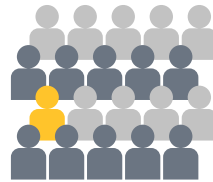


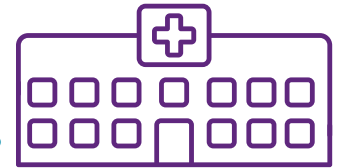
Making Diagnostic Safety Your Measurement Priority

1 Why
Diagnostic errors are common, harmful, and costly.



1 in 20 adults will experience a **diagnostic error** in the outpatient setting every year.^a

About **250,000** harmful diagnostic errors occur yearly in U.S. hospitals.^b



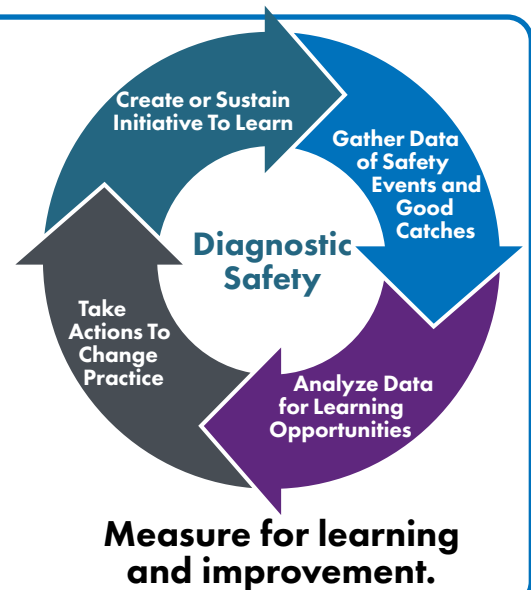
2 How



Identify diagnostic safety events to learn what systems and processes to improve.



Step-by-step guidance and case examples illustrate how to apply tools and strategies to analyze and learn from these events.



3 When

Whether you are just starting or ready to scale up, your organization can do this now.



Your organization can begin to find opportunities to improve diagnosis using data you *already have*.



Scale up your diagnostic safety initiatives using multiple data streams such as event reporting systems, electronic health record functions, patient-generated data and other potential data sources.

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