

Development and validation of electronic health record–based triggers to detect delays in follow-up of abnormal lung imaging findings.

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Delays in follow-up of [abnormal test results](#) are known to contribute to [delayed and missed diagnosis](#). Investigators developed and validated an electronic trigger to identify potential delays in follow-up of abnormal chest computed tomography scans. This study found that more than half of the flagged cases had a true diagnostic delay. This work should lead to prospective evaluation of trigger approaches to enhance test result follow-up.