

# ESSO

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Epilepsy Syndrome and Seizure Ontology

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# Goal

Create an **epilepsy ontology**  
that *appeals to* and is *useful to*  
practicing physicians and researchers:

A framework to organize knowledge  
about epilepsy that is  
machine readable and understandable by  
domain experts and other users.

# Design principles & approach

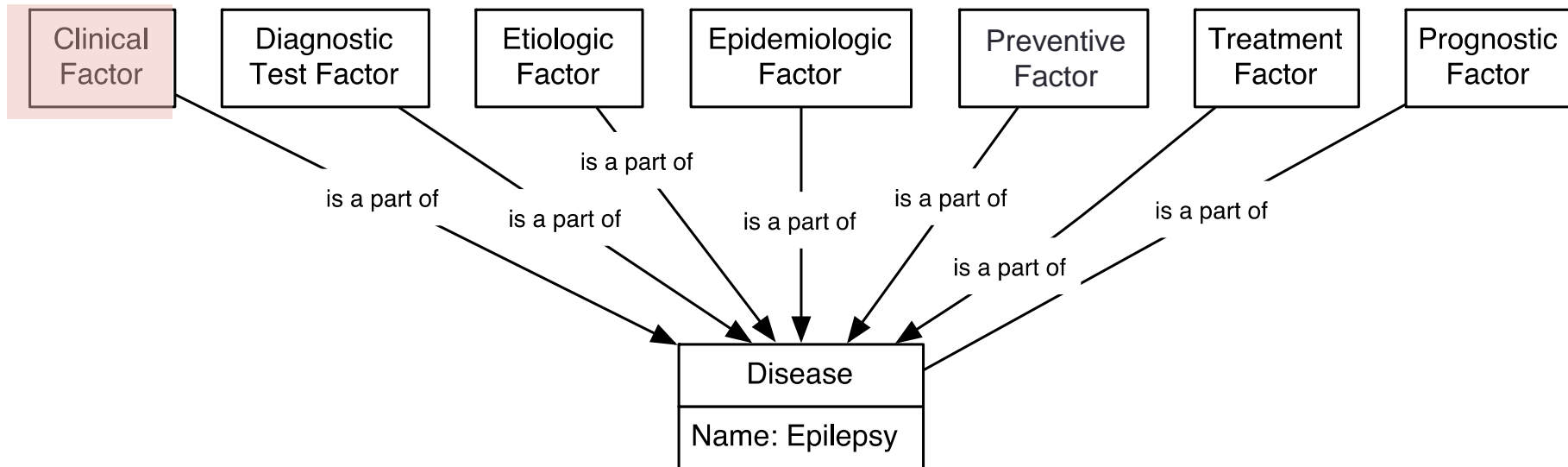
- Design Principles

- What does the domain expert think is important?
- How would he/she define the different concepts and relationships?
- What would be the observations that a domain expert make/need?
- How would he/she want to query the information? (multi-axial)

- Ontology Creation Steps

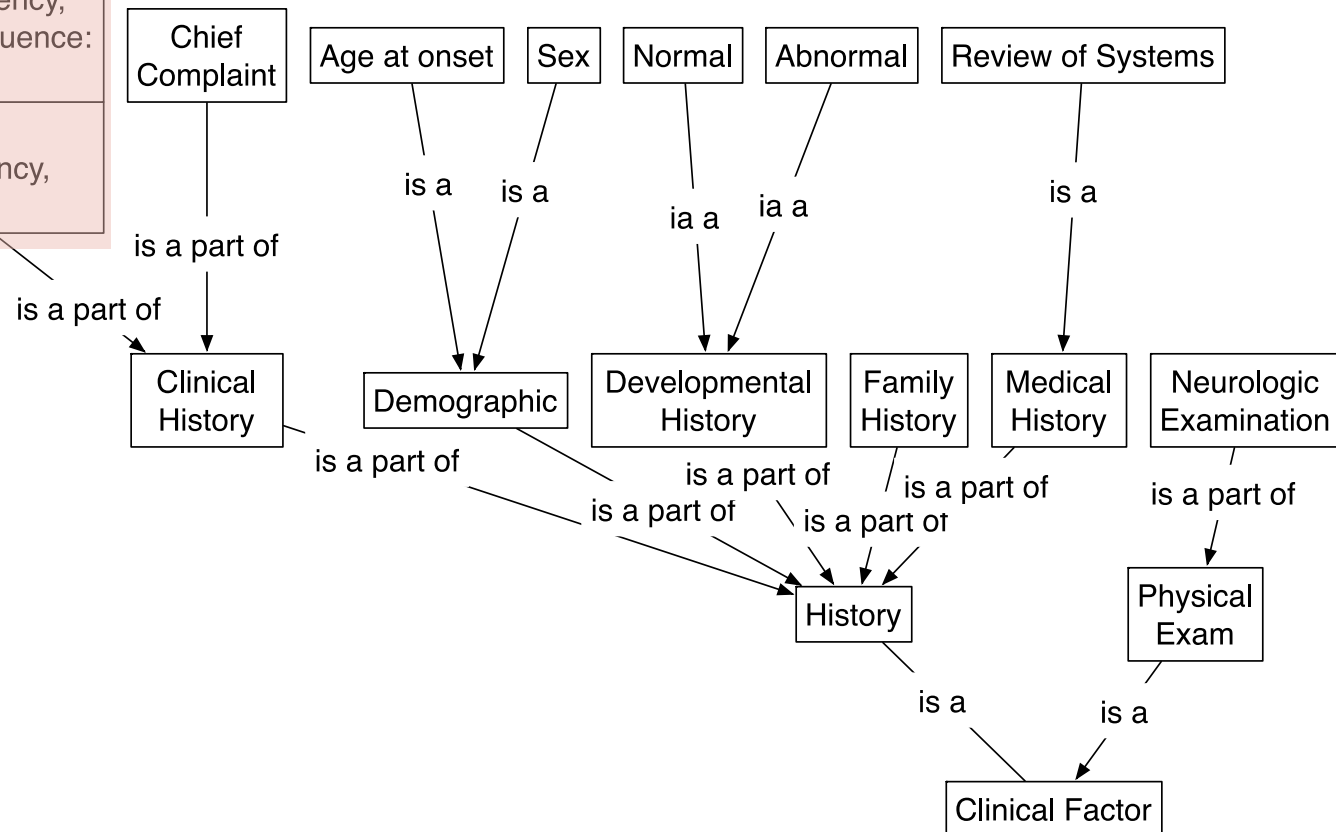
1. Define ontology domain and scope
2. Review existing ontologies
3. Select upper ontology (based on design principles)
4. Create classes, properties, relationships
5. Validate (via expert review / comment)
6. Revise classes, properties, relationships
7. Repeat 5 and 6, as needed...
8. Evaluate (via case studies or other applications)

