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Lecture: Causes of disease

Disease _____ when there are _____ in the _____ structure or _____ of the body, causing problems or discomfort to the patient.

Disease can be caused by:

- external _____ – also called environmental
- internal factors – also called genetic

Diseases can be put into a number of _____:

- inflammatory: where tissue is destroyed by a process (e.g., arthritis)
- degenerative: where the normal _____ and renewal of tissues does not take place (e.g., Alzheimer's disease)
- neoplastic: where there is _____ growth in tissues (e.g., cancer)

Diagnosis takes place when a disease is discovered and identified by a doctor during examination of a patient. It is based on the patient's symptoms, and various tests can be carried out to confirm the diagnosis. Disease can also be detected in regular screenings, such as a mammography.

A _____ of the progress of a disease and its likely outcome is known as a prognosis.