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Conclusion	<p>Cancer is a leading cause of death, and a lot of cancer patients have multiple unscheduled emergency admissions to hospital near the end of their lives.</p> <p>Almost half of the cancer patients considered (n=3134, with hospital admission between 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2015) had 1 or more admission during their last 28 days of life. The total estimated cost was £28.7 million, averaging £9200 per person. A 3-day reduction in the mean length of stay coupled with a 10% reduction in admissions, could reduce costs by £7.4 million</p>
What this means for the service	The cost burden from unscheduled care use in the last year of life of cancer patients is significant.

	Service reconfigurations which could reduce these admissions and costs should be explored, with lung and colorectal cancer offering the greatest potential gains.
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