# Upper ontology – Epilepsy as Disease

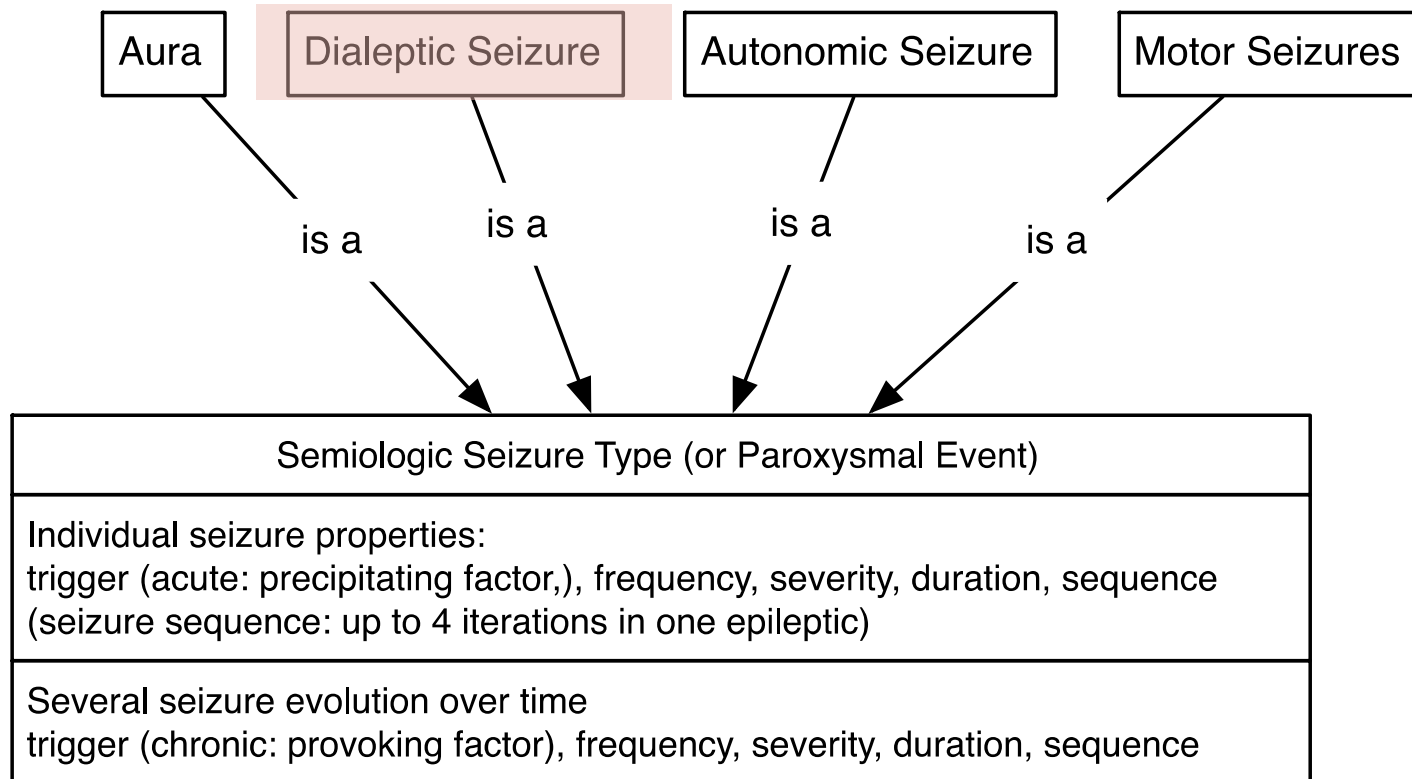


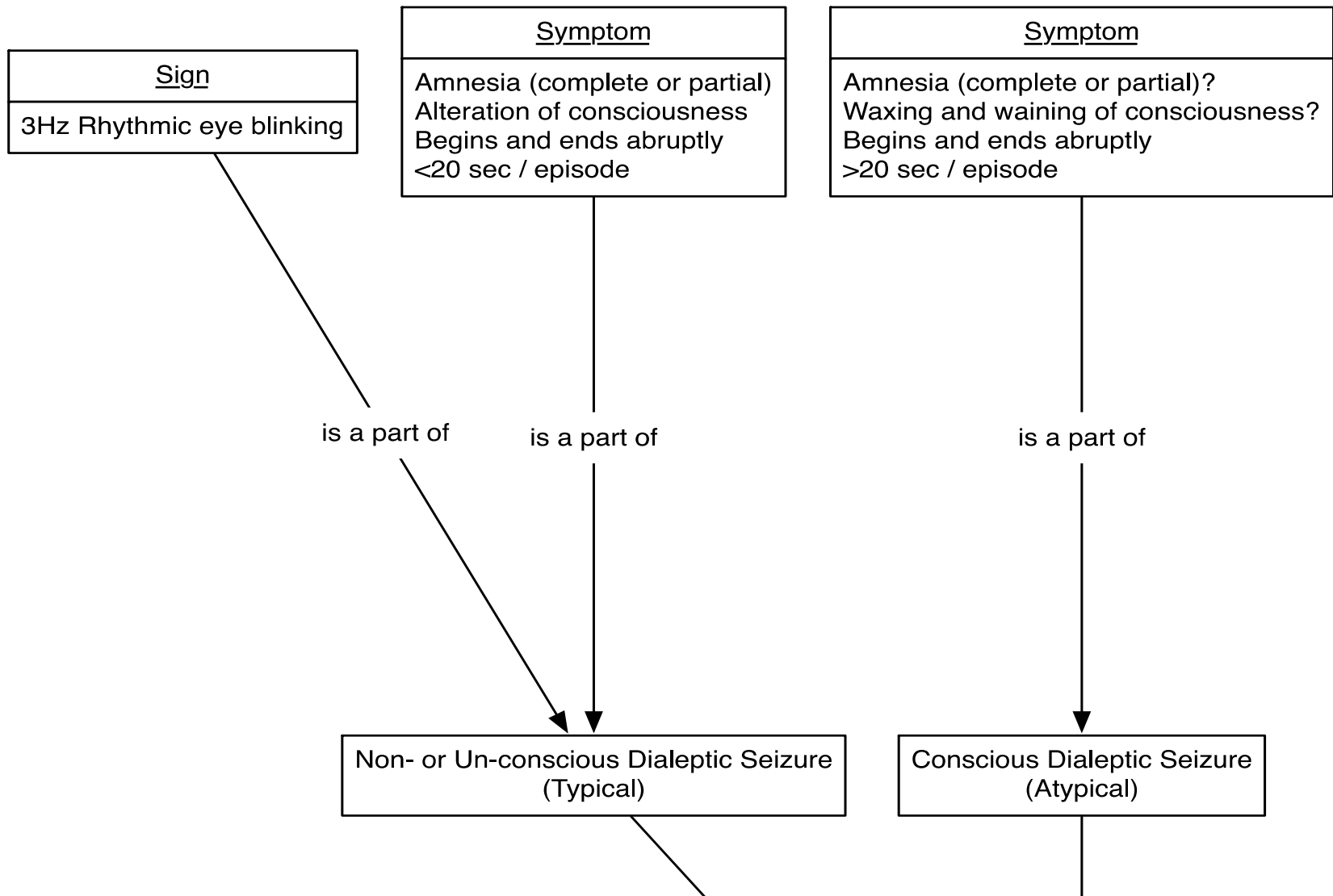
# Classes, properties and relationships

Semiologic Seizure Type (or Paroxysmal Event)
Individual seizure properties: trigger (acute: precipitating factor,), frequency, severity, duration, sequence (seizure sequence: up to 4 iterations in one epileptic)
Several seizure evolution over time trigger (chronic: provoking factor), frequency, severity, duration, sequence

