

She was headed to a locked psych ward. Then an ER doctor made a startling discovery.

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Misdiagnosis over a [long period](#) of time can be exacerbated by stigma and cognitive bias. This news story illustrates the problem of [omissions](#) due to potential stigma associated with patient [mental health issues](#) that contributed to a missed diagnosis. The author discusses how clinician experience led to flagging of a different testing approach to reveal a diagnosis that, once addressed, improved the patient's health.