ABSTRACT

Errors in clinical medicine have received a great deal of attention since the publication by The Institute of Medicine of the report entitled to err is human. An abundant literature exists on the types of errors encountered in adult radiology. However, disease entities encountered in pediatric radiology practice vary considerably from adult practice and the frequency, types and causes of diagnostic error in imaging children have not been studied widely. The goals of this presentation are to describe the patterns of diagnostic error in our subspecialty, to identify situations in which risk of diagnostic error is high, and to suggest strategies for systematic improvement.

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