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DIAGNOSIS

SYMPTOMATOLOGY IS THE MEANS OF DIAGNOSIS OF THE MORE FAMILIAR DISEASES; THOSE OF THE CHEST MAY BE IDENTIFIED BY COUGH OR PAIN, THOSE OF THE HEART BY PALPITATION; PAIN MAY BE LOCALIZED BY PALPATION.

METHODS OF DIAGNOSIS ADOPTED FOR THE GREAT MAJORITY OF FORMS OF ILLNESS ARE:-

- QUESTIONING THE PATIENT.
- 2. DIVINATION.
- TRANCES.

OBJECTS OF DIAGNOSIS. THESE PROCEDURES ARE DIRECTED TO DISCOVER:-

- THE ORIGINAL, REMOTE CAUSE OF ILLNESS. THE TABU OR TOTEMIC ORDINANCE BROKEN, THE ANCESTOR OR SPIRIT OR GOD OFFENDED, THE HUMAN AGENT WORKING HOSTILE MAGIC.
- THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE: THE PRESENCE OF MORBIFIC INFLUENCE, POSSESSION BY SPIRITS OF DISEASE, LOSS OF SOUL OR KIDNEY FAT, ETC.
- THE FORM OF EXPIATION OR OTHER ACTIVITY, ON THE PART OF PATIENT OR PRACTITIONER, INDICATED FOR RECOVERY.