

# Cognitive Processes and Decision Making in Healthcare

## Potential areas of interest

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- Patient decision making: Risk assessment/risk translation
- Team-level cognitive processes in healthcare
- Telemedicine: Supporting distributed work
- The design of resilient systems in healthcare
- Medical error:
  - Individual, team, organizational and technological factors
- Medical decision making:
  - Human-centered design of tools to support diagnosis and treatment
- Healthcare information systems:
  - Tracking for early detection and prevention and for continuous improvement of practices and procedures



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## **Presentations**

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**Nancy Cooke: Team-level cognitive processes**

**Bill Marras and Phil Smith: Human-centered design of decision support systems to enhance medical decision making**

**Debbie Boehm-Davis: Analysis techniques for gaining insights into medical error**

**Tom Sheridan: Human-system integration issues in telesurgery**



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## Medical Decision Making: Human-centered design of tools to support diagnosis and treatment

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- Example 1. Quantification of low back pain
- Example 2. Interactive critiquing systems  
(immunohematology)

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## Interactive critiquing systems (immunohematology)

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## Challenges

- Abduction
- Multiple solution problems
- Masking
- Noisy Data
- Time Stress (sometimes)
- Limited practice and feedback

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## Process Errors

- Slips
- Incorrect knowledge/poor strategies
- Cognitive biases
  - biased assimilation
  - ignoring base rates
- Perceptual distortions

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## Expertise

- Hypothesis generation
  - specific antibodies
  - number of antibodies
- Test interpretation
- Hypothesis testing
- Overall protocol (collecting converging evidence)

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## Experimental design

- 4 test cases (masking; weak antibody; 3 antibodies)
- 29 practicing blood bankers
- Between subject design

Pre-Test Case and first Post-Test Case were matched cases

Randomly assignment of these two cases

After solving first Post-Test Case, both groups solved three more c

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**8/16 (50.0%) wrong**  
**6/16 (37.5%) wrong**  
**10/16 (62.5%) wrong**

## Critiquing Group

**0/16 (0.0%) wrong p< .05**  
**3/16 (18.75%) wrong p< .07**  
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