

Do my feelings fit the diagnosis? Avoiding misdiagnoses in psychosomatic consultation services.

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[Diagnostic safety](#) is a patient safety priority across all medical specialties. Over a five-year period, researchers found that 15% of patients referred for psychosomatic consultations at one university hospital were misdiagnosed. Misdiagnosis was primarily attributed to availability bias or other [biases](#). Semi-structured interviews with referring physicians highlight the contributing role of physician attitudes and unusual clinical features.