

## **Confirmation bias: why psychiatrists stick to wrong preliminary diagnoses.**

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This study found evidence that both psychiatrists and medical students fall victim to confirmation bias—a specific type of [diagnostic error](#)—when engaging in simulated diagnostic reasoning scenarios.