The Oxford Handbook of Clinical Diagnosis is the first and only book that describes the diagnostic process clearly and logically so that it can be effectively learned. It shows how to justify intuitive diagnoses clearly and logically in an evidence-based way. It provides the differential diagnosis of every symptom, physical sign and initial test result. This handbook uses 'pattern recognition tables' which enable the reader to scan the page to see which diagnostic explanation would apply best to a patient or case history.

The book is aimed at medical students and others who wish to improve their diagnostic skills and interactions with patients. It describes how to justify diagnoses and management decisions verbally or in writing and clarifies what evidence is needed from research, and its statistical features. It provides senior doctors with a clear framework and examples help to teach trainees and students to approach diagnostic problems in a logical way and to effectively justify their opinions. It provides all doctors with practical help when dealing with problems outside their immediate field of expertise, especially general practitioners and those who are faced with unforeseen situations and emergencies.

Features:
* A unique handbook enabling junior doctors to make confident diagnoses from presenting signs
* Gives the reader a clear explanation of the diagnostic process, and suggestions for initial management of every diagnostic possibility
* Suggests the next tests to be considered for any symptom, sign or test result
* Gives a detailed description of the logical and mathematical basis of diagnosis and treatment selection

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