

CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

Probably the most convenient classification of diseases for the general reader will be as follows: —

General Diseases, and
Local Diseases;
Acute Diseases, and
Chronic Diseases.

A **general disease** is one which is not confined to any special locality of the body, but is one in which more or less of the entire system is involved.

A **local disease** is one which is confined to some special organ or system of organs.

An **acute disease** is one which, with a certain degree of severity, has a rapid progress and short duration.

A **chronic disease** is one whose progress is slow and whose duration is long.

Diseases which are intermediate between acute and chronic are sometimes called **subacute**.

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