

Reevaluation of diagnosis in adults with physician-diagnosed asthma.

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[Misdiagnosis](#) can contribute to [overuse](#) of unnecessary medication and treatments as well as a delay in appropriate treatment, placing patients at increased risk of [harm](#). This prospective cohort study suggests that asthma may be frequently misdiagnosed in the community setting as a result of inadequate testing for airflow limitations. In 2% of the cases analyzed, a serious underlying cardiorespiratory condition was misdiagnosed as asthma.