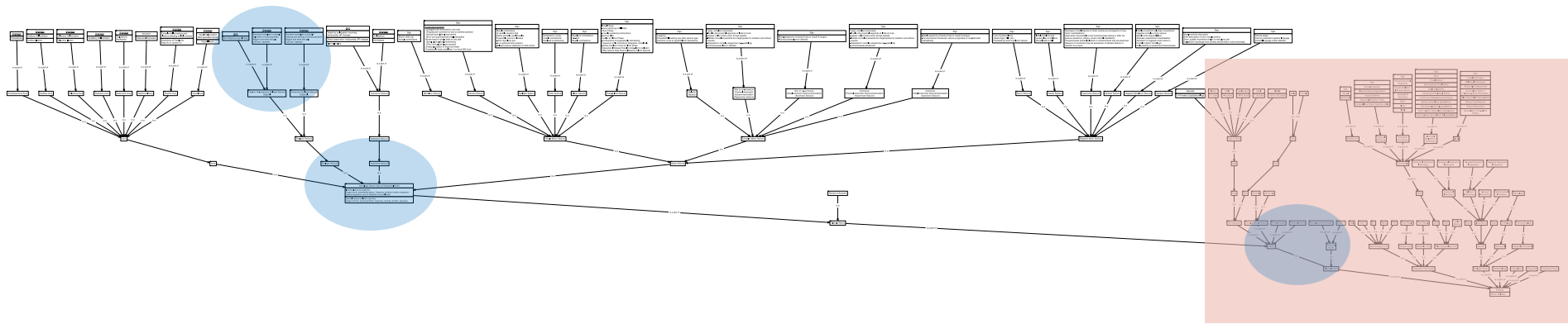


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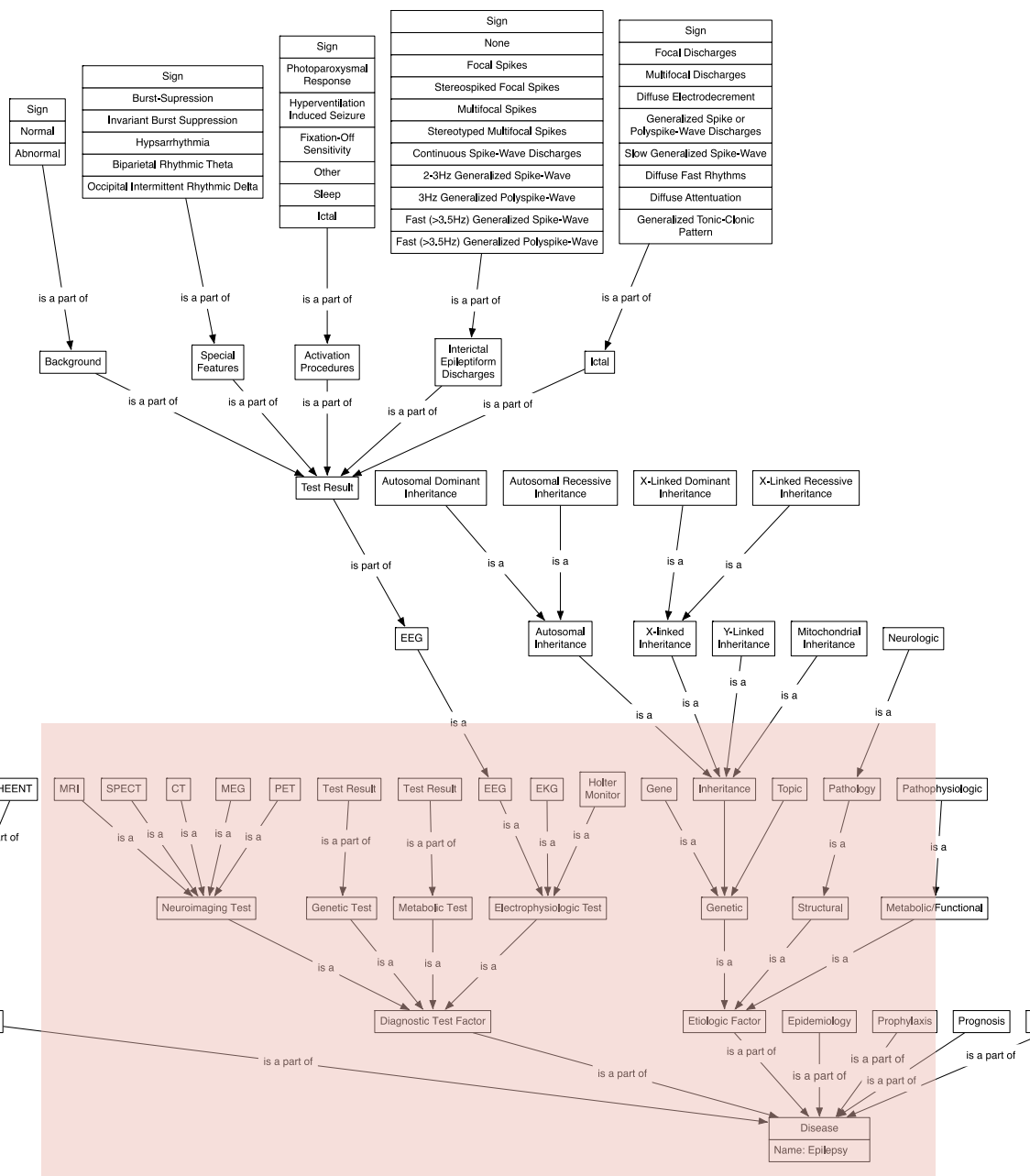
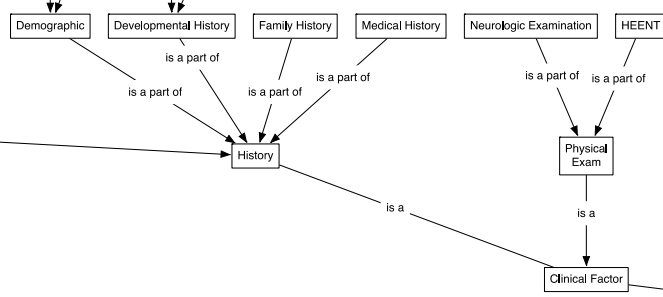
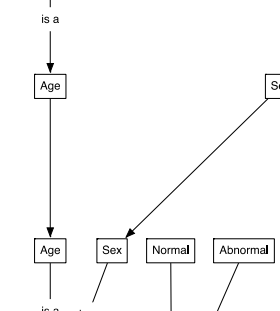
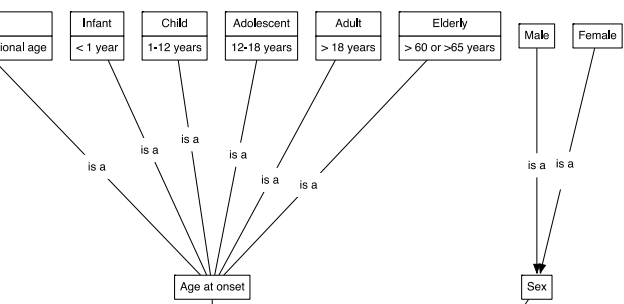


