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# Diagnostic healthcare behaviour

Behaviour Change Intervention Ontology (BCIO)

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*[Behaviour Change Intervention Ontology \(BCIO\)](#)*

**Definition:** Providing healthcare that involves assessing symptoms and signs in order to detect the nature of a health condition.

**Comment:** Symptoms are experienced or felt by the individual (e.g., pain or a rash), while signs are observed or detected by the healthcare professional (e.g., low blood sugar). There can be overlap between symptoms and signs, as some symptoms can be observed or detected by a healthcare professional.

*This definition was imported from the Behaviour Change Intervention Ontology (see <https://bciosearch.org/>). Comments and suggestions for improvements are welcome using the Qeios review system.*

*Definitions imported from the Behaviour Change Intervention Ontology (BCIO) are what are known as 'ontological definitions'. See this article in Qeios for an explanation <https://www.qeios.com/read/YGIF9B>.*

*Ontological definitions can sometimes be hard to read. In those cases we also include an informal definition.*

*Definitions also often require elaboration to make it clear how they should be used and what they include. In those cases we include a comment.*

*Also, definitions sometimes require an explanation as to how they came about to help users understand how they relate to alternative definitions. In those cases we include a curator note.*

