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PERTINENT POSITIVES AND NEGATIVES FROM BOTH THE HISTORY AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION THAT FORMULATE A DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

For example, if the patient's chief complaint is chest pain, pertinent findings would include things like:

Positive Findings	Negative Findings
1. History of exertional chest pain	1. No history of trauma to chest
2. History of cigarette smoking	2. No history of fever and productive
	cough
3. Family history of early coronary artery	3. No past history of similar symptoms
disease	(exertional chest pain)
4. Blood pressure of 160/102 on exam	4. No costochondral or rib pain on exam
5. S4 present on heart exam	5. Normal Lung exam

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	Positive Findings from H&P	Negative Findings from H&P
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Record as many positives and negatives as are found in your patient.

Diagnostic hypotheses (differential diagnosis for chief complaint)

13.

Chief complaint of this patient: