5.25. Continued

Centre	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
N Ireland										
Antrim			92.1	85.9	89.0	90.5	89.2	92.7	91.4	92.4
Belfast			86.3	90.9	88.8	88.7	88.8	89.3	89.3	88.1
Newry			87.5	87.4	90.9	94.3	88.0	92.0	83.8	91.5
Ulster			91.6	89.4	92.7	88.2	90.5	90.4	91.6	92.0
West NI			83.7	91.0	92.9	89.7	91.8	91.0	92.2	92.6
Scotland										
Abrdn	85.4	87.6	86.1	87.2	89.5	89.3	89.7	89.0	90.9	88.2
Airdrie	84.1	82.8	79.7	79.4	85.9	85.4	89.3	88.4	86.2	85.7
D & Gall	83.1	92.1	82.1	90.6	84.6	88.4	87.3	91.3	87.4	90.4
Dundee	85.8	87.3	87.4	83.8	83.8	93.6	87.6	88.0	91.8	89.5
Edinb	83.9	85.5	86.6	87.8	88.3	86.1	89.1	82.4	90.2	89.8
Glasgw	85.5	87.5	86.4	88.1	88.3	88.6	88.7	88.2	88.6	88.1
Inverns	86.8	87.0	86.4	93.8	89.2	92.2	89.0	86.8	87.9	87.6
Klmarnk	87.3	84.8	92.0	87.0	89.1	88.2	88.3	88.9	89.7	87.1
Krkldy	86.3	89.6	88.0	88.2	90.4	86.6	87.3	89.7	87.7	91.1
Wales										
Bangor	89.8	86.6	88.5	81.4	88.7	85.0	85.4	86.8	89.9	84.4
Cardff	85.0	84.3	84.1	88.7	82.4	86.4	85.8	88.2	86.2	87.5
Clwyd	74.6	82.0	77.3	90.5	87.0	88.8	78.1	93.0	89.9	86.2
Swanse	87.0	89.0	85.4	87.9	89.4	87.2	87.4	88.9	86.1	88.3
Wrexm	85.4	82.1	85.1	87.6	85.1	88.9	86.7	85.7	87.2	89.2
England	88.0	87.8	88.3	88.5	88.9	89.0	89.2	89.9	89.8	89.4
N Ireland			87.6	89.2	90.3	89.9	89.6	90.8	89.9	90.8
Scotland	85.4	86.9	86.3	87.2	87.9	88.6	88.6	87.7	89.2	88.4
Wales	85.5	85.6	84.6	87.8	85.5	86.9	85.8	88.4	86.7	87.5
UK	87.9	87.6	87.9	88.4	88.7	88.9	89.0	89.6	89.6	89.3

Blank cells: data not reported for that year or less than 20 patients in the year

Table 5.26. Percentage completeness of EDTA cause of death for prevalent patients by centre and year of death, 2004 to 2013

