

The Diagnostic Error Index: a quality improvement initiative to identify and measure diagnostic errors.

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[Diagnostic errors](#) remain an ongoing patient safety challenge and can result in patient harm. This article describes one large pediatric hospital's experience using a systematic methodology to [identify](#) and measure diagnostic errors. The quality improvement (QI) project used five domains (autopsy reports, [root cause analyses](#) (RCAs), voluntary reporting system, morbidity & mortality conference, and abdominal pain [trigger tool](#)) and adjudication by a QI team to identify cases of diagnostic error; Morbidity & mortality conferences, RCAs and abdominal trigger tool identified the majority (91%) of diagnostic errors.