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A differential diagnosis is the distinguishing of a particular disease or condition from others that present similar clinical features.

Differential diagnostic procedures are used by physicians and other trained medical professionals to diagnose the specific disease in a patient, or, at least, to eliminate any imminently life-threatening conditions. Often, each individual option of a possible disease is called a differential diagnosis (for example, acute bronchitis could be a differential diagnosis in the evaluation of a cough that ends up with a final diagnosis of common cold).

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Books

Differential Diagnosis in Neurology and Neurosurgery A Clinician's Pocket Guide

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