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| **Conclusion** | This international study of cancer survival was a simulation using death certified (DCO) cases (which are usually exluded from survival calculations). This was to see if differences in death certified cancer levels made a difference to survival estimates.  They concluded that excluding death certified cases (DCO) will in most cases overestimate survival. The extent of the bias depends on how missed cases differ from those registered through other routine sources. | |
| **What this means for the service** | No implication for the service - The NI Cancer Registry already records the number of Death Certificate Initiated Cases (those where the registry is notified by death certificate but additonal information becomes available) | |