

Understanding context specificity: the effect of contextual factors on clinical reasoning.

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This study explored the influence of contextual factors (i.e., factors beyond the case content potentially influencing reasoning) on context specificity and [clinical reasoning](#). Internal medicine residents and attending physicians viewed outpatient clinic videos involving unstable angina and diabetes mellitus – one video with distracting contextual factors and one without. The results provide insight into factors influencing diagnostic reasoning during outpatient visits for common medical conditions.