

## Diagnostic decision-making in the emergency department.

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The [busy and complex](#) emergency department environment harbors pressures can that hinder [diagnostic safety](#). This review discusses the characteristics of emergency medicine that contribute to overreliance on heuristics and susceptibility to bias in decision making. The authors highlight the need to better [monitor](#) diagnostic error in the emergency department to inform the design of improvement activities. A previous [WebM&M commentary](#) discussed diagnostic delay in the emergency department.