Psychological conditions (eg depression or anxiety)
Functional syndromes (eg irritable bowel syndrome, fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue)
Medically Unexplained Physical Symptoms (MUPS) (eg tension headache)

Psychological consequences of chronic illness (eg depression following myocardial infarct)

Pathological change with an overlying layer of reversible dysfunction (eg knee osteoarthritis & quadriceps wasting)

well adjusted chronic illness (eg well controlled diabetes, or stable angina pectoris)

Asymptomatic pathologies (eg asymptomatic disc prolapse on magnetic resonance imaging)

Minor self-limiting illness

Evidence of pathological change
definite
absent

Evidence of dysfunction
definite
absent