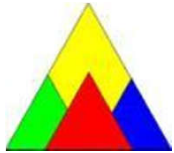


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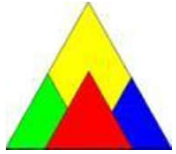
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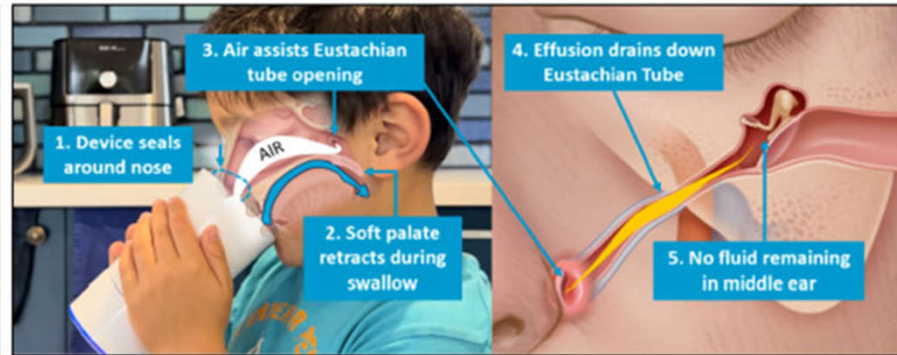
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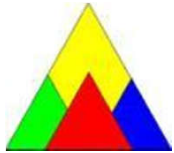
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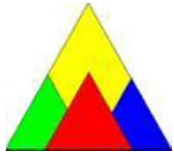
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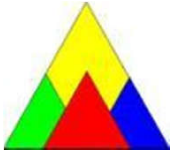
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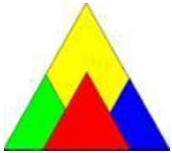
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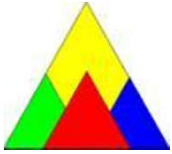
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First Read analyzes chest radiographs and produces high quality draft report text to help radiologists complete interpretations more efficiently while maintaining direct oversight. Chest X-rays are the most frequently performed imaging exam in the world and can account for a significant portion of a radiologist's workload, depending on the setting. Aidoc hopes the product can help ease this burden and allow readers to shift their focus on more complex, time-intensive interpretations.

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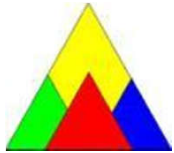
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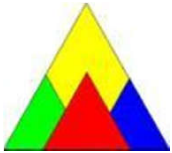


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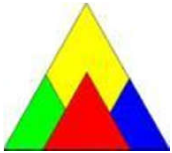


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