



# 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)

## Interactive critiquing systems (immunohematology)

For details see Smith, P.J., Geddes, N. and Beatty, R. (2008). Human-centered design of decision support systems. In A. Sears and J. Jacko (eds.), Handbook of Human-Computer Interaction, 2nd Edition. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

## Challenges

- |    |          | Highlight |      |     |          |         |   |   |                |   |    | Ruled Out |   |                |                          |                 |                           |                 |   |   |                 | Unlikely       |                          |                 |                         |                 | Likely          |                 |      |   |         | Confirmed |    |    |  |  |
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# Process Errors

- biased assimilation  
ignoring base rates**

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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

- Pre-Test Case and first Post-Test Case were matched cases**  
**Randomly assignment of theses two cases**

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