The Safer Dx Instrument: Items for Determining Presence or Absence of a Diagnostic Missed Opportunity

Rate the following items for the episode of care under review:

1—2—3—4—5—6—7

1 = Strongly Disagree 7 = Strongly Agree

	Item	Score
1.	The documented history was suggestive of an alternate diagnosis, which was not considered in the diagnostic process.	
2.	The documented physical exam was suggestive of an alternate diagnosis, which was not considered in the diagnostic process.*	
3.	Data gathering through history, physical exam, and review of prior documentation (including prior laboratory, radiology, pathology or other results) was incomplete, given the patient's medical history and clinical presentation.	
4.	Alarm symptoms or "Red Flags" (i.e. features in the clinical presentation that are considered to predict serious disease) were not acted upon.	
5.	The diagnostic process was affected by incomplete or incorrect clinical information given to the care team by the patient or their primary caregiver.	
6.	The clinical information (i.e. history, physical exam or diagnostic data) should have prompted additional diagnostic evaluation through tests or consults.	
7.	The diagnostic reasoning was not appropriate, given the patient's medical history and clinical presentation.	
8.	Diagnostic data (laboratory, radiology, pathology or other results) available or documented were misinterpreted in relation to the subsequent final diagnosis.	
9.	There was missed follow-up of available or documented diagnostic data (laboratory, radiology, pathology or other results) in relation to the subsequent final diagnosis.	
10.	The differential diagnosis was not documented OR The documented differential diagnosis did not include the subsequent final diagnosis.	
11.	The final diagnosis was not an evolution of the care team's initial presumed diagnosis (or working diagnosis).	
12.	The clinical presentation at the initial or subsequent presentation was mostly typical of the final diagnosis.	
13.	In conclusion, based on all the above questions, the episode of care under review has a missed opportunity to make a correct and timely diagnosis.	

* Physical exam includes vital signs

Additional information, please check "Yes" if applicable:

1. Care episode involves a management error. ☐ Yes
2. Care escalation (e.g. hospitalization at subsequent visit) was related to worsening of an original correctly diagnosed condition that the patient initially presented with (rather than from something being missed initially) ☐ Yes
3. Patient initially refused admission or additional evaluation. ☐ Yes

Brief description of missed diagnostic opportunity or management error and any relevant thoughts and observations that helped with your decision (for or against).