Centre	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
England										
B Heart	77.5	68.1	85.7	84.3	95.2	100.0	96.5	95.9	98.8	98.7
B QEH		60.6	4.1	7.1	5.8	0.7	1.2	2.0	2.1	63.6
Basldn	84.0	42.1	21.7	45.5	47.6	76.2	65.6	84.6	91.2	90.5
Bradfd	83.3	87.8	94.0	88.2	94.7	83.7	100.0	97.5	97.7	97.9
Brightn				12.2	0.0	1.1	2.4	1.1	1.1	0.0
Bristol	90.8	77.3	61.0	61.3	66.4	71.9	91.5	98.0	82.2	82.5
Camb	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.6	3.9	10.5	61.4	96.0	81.0
Carlis	77.3	91.3	91.3	73.9	50.0	80.6	100.0	92.9	94.7	92.3
Carsh				0.8	1.6	0.8	6.7	25.5	40.7	17.4
Chelms	35.0	68.6	66.7	83.9	71.4	86.7	86.2	87.0	100.0	92.3
Colchr					33.3	66.7	85.2	90.5	100.0	91.7
Covnt	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.4	34.3	71.4
Derby	69.0	79.2	77.5	85.1	97.8	73.5	91.2	90.0	91.4	93.1
Donc					100.0	94.3	90.9	91.7	92.6	100.0
Dorset	29.7	64.9	65.1	87.2	88.9	85.2	95.7	95.0	89.1	98.3
Dudley	33.3	14.8	6.5	6.5	5.4	0.0	100.0	94.7	93.9	95.8
Exeter	42.3	36.7	19.3	4.8	3.1	3.0	90.4	86.5	97.0	100.0
Glouc	51.4	64.5	61.8	77.8	70.2	69.4	100.0	95.7	91.5	100.0
Hull	84.8	81.3	78.1	76.5	53.3	18.7	92.0	95.1	98.4	85.3
Ipswi	31.8	11.4	23.3	45.8	16.7	18.8	73.3	77.8	80.0	83.9
Kent					61.7	92.8	89.0	97.4	96.1	82.3
L Barts	86.5	84.0	88.2	75.2	78.7	70.1	73.9	83.1	80.9	82.8
L Guys				3.8	0.0	0.0	70.2	87.5	58.8	1.1
L Kings	66.7	85.5	91.9	76.1	91.4	67.9	96.0	97.6	100.0	98.9
L Rfree						0.9	1.8	0.0	7.1	6.0
L St.G				16.7	17.9	21.4	77.6	47.9	42.4	64.8
L West	67.8	81.8	31.5	19.4	6.4	2.2	2.3	95.8	98.6	97.1
Leeds	79.1	69.9	66.7	29.7	30.4	34.5	100.0	100.0	99.2	100.0
Leic	89.6	72.5	77.3	66.7	70.0	70.5	76.6	63.2	94.1	80.4
Liv Ain	66.7	50.0	81.3	76.9	70.0	100.0	94.4	95.7	0.0	0.0
Liv Roy	69.9	42.2	67.4	80.4	75.8	82.7	72.0	77.5	2.9	34.8
M RI				4.0	0.9	1.0	4.9	2.1	10.2	0.8
Middlbr	47.1	79.4	63.5	57.5	26.0	52.0	90.2	97.5	94.9	82.4
Newc	27.4	19.4	30.1	49.4	36.2	40.0	14.0	45.6	17.1	23.9
Norwch	31.6	22.4	23.1	18.7	21.9	45.2	77.0	71.4	76.5	92.2
Nottm	94.4	98.0	88.9	91.9	98.8	97.1	98.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
Oxford	1.9	2.9	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	84.6	98.2	95.8	98.2
Plymth	60.4	50.0	45.8	55.9	70.7	48.7	80.9	43.6	42.0	100.0
Ports	57.0	21.9	13.0	21.6	7.1	45.8	69.3	23.7	20.2	41.4
Prestn	77.2	50.0	56.7	50.0	39.5	17.9	95.6	98.9	97.6	98.0
Redng	84.4	81.5	78.7	97.8	89.6	86.4	100.0	96.7	98.1	93.4
Salford				1.3	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sheff	26.7	4.8	9.3	13.9	0.9	1.9	2.1	0.8	0.8	2.0
Shrew	25.0	66.7	53.1	89.3	64.5	20.5	46.0	0.0	7.9	17.7
Stevng	82.1	88.5	61.6	55.1	68.4	73.9	86.3	86.8	67.7	71.3
Sthend	26.1	39.4	9.4	3.3	57.7	75.0	91.7	90.0	100.0	100.0
Stoke				16.1	21.0	28.6	54.7	57.9	89.6	56.7
Sund	54.8	56.3	61.2	60.5	50.0	78.9	93.5	95.1	97.3	82.6
Truro	57.1	2.3	6.9	0.0	18.4	29.7	93.3	97.3	78.8	97.4
Wirral	66.7	32.3	97.0	84.6	100.0	90.3	86.5	0.0	2.6	26.7
Wolve	98.3	92.3	50.0	51.6	67.6	77.8	98.4	94.0	95.8	89.1
York	67.6	41.4	83.3	38.5	62.1	67.9	96.7	97.3	100.0	100.0

Table 5.26. Continued

Centre	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
N Ireland										
Antrim			10.0	8.8	3.7	28.0	96.8	95.2	100.0	100.0
Belfast			34.3	38.3	20.0	26.2	81.7	78.2	76.7	46.3
Newry			42.9	15.0	13.3	81.3	95.2	100.0	96.7	100.0
Ulster			85.7	92.9	90.0	75.0	95.0	95.2	100.0	100.0
West NI			57.7	36.8	23.5	45.8	96.0	83.3	100.0	95.8
Scotland										
Abrdn	35.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Airdrie	34.5	42.4	26.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
D & Gall	100.0	80.0	76.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Dundee	92.1	86.1	2.8	9.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Edinb	51.7	50.8	29.3	47.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Glasgw	49.6	43.8	55.1	59.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Inverns					100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Klmarnk	15.0	0.0	11.1	15.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Krkldy	77.8	87.5	65.0	61.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Wales										
Bangor	44.4	66.7	35.0	86.2	57.9	80.0	73.9	90.0	100.0	100.0
Cardff	2.6	4.3	2.9	4.1	0.0	2.4	6.8	8.1	0.6	74.0
Clwyd		5.9	11.1	45.5	84.2	83.3	100.0	85.7	89.5	83.3
Swanse	92.9	87.9	92.4	97.3	96.0	89.8	98.0	88.6	98.1	97.8
Wrexm	3.7	3.6	4.0	25.0	69.2	100.0	95.7	96.2	100.0	95.7
England	53.8	48.4	42.2	38.6	37.3	39.2	59.3	64.1	65.2	65.6
N Ireland			39.0	32.8	21.7	42.5	90.4	87.0	91.1	79.5
Scotland	50.7	42.0	33.7	44.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Wales	31.0	28.9	31.2	43.9	36.4	47.8	53.7	49.5	50.8	86.0
UK	51.7	45.5	40.5	39.3	42.7	45.3	63.4	67.3	67.8	70.0

Blank cells: data not available for that year