

APPENDIX 1

Diagnostic Error Evaluation and Research Taxonomy, by Schiff et al. (2009)

Where?	What?
1. Access/Presentation	1A Failure/delay in presentation
	1B Failure/denied care access
2. History	2A Failure/delay in eliciting critical piece of history data
	2B Inaccurate/misinterpretation
	2C Failure in weighing
	2D Failure/delay to follow-up
3. Physical exam	3A Failure/delay in eliciting critical physical exam finding
	3B Inaccurate/misinterpretation
	3C Failure in weighing
	3D Failure/delay to follow-up
4. Tests (lab/radiology)	4A Failure/delay in ordering needed test(s)
	4B Failure/delay in performing ordered test(s)
	4C Error in test sequencing
	4D Ordering of wrong test(s)
	4E Test ordered wrong way
	4F Sample mix-up/mislabeled (e.g. wrong patient)
	4G Technical errors/poor processing of specimen/test
	4H Erroneous lab/radiology reading of test
	4I Failure/delayed reporting of result to clinician
	4J Failure/delayed follow up of (abnormal) test result
	4K Error in clinician interpretation of test
5. Assessment	5A Failure/delay in considering the diagnosis
	5B Too little consideration/weight given to the diagnosis
	5C Too much weight on competing/coexisting diagnosis
	5D Failure/delay to recognize/weigh urgency
	5E Failure/delay to recognize/weigh complication(s)
6. Referral/Consultation	6A Failure/delay in ordering referral
	6B Failure/delay in obtaining/scheduling ordered referral
	6C Error in diagnostic consultation performance
	6D Failure/delayed communication/follow-up of consultation
7. Follow-up	7A Failure to refer patient to close/safe setting/monitoring
	7B Failure/delay in timely follow-up/rechecking of patient