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#### FACT-

The Shoemaker Protocol requires a differential diagnosis in determining that CIRS is the root cause of symptoms.

### **QUESTION** –

What happens when there is more than one condition contributing to symptoms &/or CIRS has created a cascade of additional diagnoses?

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Hypothyroidism/Autoimmune Thyroiditis
Insulin Resistance/Glucose Intolerance
Inflammatory Bowel Disease
Degenerative Disc Disease
Degenerative Joint Disease
Small Fiber Neuropathy
Tick Borne Infections
Heavy Metal Toxicity
Osteoporosis
Psoriasis

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## How do other "specialists" manage multiple diagnoses?

#### **Examples:**

When the dermatologist treating the patient for psoriasis, identifies skin sequelae consistent with Lupus.

When the orthopedist evaluating a patient with known DJD for a knee effusion discovers Lyme disease on knee aspirate analysis.

When the ophthalmologist treating the patient for glaucoma finds a retinal emboli.

What does the CIRS specialist do when faced with suspicion of comorbid conditions that require evaluation & treatment?

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The Cascade of Potential Diagnoses ("Down-Stream Issues")
Concurrent with a CIRS Dx:

Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS)

Mast Cell Activation Syndrome/Histamine Dysregulation

**Dysautonomia** 

**Ehlers Danlos Hypermobility Syndrome** 

Pseudo-Eagle Syndrome

**Cranio-Cervical Instability** 

**Erythromelalgia** 

**Small Intestine Bacterial Overgrowth** 

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# **In Conclusion - More Questions**

How can CIRS specialists best approach the concept of patient centered care?

As a group, how can we help each other to learn enough about associated conditions?

Should we develop a professional referral list agreed upon by the Surviving Mold community?

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