

Does a suggested diagnosis in a general practitioners' referral question impact diagnostic reasoning: an experimental study.

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[Diagnostic safety](#) is an essential component of [medical training](#). In this study, medical interns reviewed six clinical cases in which the referral letters from the general practitioner suggested a correct diagnosis, an incorrect diagnosis, or lacked a diagnostic suggestion. Researchers found that diagnostic suggestions in the referral letter did not influence subsequent diagnostic accuracy but did reduce the number of diagnoses considered.