

# Coalition to Improve Diagnosis

*An Initiative of the Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine*

## Shared Principles

### About the Coalition

The Coalition to Improve Diagnosis is a collaboration of leading healthcare organizations representing clinicians and other healthcare professionals, patients and families, employers, insurers, researchers, policymakers, and educators. The group is bringing much-needed attention, action, and awareness to the issue of errors in diagnosis as an essential step in improving the quality of care that patients receive.

### Shared Principles

Below are shared principles of the Coalition that underscore each member organization's beliefs about this issue and commitment to addressing it as a system-wide issue in health care.

1. A timely, accurate and efficient diagnosis is appropriately the expectation of every patient.
2. Diagnosis, which by its very nature involves uncertainty, is one of the most difficult and complex tasks in health care, involving both human and systematic elements, and made more difficult by an explosive growth in knowledge and tools that are both helpful and problematic.
3. The overwhelming majority of diagnoses are accurate, but the burden to patients, families, healthcare professionals, and society associated with diagnostic error, is significant.
4. Every participant in health care, from providers and the extended team of healthcare professionals, to patients and families, and to others who are key to the success of our healthcare system including industry, payers, researchers, educators and more, has a role to play in reducing the burden.
5. The organizations that comprise the Coalition to Improve Diagnosis believe that they must and will, individually and collectively, take action to help solve this problem.

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