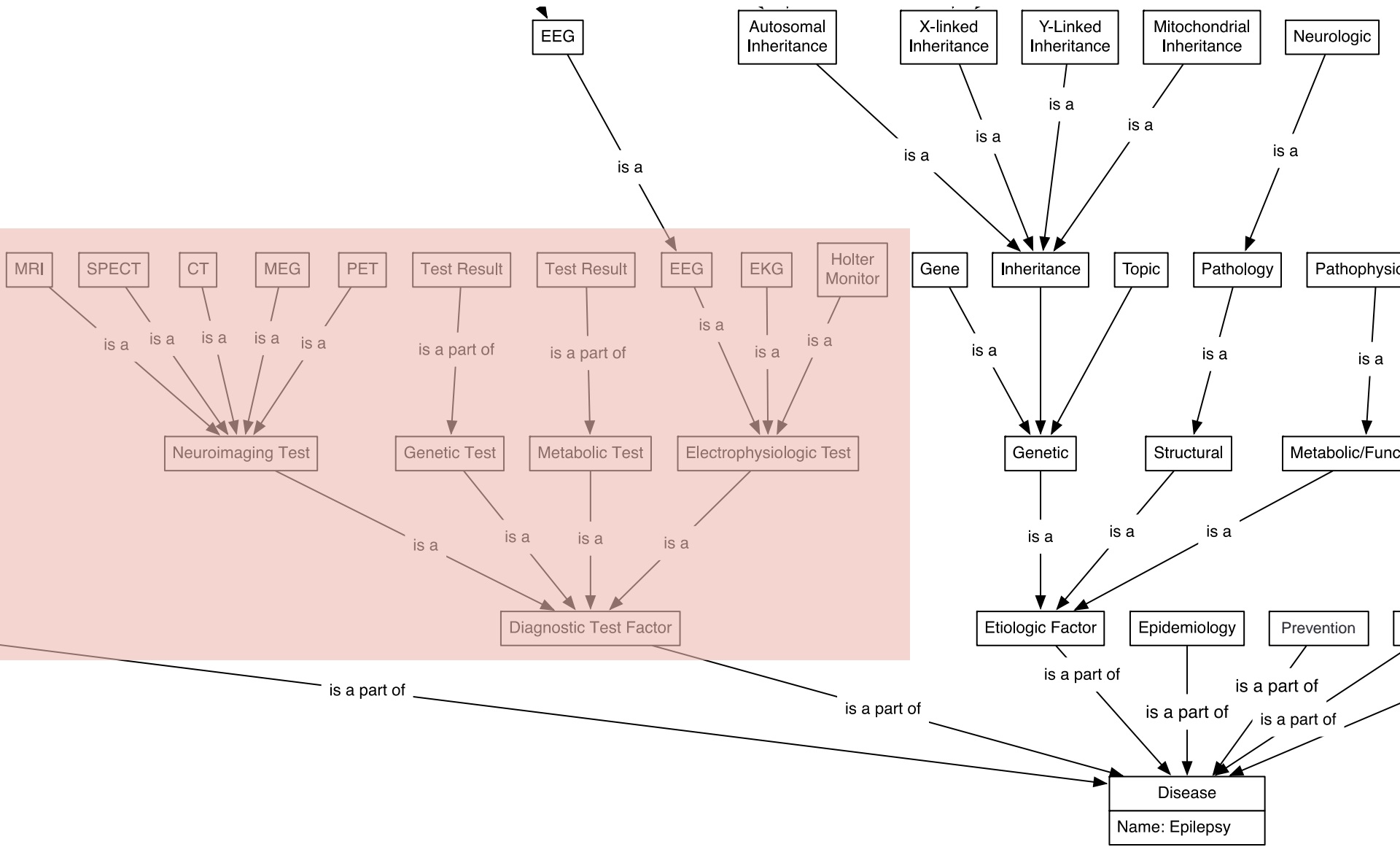


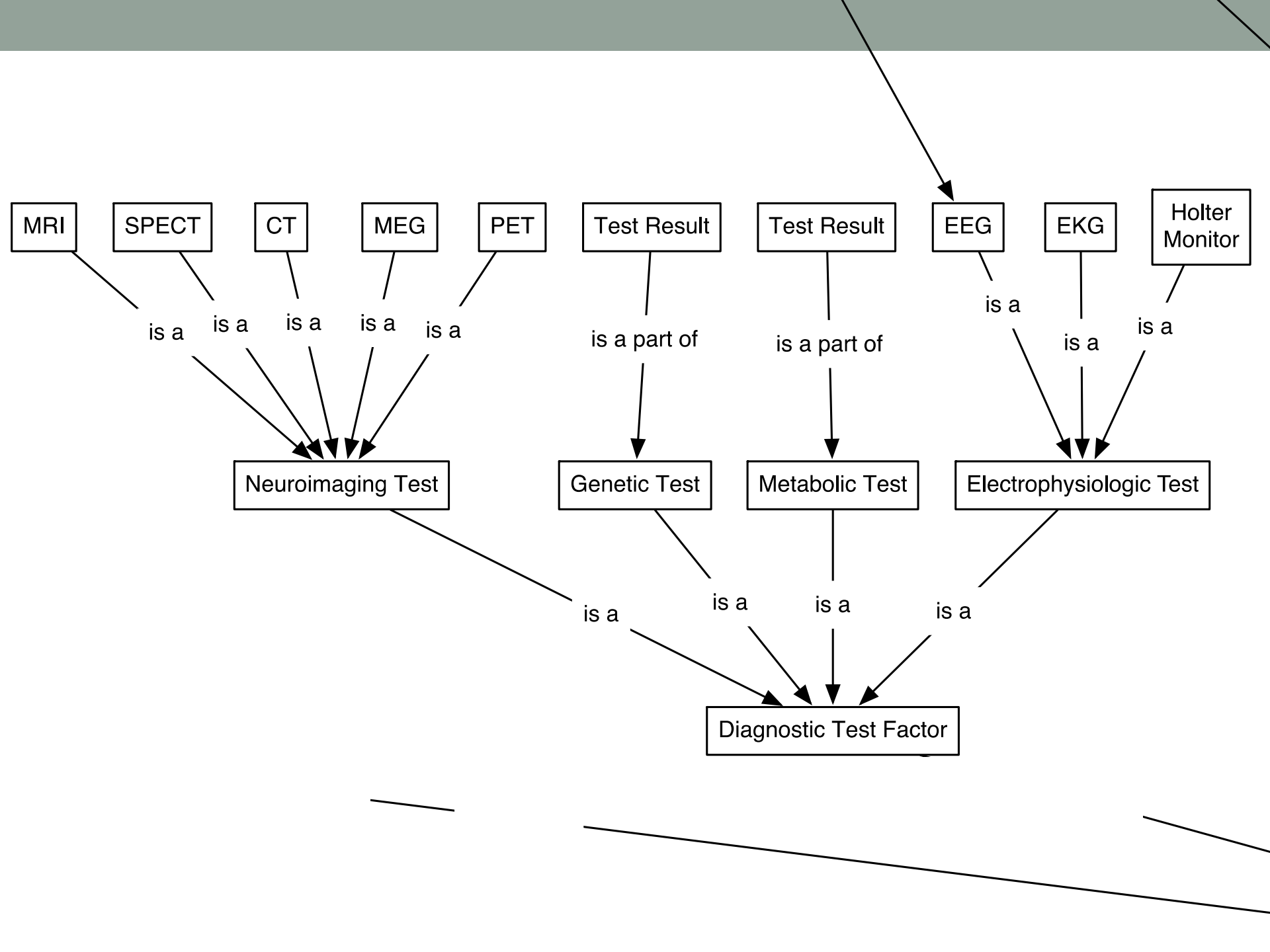
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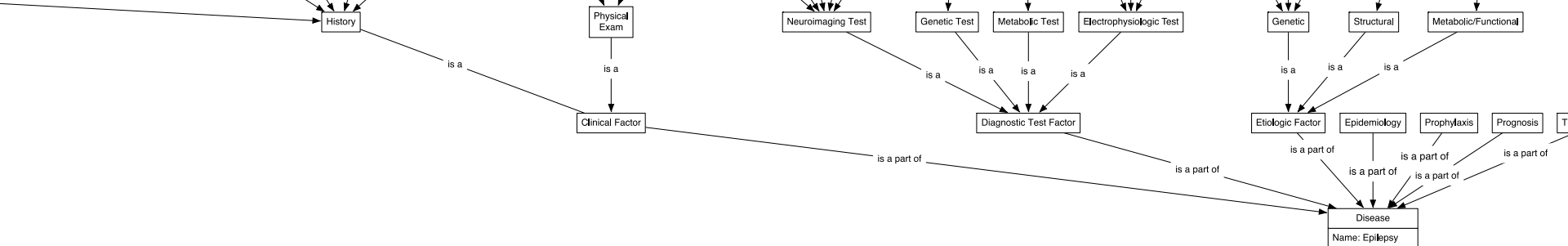


