

Investigation 2.5

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Activity 2.5

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Differential Diagnosis for Headaches

Headaches are another disorder having many potential causes. Suppose your patient complains of headaches and wants you to investigate what is causing them. You don't want to let your patient down. Make a Differential Diagnosis for headaches. Think of as many things that could cause a headache to occur. Then think about which are the most serious potential causes and place an 'S' (for serious) next to them. These would be the conditions or causes you would want to rule out first.

Headache Differential Diagnosis (DDx):

(Hint: According to the Mayo Clinic ², there are seven primary causes of headaches and over twenty-five secondary causes of headaches) How many can you think of?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
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- 12. _____
- 13. _____
- 14. _____
- 15. _____
- 16. _____
- 17. _____
- 18. _____
- 19. _____
- 20. _____

10 = you're a star

15 = you're a Super Star

20 = Are you in med school?