



Dr. Lisa Sanders

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The Medical “Sherlock Holmes”, Medical Director of the Yale New Haven Health Systems Long COVID Consultation Clinic



About:

- **Gender:** Female
- **Languages:** English
- **Travels from:** United States

Engagement Types:

- Consultancy
- Panel Participation
- Speaking

Topics:

- Crisis Leadership
- Health & Wellbeing
- Physical Health

Biography Highlights

- Lisa grew frustrated when many patients were being sent to her, as a last resort, when the patients had been unable to get a proper diagnosis from multiple doctors. Lisa decided to reach out to a global network of physicians and started hearing back about similar cases which led to successful diagnoses for her own patients. She’s the “Sherlock Holmes” of medicine. She started a NY Times column highlighting mysterious cases and how they were solved. That led to a Netflix docu-series called Diagnosis which led to books on the topic. She’s an excellent speaker to boot!

Biography

Meet Dr. Lisa Sanders

Millions of viewers around the world know Dr. Lisa Sanders’ from her hit Netflix show, Diagnosis, helping people with mysterious medical mysteries figure out their, well, diagnoses.

Lisa also pens a popular New York Times Magazine column and a new book by the same title. She was the inspiration and Technical Director of the hit TV series House M.D., starring Hugh Laurie.

Lisa is dedicated and passionate about inspiring global audiences to look

beyond the obvious and set aside distractions to solve today's most complex problems and come to the solution, or as she calls it, the diagnosis.

After a decade-long career in journalism, at the age of 36, Lisa Sanders went from asking questions to get to the bottom of a story to asking questions that save people's lives. Similar to the medical field, in the corporate world, leaders need to understand how to ask a question as much as which questions to ask

They must learn to overcome their assumptions to filter through what is relevant, set aside what is not, and make a clear diagnosis to avoid wasting people, time, and resources.

Only then can a leader effectively communicate the company's goal with a clear path to achieve success.

Dr. Lisa Sanders speaks to groups in medical and corporate settings while sharing her unique insight into solving the most complex problems through actionable exercises and fascinating stories. She is very much "outside of the box".

Videos



Lisa's Topics

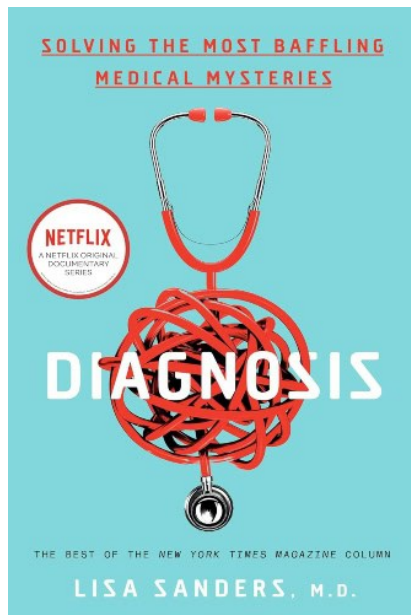
Why we need medical diagnosis detectives

Today, 30 million Americans suffer from rare diseases, and it takes an average of 6 years to unlock these diagnoses. But Diagnosis Detective, Lisa Sanders, suggests that it's not just rare diseases that we diagnose incorrectly. Diagnostic error is a large-scale problem that costs numerous lives each year.

So what do we do about it? Lisa shares that increased training, feedback, and specialization in medicine are the keys to improving diagnostic accuracy.

She also looks to Sherlock Holmes for a new approach, suggesting that doctors should look at each new case through a detective's lens - with all evidence in front of them - rather than making a decision based on familiarity. In doing so, we can improve diagnoses, provide accurate treatments, and save lives.

