

## **Utility of clinical examination in the diagnosis of emergency department patients admitted to the department of medicine of an academic hospital.**

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This research letter examines the value of the [physical examination](#) in forming a correct diagnosis on admission. The authors found that four out of five internal medicine patients in the emergency department could be correctly diagnosed from information gleaned by the history, physical examination, and basic laboratory tests.