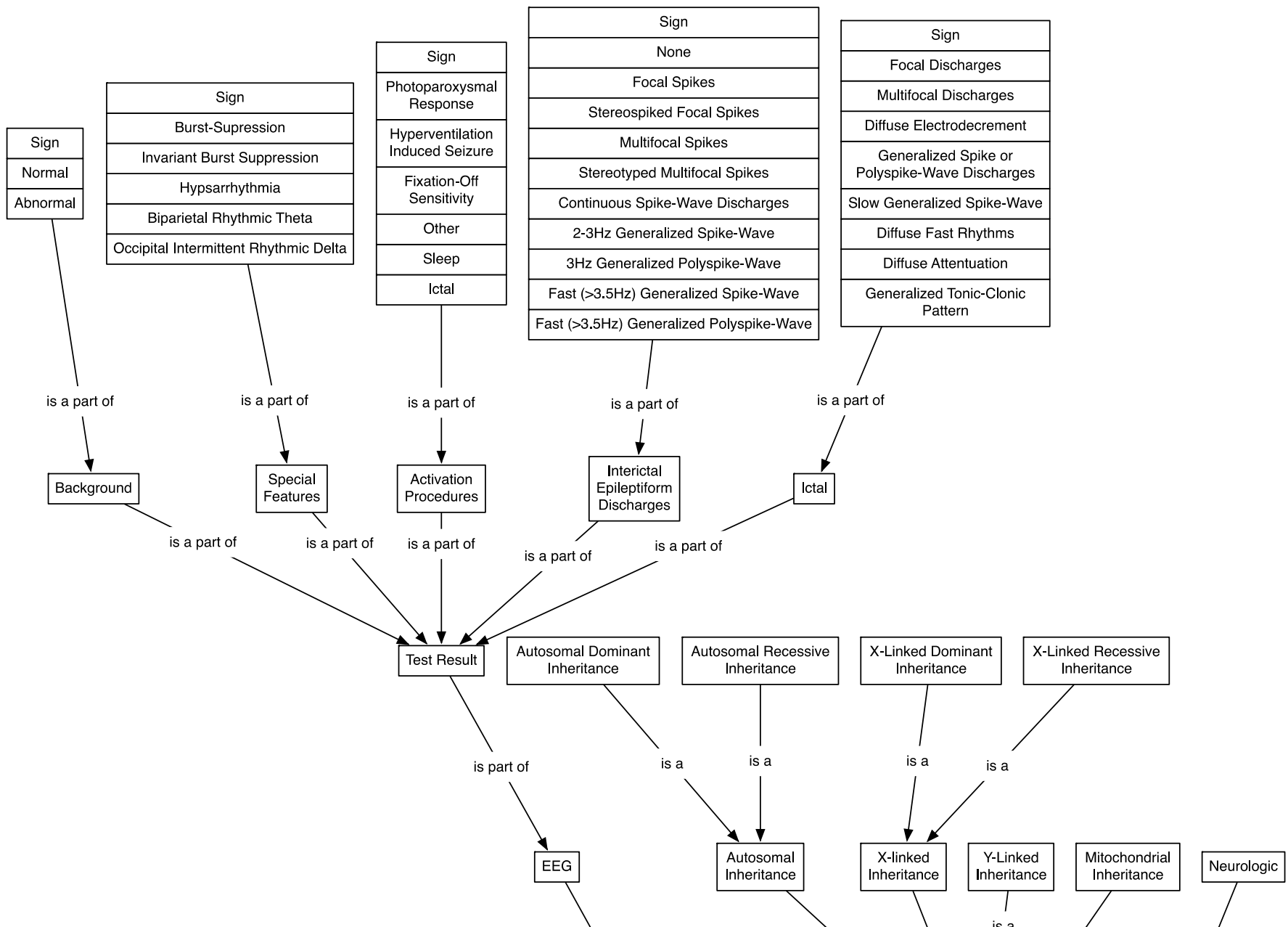




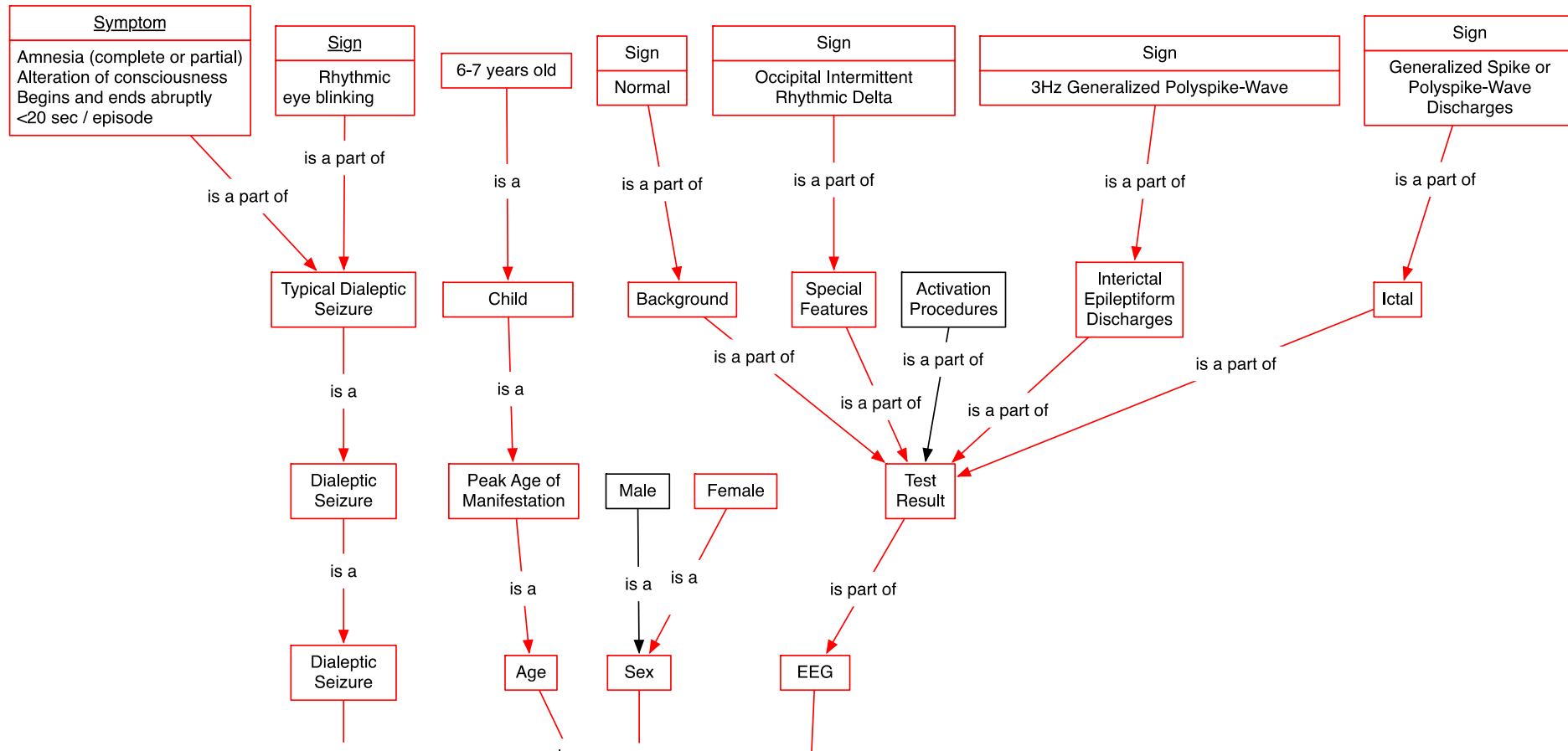




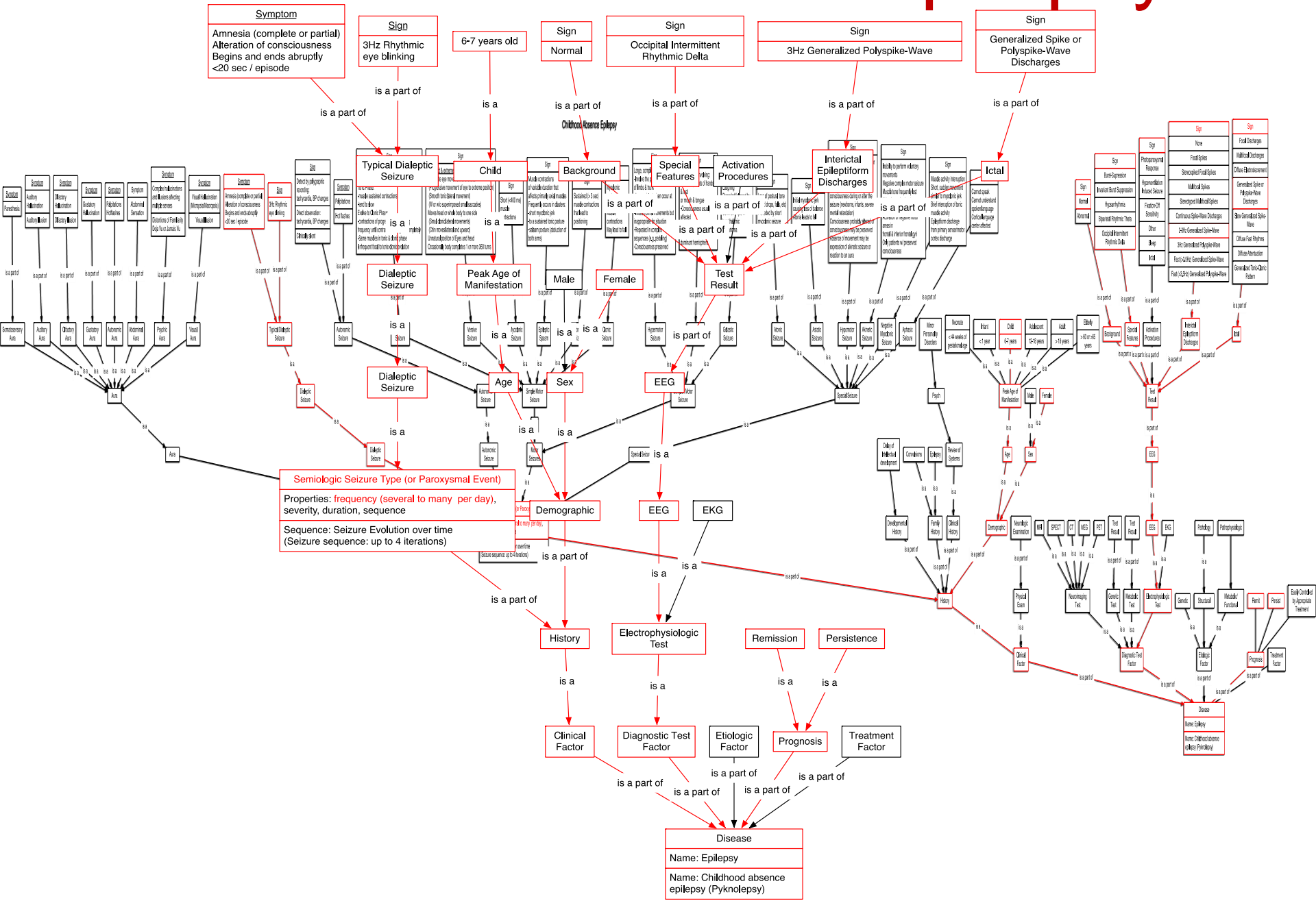




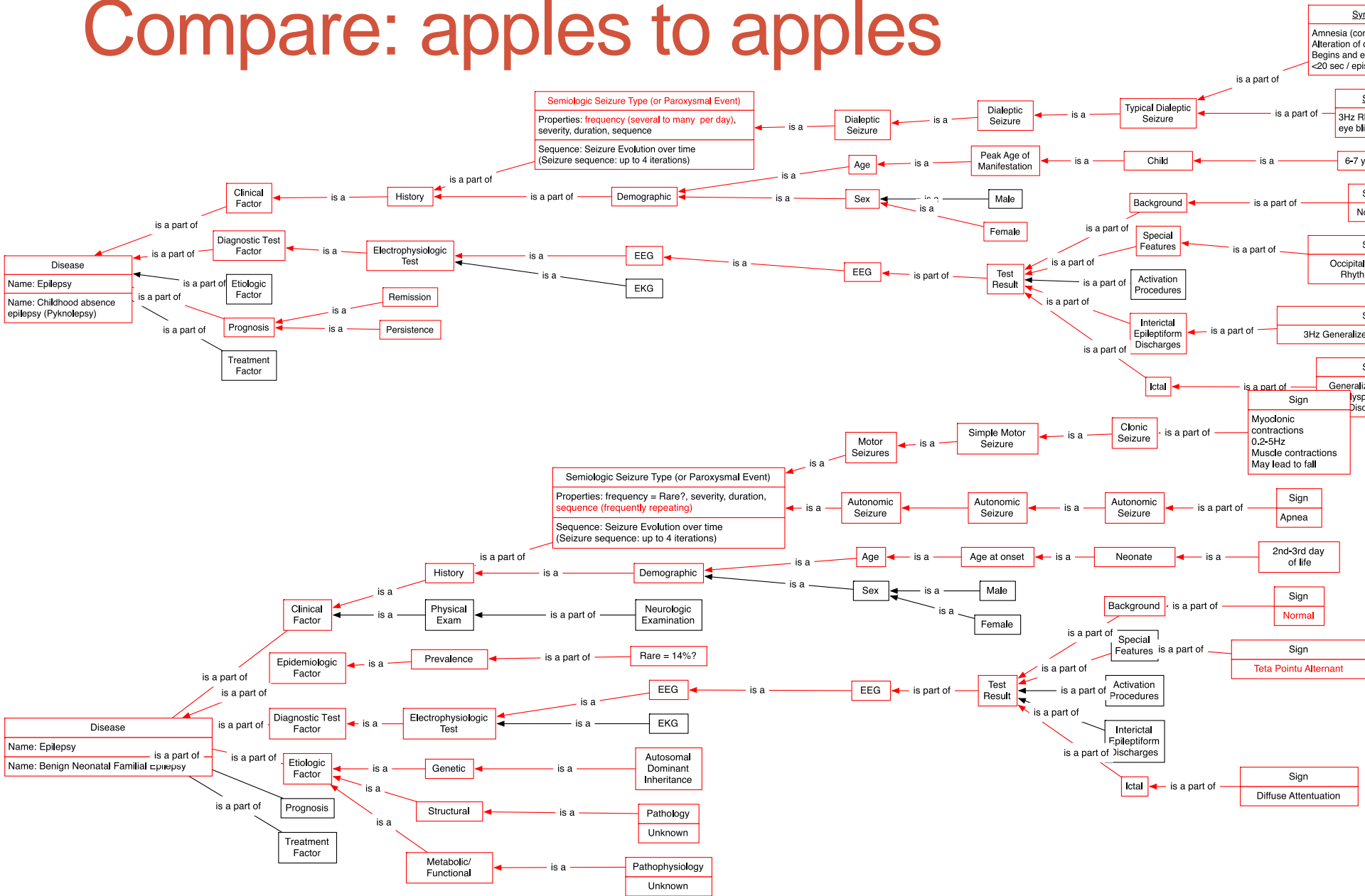
# Annotating the ontology – clinical data



# Childhood Absence Epilepsy



# Compare: apples to apples





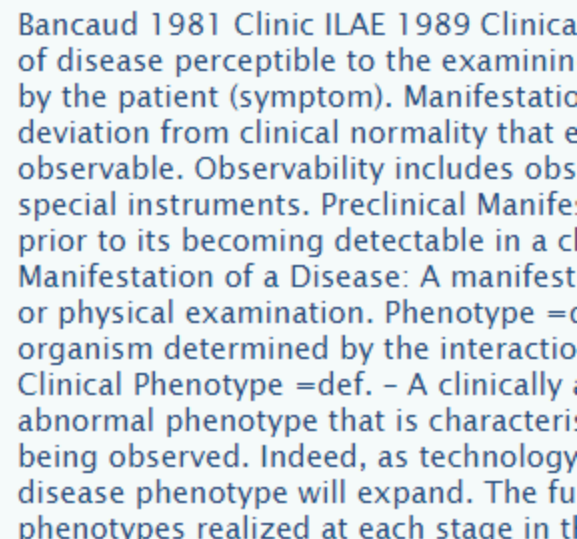
# Current progress

- **Still in development**
- General framework in place
- Discussion is open for review by experts
- Concepts include references to sources (other past/current classifications, descriptions)
- Extensive validation ongoing
- Openly available in Bioportal  
(<http://bioportal.bioontology.org/ontologies/ESSO>)

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### Text Classification towards Detecting Misdiagnosis of an Epilepsy Syndrome in a Pediatric Population

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#### Abstract

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When attempting to identify a specific epilepsy syndrome, physicians are often unable to make or agree upon a diagnosis. This is further complicated by the fact that the current classification and diagnosis of epilepsy requires specialized training and the use of resources not typically available to the average clinician, such as training to recognize specific seizure types and electroencephalography (EEG)<sup>1–4</sup>. Even when training and resources are available, expert epileptologists often find it challenging to identify seizure types and to distinguish between specific epilepsy syndromes<sup>5</sup>. Information relevant to the diagnosis is present in narrative form in the medical record across several visits for an individual patient. Our ultimate goal is to create a system that will assist physicians in the diagnosis of epilepsy. This paper explores, as a baseline, text classification methods that attempt to correlate the narrative text features to the diagnosis of West syndrome (Infantile Spasms), using data from Phoenix Children's Hospital (PCH). We tested these methods against a dataset containing human (read) diagnosis of West Syndrome, and found the best performing method to

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