

Diagnosis Challenges:	Challenging Disease Presentation										Pt Factors			Testing Challenges				Stressors			Broader					
	Rare Diagnosis	Atypical Presentation	Non-specific Sx & Signs	Unfamiliar/Outside Specialty	Masking/Mimicking Dx	Red Herring misleading Dx	Rapidly Progressive	Slowly Evolving	Deceptively benign finding	Language/Communication	Signal/noise (noisy pts)	Pt fails to share data	Pt failure to follow up	Test Availability, access, cost	Logistical Issues	False Pos/Neg	Performance/Interpretation	Equivocal Results/Reports	Time constraints	Discontinuities	Fragmentation of care	Memory reliance/challenges	Recognition Acuity/Severity	Diagnosis of Complication	Dx of Underlying cause	Recognizing Misdiagnosis
Cancer																										
PE																										
Acute MI																										
Dissection Aorta																										
Tamponade																										
SVT																										
Tuberculosis																										
Fungal Infections																										
Occult abscess																										
Giardia																										
Necr Fasciitis																										
Septicemia																										
Endocarditis																										
Food Poisoning																										
Celiac Sprue																										
B12 Deficiency																										
Von Willebrand's																										
Hemochromatosis																										
CO Poisoning																										
Adrenal Insuff.																										
Temporal Arteritis																										
Guillain-Barre Synd																										
SAH Aneurysm																										
Epidural abscess																										
Meningitis																										
Torsion Ovary, Testes																										
Ectopic pregnancy																										
Appendicitis																										
GI Perforation																										

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.¹³