

Cohort study of diagnostic delay in the clinical pathway of patients with chronic wounds in the primary care setting.

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[Diagnostic errors](#) continue to be a source of patient [harm](#). This retrospective study identified patient- and organizational-level factors contributing to misdiagnosis of chronic wounds in primary care. Less than half of patients referred from primary care to specialist wound care teams had the correct diagnosis. Notably, 36% of patients who presented to primary care had signs of infection, however 61% received antibiotics, raising concerns of [antibiotic](#) overuse.