Cognitive Biases

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Potential Error	Type		Example	Feedback or Learner Lesson
Over-attachment to a particular diagnosis	**Premature closure**: Accepting a Dx before it has been verified			
	Anchoring/Framing: Focusing on one or maybe two signs, symptoms, or pieces of information			
	Diagnosis momentum: Accepting a previous diagnosis without proper skepticism			
Failure to consider alternative diagnoses	**Search satisfaction**: Feeling good about coming to a conclusion - stops the search once something is found			
	Zebra retreat: Backing away from a rare diagnosis			
	Confirmation bias: Seeking evidence to confirm your diagnosis			
	Attribution error: A form of stereotyping: Explaining a patient's condition based on their disposition or character			
	Previous condition: Insistence that a new symptom is related to a previous condition			