Books



Diagnosis: Solving the Most Baffling Medical Mysteries

A collection of more than fifty hard-to-crack medical quandaries, featuring the best of The New York Times Magazine's popular Diagnosis column—now a Netflix original series “Lisa Sanders is a paragon of the modern medical detective storyteller.”—Atul Gawande, author of *Being Mortal* As a Yale School of Medicine physician, the New York Times bestselling author of *Every Patient Tells a Story*, and an inspiration and adviser for the hit Fox TV drama *House, M.D.*, Lisa Sanders has seen it all. And yet she is often confounded by the cases she describes in her column: unexpected collections of symptoms that she and other physicians struggle to diagnose. A twenty-eight-year-old man, vacationing in the Bahamas for his birthday, tries some barracuda for dinner. Hours later, he collapses on the dance floor with crippling stomach pains. A middle-aged woman returns to her doctor, after visiting two days earlier with a mild rash on the back of her hands. Now the rash has turned purple and has spread across her entire body in whiplike streaks. A young elephant trainer in a traveling circus, once head-butted by a rogue zebra, is suddenly beset with splitting headaches, as if someone were “slamming a door inside his head.” In each of these cases, the path to diagnosis—and treatment—is winding, sometimes frustratingly unclear. Dr. Sanders shows how making the right diagnosis requires expertise, painstaking procedure, and sometimes a little luck. Intricate, gripping, and full of twists and turns, *Diagnosis* puts readers in the doctor's place. It lets them see what doctors see, feel the uncertainty they feel—and experience the thrill when the puzzle is finally solved.

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—ATUL GAWANDE

Bestselling author of *COMPLICATIONS*

Every Patient Tells a Story



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MEDICAL MYSTERIES
and the
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LISA SANDERS, M.D.

New York Times Magazine "Diagnosis" Columnist

Technical Advisor to **HOUSE, M.D.**

Every Patient Tells a Story: Medical Mysteries and the Art of Diagnosis

A riveting exploration of the most difficult and important part of what doctors do, by Yale School of Medicine physician Dr. Lisa Sanders, author of the monthly New York Times Magazine column "Diagnosis," the inspiration for the hit Fox TV series *House, M.D.* "The experience of being ill can be like waking up in a foreign country. Life, as you formerly knew it, is on hold while you travel through this other world as unknown as it is unexpected. When I see patients in the hospital or in my office who are suddenly, surprisingly ill, what they really want to know is, 'What is wrong with me?' They want a road map that will help them manage their new surroundings. The ability to give this unnerving and unfamiliar place a name, to know it—on some level—restores a measure of control, independent of whether or not that diagnosis comes attached to a cure. Because, even today, a diagnosis is frequently all a good doctor has to offer." A healthy young man suddenly loses his memory—making him unable to remember the events of each passing hour. Two patients diagnosed with Lyme disease improve after antibiotic treatment—only to have their symptoms mysteriously return. A young woman lies dying in the ICU—bleeding, jaundiced, incoherent—and none of her doctors know what is killing her. In *Every Patient Tells a Story*, Dr. Lisa Sanders takes us bedside to witness the process of solving these and other diagnostic dilemmas, providing a firsthand account of the expertise and intuition that lead a doctor to make the right diagnosis. Never in human history have doctors had the knowledge, the tools, and the skills that they have today to diagnose illness and disease. And yet mistakes are made, diagnoses missed, symptoms or tests misunderstood. In this high-tech world of modern medicine, Sanders shows us that knowledge, while essential, is not sufficient to unravel the complexities of illness. She presents an unflinching look inside the detective story that marks nearly every illness—the diagnosis—revealing the combination of uncertainty and intrigue that doctors face when confronting patients who are sick or dying. Through dramatic stories of patients with baffling symptoms, Sanders portrays the absolute necessity and surprising difficulties of getting the patient's story, the challenges of the physical exam, the pitfalls of doctor-to-doctor communication, the vagaries of tests, and the near calamity of diagnostic errors. In *Every Patient Tells a Story*, Dr. Sanders chronicles the real-life drama of doctors solving these difficult medical mysteries that not only illustrate the art and science of diagnosis, but often save the patients' lives.

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