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Conclusion	The findings from this study indicate that, at least in countries with universal access to healthcare and with high quality cancer registries, different definitions of Date Of Incidence only marginally affect estimates of net survival, and have only a minor bearing on survival comparability in benchmarking exercises.
What this means for the service	The authors recommend that, when feasible, registries routinely record multiple dates from primary sources, not only as means to replicate these findings, but to support a comprehensive approach to data quality evaluation at their institutions.