

Diagnostic errors related to acute abdominal pain in the emergency department.

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This retrospective study included chart reviews of adult patients who presented to an emergency department with abdominal pain and were identified via an electronic trigger as high-risk for diagnostic error. Researchers determined that [diagnostic errors](#) occurred in 35 of 100 reviewed cases, with the majority involving a breakdown in history-taking, test ordering, or abnormal test result [follow-up](#).