

Diagnosis

Diagnosis is the process of **identifying a disease or medical condition** by analyzing a patient's **symptoms, signs, medical history, physical examination, and test results**.

Key aspects:

* Involves **clinical reasoning** to determine the underlying cause of a problem * May use **imaging, lab tests, biopsies**, and other tools * Leads to a **label or name** for the condition (e.g., "glioblastoma," "lumbar disc herniation")

In summary:

Diagnosis is the act of determining what disease or condition is causing a person's symptoms.

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