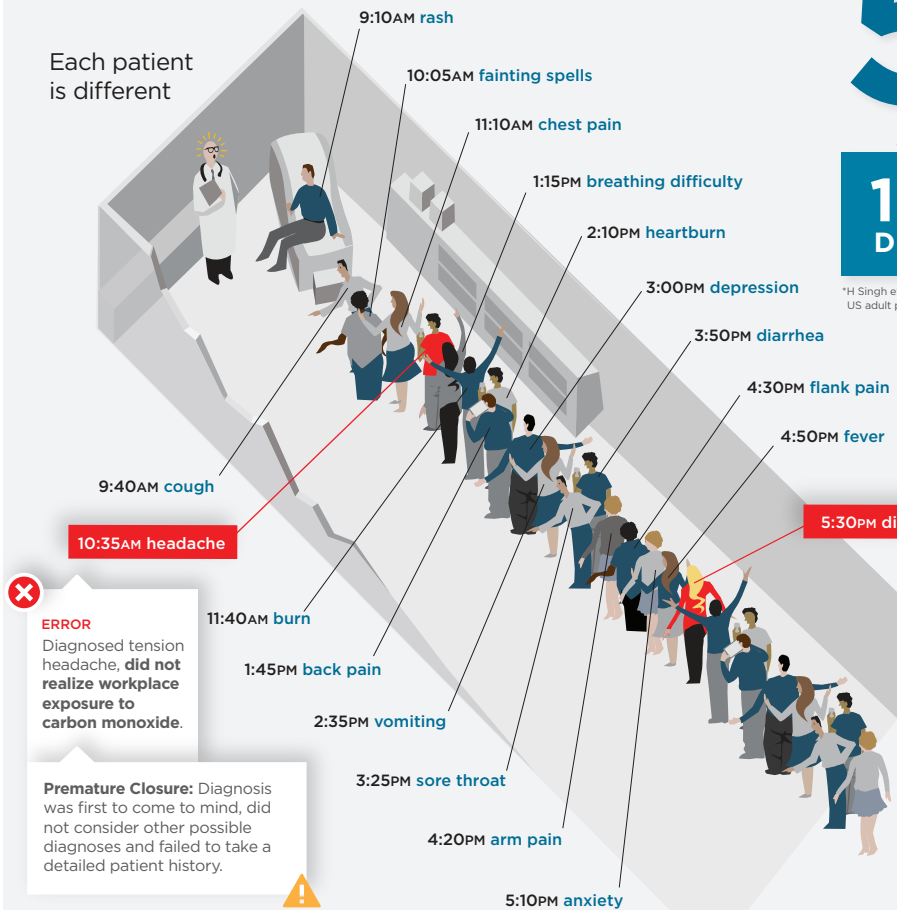


Diagnostic Error

AN EPIDEMIC IGNORED

A Physician's Typical Day

Each patient is different



5%

of diagnoses are in **ERROR** translating to

62 diagnostic errors per physician per year

18 MILLION PRIMARY CARE
DIAGNOSTIC ERRORS PER YEAR IN THE UNITED STATES

*H Singh et al. The frequency of diagnostic errors in outpatient care: estimations from three large observational studies involving US adult populations, BMJ Qual Saf. 2014 Sep;23(9):727-31.

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Average number of patient visits per day

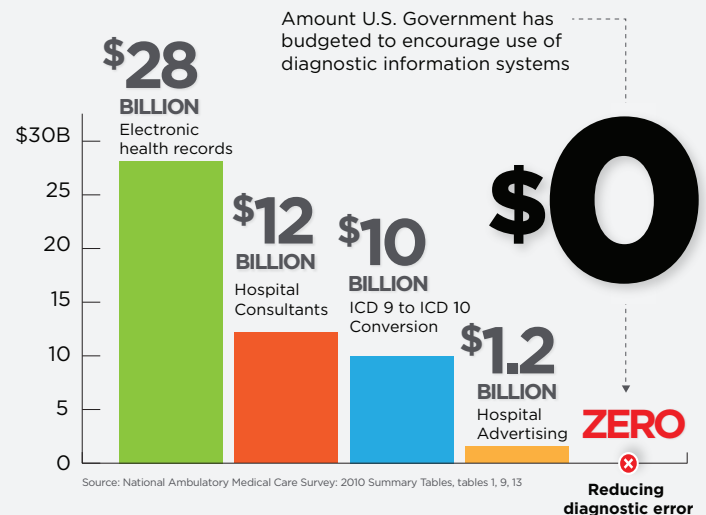
34%

Percentage of visits involving a diagnostic question



Physicians can memorize the most serious and most common diseases to speed care and spot emergencies. Complexity, variation and the sheer volume of patients makes it impossible to handle every patient from memory.

Complexity. Ambiguity. Variation.



“Nearly every person will experience a **diagnostic error** in their lifetime”

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