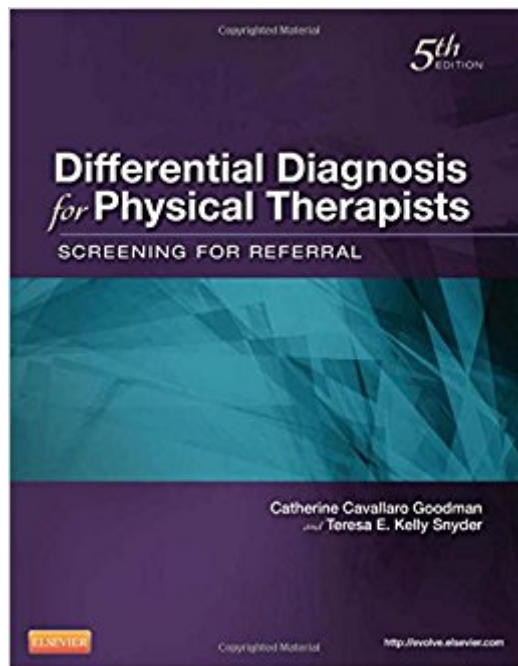


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# Differential Diagnosis For Physical Therapists: Screening For Referral, 5e (Differential Diagnosis In Physical Therapy)



## Synopsis

Following the standards for competency established by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) related to conducting a screening examination, *Differential Diagnosis for Physical Therapists*, 5th Edition gives you a consistent way to screen for systemic diseases and medical conditions that can mimic neuromuscular and musculoskeletal problems. This comprehensive text centers on a 5-step screening model that covers past medical history, risk factor assessment, clinical presentation, associated signs and symptoms, and review of symptoms for each client. The 5-Step screening model for differential diagnosis includes past medical history, risk factor assessment, clinical presentation, associated signs and symptoms, and review of symptoms. A systems-based approach to the physical therapy screening interview provides a consistent way to screen for systemic disease and medical conditions that can mimic neuromuscular and musculoskeletal problems. Three sections of content present material in a logical way that covers:

- An introduction to the screening process
- Viscero-genic causes of neuromusculoskeletal pain and dysfunction
- System origins of neuromusculoskeletal pain and dysfunction

Cognitive processing and reasoning orientation approach encourages you to gather and analyze data, pose and solve problems, infer, hypothesize, and make clinical judgments. Case examples and case studies give real-world examples of how to integrate screening information into the diagnosis process. Screening tools in the book and on the Evolve companion website feature forms and checklists used in professional practice. Introductory information on medical screening concepts set the stage for how screening is presented in the rest of the book. Reference values for common clinical laboratory tests offer easy access to pertinent information references in a screening exam. Red flag histories, risk factors, clinical presentation, signs and symptoms, helpful screening clues, and guidelines for referral bring your attention to the important information a therapist needs to be aware of during the screening process. **NEW!** Full-color design, photos, and illustrations clearly demonstrate pathologies and processes. **NEW and UPDATED!** Evolve resources include printable screening tools and checklists, practice test questions, and more to enhance your learning. **NEW!** Hot topics keep you informed on rehabbing patients in the dawn or more current surgeries.

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This textbook has a lot of useful information, but it also has a lot of spelling errors and grammatical errors. I realize that this doesn't change the content, but I expect more from costly textbooks. The authors also do not seem to know the difference between sensitivity and specificity from a statistical standpoint, which is important when talking about diagnostic tests. Aside from that, I like this text. It is very repetitive, which is great given the volume of information. This is a great resource to have. (There is a free 4th edition online that a few of my classmates used instead of this)

Before I took my NPTE, I think I've read this book three times from cover to cover. It helped me a lot to get a good score on the differential diagnosis part of the exam. I think if one wants to pass the NPTE, this book is really helpful. I love it. Now it helped me realize that once you are on the workplace, you can encounter a lot of patients with a lot of different diagnoses so it is the PT's responsibility too, just like any other allied health professional to report some red flags ASAP. SO good!

I'm glad I purchased this book it helps me a lot especially I graduated 10 years ago... it's good when reviewing for NPTE.

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this book is the right one for reviewing for the PT boards. thanks for making this book available. i hope all who buy this book passes the test.

This book is a really good reference for up and coming PTs. It can be redundant at times, but that proves to be helpful in getting this important information into my long-term memory, so I can recognize signs and symptoms outside of the scope of PT practice when I start working in the near future. As nerdy as it is, I actually enjoy reading this book because I feel like it equips me to be a better PT and be more thorough in my screening and assessment of patients.

I loved how fast I received this book. The condition was well preserved. The book itself was very informational and easy to read. I would recommend it to all physical therapists that haven't received their doctor degree and are currently practicing.

Great book with tons of information helpful in starting with clinical time! Recommend buying while in Physical Therapy school, also useful in your job afterwards.

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