

Diagnostic trajectories in primary care at 12 months: an observational cohort study.

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Missed or delayed diagnosis in primary care may result in serious [complications](#) for patients. This prospective study followed adults presenting to [primary care](#) with new or unresolved symptoms for 12 months. 32% of patients received a diagnosis within one month; most of the rest still did not have a diagnosis at 12 months (50%). The authors suggest [interventions](#) aimed at improving diagnosis should be system-based, not specific to a single medical issue or population.