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Coalition to Improve Diagnosis

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in MEDICINE

ABOUT THE COALITION

The **Coalition to Improve Diagnosis** is the only collaboration of diverse healthcare organizations singularly focused on improving diagnostic quality and safety in healthcare. Together, its 50+ member organizations represent doctors, nurses, testing professionals, patients and their families, employers, researchers, policymakers, educators, health systems, hospitals, leading health organizations, and government agencies involved in delivering quality patient care.

1 in 3
malpractice
cases resulting
in serious harm
are due to an
inaccurate
or delayed
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Newman-Toker DE. *Diagnosis*. July 2019

The Coalition has **four** collective actions:



Increase awareness
and engagement



Advocate for increased
research funding



Identify and drive the adoption
of effective quality improvement
interventions



Catalyze individual actions
by member organizations

Convened and led by the Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine (SIDM), the Coalition drives efforts to improve the diagnostic process and increase awareness of the harms and costs of diagnostic error. The organizations in the Coalition play a prominent role in shaping those changes.

Together, they work to find solutions that enhance diagnostic quality and safety, reduce harm, and ultimately ensure better health outcomes for patients.

COALITION PRINCIPLES

Diagnostic quality and safety needs to be a priority for the U.S. healthcare community. Our collective efforts are already bearing fruit: The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality prioritized reducing harm from diagnostic error as one of three essential areas to improve patient care.

The Coalition 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. Its member organizations are taking the lead on improvement efforts bound by a **common set of principles** which include:



A timely, accurate, and efficient diagnosis is appropriately the expectation of every patient.



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.



The overwhelming majority of diagnoses are accurate, but the burden to patients, families, healthcare professionals, and society associated with diagnostic error, is significant.



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.



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.

Join us.

Organizations that join the Coalition:

- **Develop innovative partnerships** with other Coalition members;
- **Shape the policy agenda** around diagnosis;
- **Influence the strategy** of the Coalition in pursuing its collective actions to improve diagnosis;
- **Receive assistance** from SIDM staff and consultants to enhance and promote initiatives focused on improving diagnostic quality and safety; and
- **Receive recognition** for their efforts in Coalition materials.

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Everyone has a role in improving diagnosis.

Contact Coalition@ImproveDiagnosis.org
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