

Table 3. Cancer characteristics among admissions with length of stay ≤ 2 days

Variables	N=397 No. (%)
Current treatment intent	
Curative intent	83 (20.9)
Palliative intent	222 (55.9)
Best supportive care	92 (23.2)
Prior cancer treatment received	
Radiotherapy	157 (39.6)
Chemotherapy	281 (70.8)
Immunotherapy	52 (13.1)
Surgery	163 (41.1)
Targeted therapy/Hormones	169 (42.6)
Cancer site	
Breast	61 (15.4)
Gastrointestinal	63 (15.9)
Hepatobiliary	37 (9.3)
Gynaecological and genitourinary	58 (14.6)
Head and neck	29 (7.3)
Lung	100 (25.2)
Lymphoma	22 (5.5)
Others	27 (6.8)
Metastatic disease	302 (76)
Prior documented EOL discussion	100 (25.2)
EOL discussion conducted in ED	24 (6.1)

ED: emergency department; EOL: end-of-life

Table 4. Emergency department problem list and resource use among admissions with length of stay ≤ 2 days

Variables	N=397 No. (%)
Problem list	
Infection/Sepsis	144 (36.3)
Pain	116 (29.2)
Cardiac	32 (8.1)
Gastrointestinal	85 (21.4)
Respiratory	76 (19.1)
Vascular	9 (2.3)
Genitourinary	16 (4.0)
Neurological	43 (10.8)
Renal and electrolytes	11 (2.8)
Bone	1 (0.3)
Side effects of cancer treatment	6 (1.5)
Post-surgical complications	0 (0)
Device issues	7 (1.8)
Others	47 (11.8)
Investigations	
Standard haematological tests ^a	366 (92.2)
Standard biochemical tests ^b	368 (92.7)
Blood cultures	130 (32.8)
X-ray	272 (68.5)
CT brain	29 (7.3)
Other CT imaging	3 (0.8)
Non-standard blood investigations	61 (15.4)
Treatments	
Intravenous fluids	184 (46.4)
Non-opioid analgesia	22 (5.5)
Opioid analgesia	79 (19.9)
Antibiotics	126 (31.7)
Other symptomatic medications	130 (32.8)
Vasopressors	3 (0.8)
Intubation	2 (0.5)
Other procedures	4 (1.0)
Onsite palliative review	0 (0)

CT: computed tomography

^a Full blood count

^b Renal panel, liver panel, cardiac enzymes