

Prevalence and characteristics of diagnostic error in pediatric critical care: a multicenter study.

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Diagnostic errors remain a major healthcare concern. This study was a retrospective record review of 882 [pediatric intensive care unit](#) (PICU) patients to identify diagnostic errors using the [Revised Safer Dx](#) tool. Diagnostic errors were found in 13 (1.5%) patients, most commonly associated with atypical presentation and [diagnostic uncertainty](#) at admission.