How missing diagnoses are impacting emergency departments

One-third of malpractice cases for death or permanent disability began with an errant or delayed diagnosis. Excessive stresses and strains lead to diagnostic error and potential litigation. Insufficient clinical decision making has led to more than 85% of misdiagnosed cases. Diagnostic errors have implications for patient care and may lead to increased medical costs.

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What’s the cost of a diagnostic error?

$1.8 billion in malpractice payouts between 2006 and 2015

What if documentation guidance could help improve the emergency department risk profile?

Real-time advice and guidance can help to align physician practice patterns and compliance. Clinical alignment around the highest risks is proven to result in a reduction of medical claims and errors.

The Big 3

Just 3 diagnostic errors account for nearly 75% of all serious harm to patients

Misdiagnosed Cancers 37.8% Vascular Events 22.8% Infections 13.5%

Half of the most-severe harm cases ended in adverse impact

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