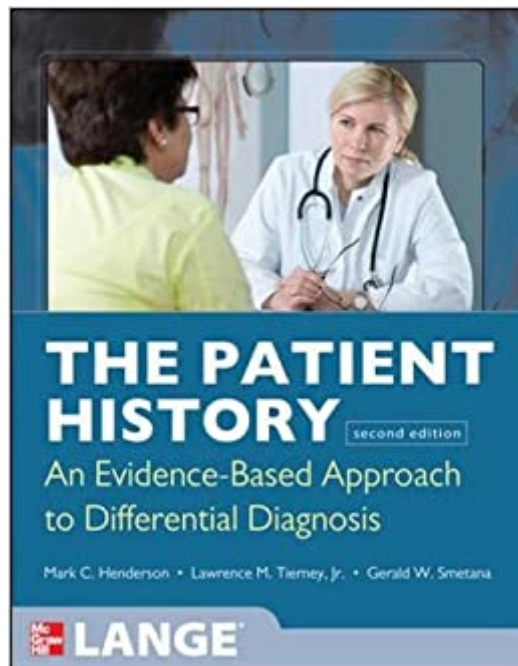


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# The Patient History: Evidence-Based Approach (Tierney, The Patient History)



## Synopsis

The definitive evidence-based introduction to patient history-taking **NOW IN FULL COLOR** Doody's Core Title for 2017! For medical students and other health professions students, an accurate differential diagnosis starts with *The Patient History*. The ideal companion to major textbooks on the physical examination, this trusted guide is widely acclaimed for its skill-building, and evidence based approach to the medical history. Now in full color, *The Patient History* defines best practices for the patient interview, explaining how to effectively elicit information from the patient in order to generate an accurate differential diagnosis. The second edition features all-new chapters, case scenarios, and a wealth of diagnostic algorithms. Introductory chapters articulate the fundamental principles of medical interviewing. The book employs a rigorous evidenced-based approach, reviewing and highlighting relevant citations from the literature throughout each chapter. **Features NEW!** Case scenarios introduce each chapter and place history-taking principles in clinical context **NEW!** Self-assessment multiple choice Q&A conclude each chapter – an ideal review for students seeking to assess their retention of chapter material **NEW!** Full-color presentation **Essential chapter on red eye, pruritus, and hair loss** Symptom-based chapters covering 59 common symptoms and clinical presentations **Diagnostic approach section after each chapter featuring color algorithms and several multiple-choice questions** Hundreds of practical, high-yield questions to guide the history, ranging from basic queries to those appropriate for more experienced clinicians

## Book Information

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Highlighting the medical history as the core art of patient care, this book provides the tools to achieve clinical excellence

- Explores the techniques of patient-centered and doctor-centered interviewing
- Presents the differential diagnosis, interview framework, alarm symptoms, focused questions with likelihood ratios, prognosis, and clinical pearls for each symptom
- Integrates historical data with the epidemiology, prevalence, and prognosis of the most common conditions

A comprehensive and inspiring introduction to the timeless art of history-taking, *The Patient History* presents the fundamental principles that guide this process and enable health care professionals to establish the differential diagnosis for a given symptom.

**FEATURES:**

- Offers a patient-centered approach to the medical history by emphasizing symptoms rather than diseases
- Applies principles of evidence-based medicine to the clinical history
- Illustrates the history-taking process through the discussion of 60 common clinical symptoms, such as dizziness, weight loss, dyspnea, chest pain, nausea and vomiting, low back pain, memory loss, and anxiety
- Includes diagnostic approach algorithms to summarize important concepts
- Focuses on actual questions for use in daily practice
- Provides tips for effective interviewing

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There are few books I still use after having purchased them in school. This is one of those great books that is not easily replaced with other books or online tools. I don't use it all the time, but when I do, I am always pleased. It is excellent at expanding my differential when I have a patient coming in with a vague or general complaints. If you work in primary care, I think it is worth a look. Its not that expensive and its price is well under the value I get from it in practice. Every so often I will just pick it up and look at the concise section on "nausea" or "headache" to help broaden my considerations. It provides algorithms for diagnosis and some information on % of eventual diagnosis based on chief complaint. Great book.

This is a great resource, just wish I had more time to read it. Provides fantastic algorithms for DDX's. Would recommend!

The Patient History provides useful advice about how to figure out the differential diagnosis, and how to pick the correct diagnosis. The book includes a lot of tables which may include, for example, a column of symptoms and a column for the differential. If you prefer text to tables, this book may not be ideal: while it contains useful text, the tables include info not in the text. Keep in mind that this is not a pathophysiology textbook, and as such, the chapter on headaches won't include a lot of material about what causes headaches--just how to diagnose different types of headaches. Overall, this book is most useful for medical courses focusing on the diagnostic process.

I purchased this book for a med school class but I started reading it before. For anyone with even a little clinical experience (shadowing, scribing, etc.), it is a fascinating read and very helpful. I can't wait to put it into practice.

This is easily the most useful book I own for helping me sort out differential diagnoses based on patients' histories and symptoms. I am an adult NP student, 2nd year, and my current immersion in an internal medicine practice has proved that most diagnoses are indeed made on patient history. This book is extremely helpful!

a very good book for the beginning practitioner to learn the complexities of writing a H&P. Offers many questions to get the information needed to develop a differential diagnosis list, and then narrow that list to a diagnosis.

One of the most useful books I have used in all of PA school. Great for learning developing you differential skills

I think this book is well written and very helpful for a young doctors and for International medical graduates. It includes short relevant clinical review organized according to the chief complaints, sample questions to ask the patient and useful evidence-based algorithms. I like this book. Thanks a lot for the authors.

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