

# Coalition to Improve Diagnosis

An Initiative of the Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine

## Application for Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ recognizes that improving the diagnostic process—including addressing problems in diagnostic accuracy and timeliness—can improve and save lives. Diagnostic error causes significant harm to patients and costs the healthcare system billions of dollars. We are committed to improving diagnostic accuracy and timeliness and reducing diagnostic errors. We support the efforts of the Coalition to Improve Diagnosis and their associated *ACT for Better Diagnosis*™ initiative and would like to be an active member of the Coalition.

We understand that membership is limited to those organizations who are taking action to reduce diagnostic error. Coalition member organizations can represent clinicians and other healthcare professionals, patients and families, employers, consumer advocates, and other relevant organizations that agree to the following:

- Accept the Coalition's "Shared Principles" statement.
- Approve the use of their organization's name on Coalition materials (advance review is always provided) including the Coalition and Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine (SIDM) website and in other marketing materials about the Coalition and *ACT for Better Diagnosis*.
- Support the work of the Coalition on its collective actions in whatever way is appropriate for the member organization.
- Will engage our organization in ongoing meaningful action toward reducing the harm of diagnostic error and improving diagnostic accuracy and timeliness. Our organizational actions are described on the attached ACTION Form.

We further understand that:

- The Coalition is a program of SIDM.
- The Coalition includes an Advisory Committee made up of diverse and representative members of the Coalition that counsels the SIDM Board of Directors on Coalition activities and strategy.
- Members of the Coalition will abide by the [conflict of interest policy](#) established by SIDM.
- General Coalition affiliation as members, federal liaisons/observers or commercial supporters, is open to all organizations that share the Coalition's mission and as approved by the Coalition Advisory Committee.
- Coalition members will be listed on the SIDM and *ACT for Better Diagnosis* materials and websites.
- There are currently no financial costs to belong to the Coalition; however, each organization will bear its own costs for participation in the Coalition and for its own initiatives that fulfill its commitment.
- Member attendance at Coalition events—such as an annual meeting held in conjunction with the Diagnostic Error in Medicine conference—is strongly encouraged.
- Organizations that fail to participate in Coalition activities or engage in efforts to reduce diagnostic error may be asked to leave the Coalition under the recommendation of the Advisory Committee and the determination of the SIDM Board of Directors.
- Members may withdraw at any time by providing written notice to the SIDM CEO.

As part of this application, we are submitting a description of the current (or future) action we are taking to reduce diagnostic error or improve diagnostic performance.

With my signature, I certify that I am authorized to represent my organization in joining this Coalition and that we understand and will meet the responsibilities and requirements of membership.

Name

Organization Name

Title

Date



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## Member ACTION Form

Members of the Coalition to Improve Diagnosis are committed to acting to ensure that more diagnoses are accurate, communicated, and timely.

Coalition members are required to identify and share a description of the action(s) their organization are taking to improve accuracy, communication, and timeliness of diagnoses.

**Name an action** (5-10 words).

*E.g.: Stroke Prevention Program*

**Describe an action your organization will take (or is taking) to contribute to an accurate, communicated, and timely diagnosis** Your actions description may be used in publications, on the [SIDM](#) and [ACT for Better Diagnosis™](#) websites, social media platforms, and press material.

*E.g.: We are addressing diagnostic uncertainty and accuracy when time is limited, with new diagnostic coordination procedures when a patient presents with a suspected stroke.*



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Describe the hoped-for outcome of this action (40-50 words).

*E.g.: Our goal is fewer delayed stroke diagnoses.*

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Provide links to related resources from your organization, if any, or attach relevant documents.

<i>E.g.: <a href="https://www.improvediagnosis.org/page/Clinicians">https://www.improvediagnosis.org/page/Clinicians</a></i>

Attach any other information you believe is useful to understand the action.

*E.g.: A table showing intervention success or a video outlining the procedures.*

Questions?

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