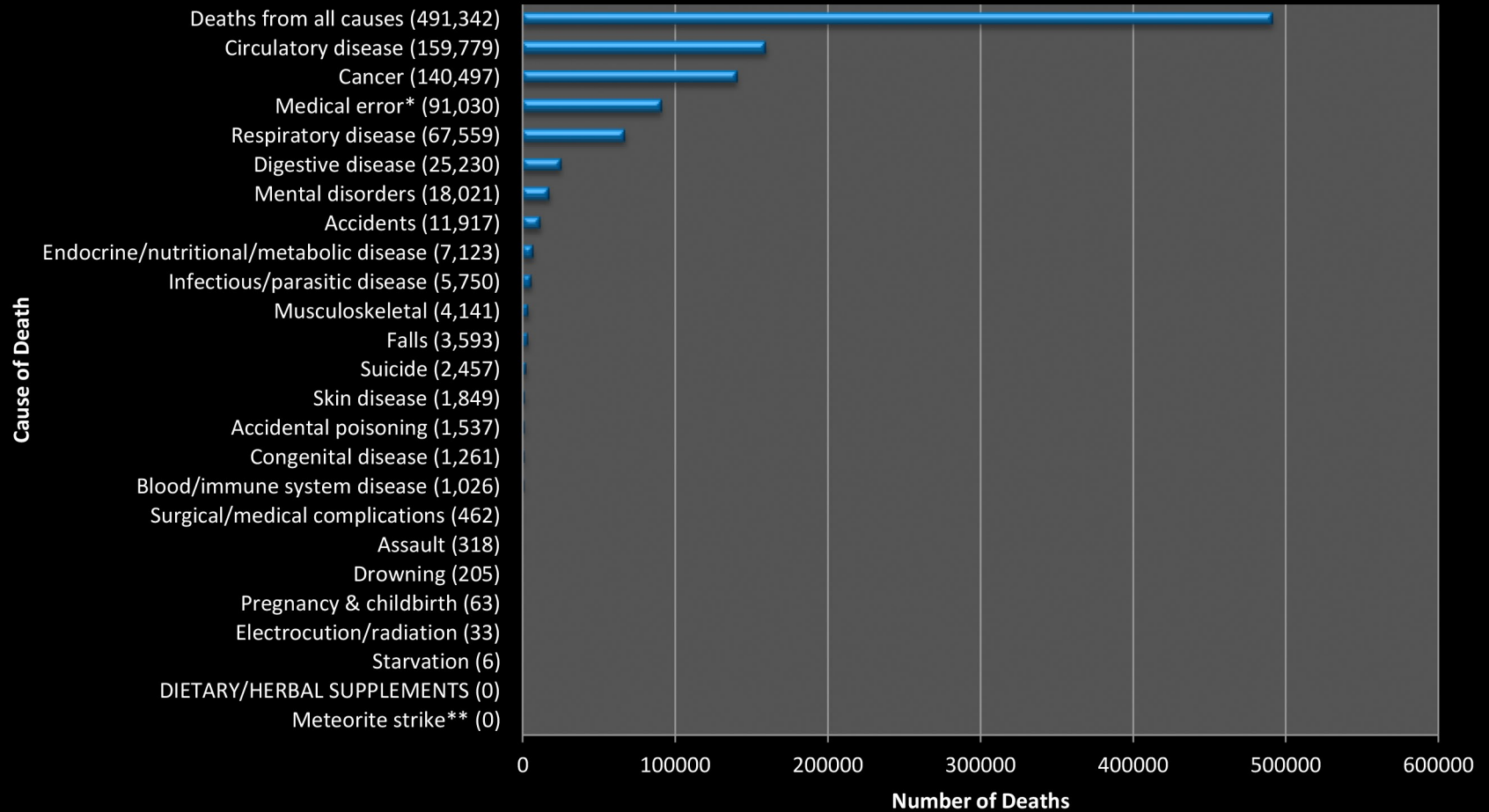


Causes of Death in the UK



Source: Morality Statistics England & Wales 2009, Office of National Statistics, ONS 2011

* Sari AB, Sheldon TA et al, *Extent, nature and consequences of adverse events: results of a retrospective case note review in a large NHS hospital, Quality and Safety in Health Care, 2007; 16(6): 434–39.* Figure based on 9.1 million hospital stays in England in 2005/6, excluding day case, maternity and mental health patients. By this data, 10%, or 910,303, of these patients suffered harm as a result of medical error; in 10% of these cases, or 91,030 patients, medical error contributed to their death.

** The chances of being hit by a meteorite, according to the British Natural History Museum, are “negligible”. It notes: “There have been no recorded deaths due to a meteorite fall.” <http://tiny.cc/om79j> We include this figure for comparative/illustrative purposes.