QD441 medically unexplained symptom
(Q-code)

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Preferred Label
medically unexplained symptom
síntoma sin explicación médica
symptôme médicalement inexpliqué
medisch onverklaarbare symptomen
sintoma sem explicação médica

3-CGP entry term
abnormal illness behaviour
non disease disease
somatic fixation
worried well

3-CGP acronym
MUPS
MUS

3-CGP conceptual content

Medically Unexplained Symptoms (MUS) that may, or may not, be due to physical disease, captures conditions characterized by symptoms without corresponding objective findings, often associated with high costs, both direct (health care use) and indirect costs (productivity loss due to sickness absence) such as asthenia, low back pain, fibromyalgia, irritable bowel syndrome, or chronic fatigue syndrome as well as symptoms stemming from a specific somatic disease that are more severe, more persistent, or limit functioning to a greater extent than expected, based on (objective) disease parameters. The patient with MUS often experience significant disability and have difficulty accessing appropriate care. (adapted from Olde Hartman, Aamland & Rsak 2014)

UNDIFFERENTIATED ILLNESS relates to symptoms, which the physician may be unable to ascribe to a specific diagnosis. This may be because of objective difficulties, particularly in the early phase of the illness, to match the incomplete clinical picture with a definite diagnosis, or as often in the case of vague and generalized symptoms, it may be due to the inability of the patient to function or cope in a stressful situation, and his need to adopt sick-role behaviour. This is one of the unique characteristics of morbidity as encountered by the GP/FP in contrast to that encountered by hospital physicians. The picture usually becomes clearer with the passage of time, emphasizing the importance of continuity in general/family practice. (Woncadic)

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