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Paper Title	Knowledge or noise? Making sense of General Practitioners' and Consultant use of 2-week-wait referrals for suspected cancer
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Conclusion	This paper analysed data from the MDT Cancer Patient Pathway System on 185,000 referrals and 29,000 cancers to determine how emergency referrals of cancer patients from general practice and consultant upgrades of routine referrals with suspected cancer affected the detection of cancers.
What this means for the service	Previous work identified metrics as evidence of good quality. However this work indicates that the findings from previous work are due to random variation and have no basis in fact.