### Diagnosis Challenges:

#### Challenging Disease Presentation

- Rare Diagnosis
- Atypical Presentation
- Nonspecific Sx & Signs
- Unfamiliar/Outside Specialty
- Masking/Mimicking Dx
- Red Herring misleading finding
- Rapidly Progressive
- Slowly Evolving
- Deceptively benign Course
- Language/Communication
- Signal:noise (noisy pts)
- Pt fails to share data
- Pt failure to f/up

#### Pt Factors

- Test Availability, access, cost
- Logistical Issues
- False Pos/Neg
- Performance/Interpretation
- Equivocal Results/Reports
- Test Follow-up issues
- Time constraints
- Discontinuities
- Fragmentation of care
- Memory reliance/challenges
- Recognition Acuity/Severity

#### Testing Challenges

- Diagnosis of Complication
- Recog Failure to respond to rx
- Dx of Underlying cause
- Recognizing Misdiagnosis

#### Broader Challenges

- Recognition of co-diagnosis
- Diagnosis of Severity
- Recognition of Complication
- Recog Failure to respond to rx
- Diagnosing Associated diagnoses

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**Appendix 1:** Matrix illustrating selected frequent, critical, problem-prone diagnoses and the diagnostic challenges that may be encountered in establishing correct diagnosis in a timely fashion. The specific missed diagnoses come from a study of 583 self-reported diagnostic errors.