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It is important to understand the difference between Symptom Magnification and malingering.

Symptom magnification is a self-destructive, socially reinforced behavioral response pattern consisting of reports or displays of symptoms which function to control the life of circumstances of the sufferer.

In medicine, malingering is fabricating or exaggerating the symptoms of mental or physical disorders for a variety of "secondary gain" motives, which may include financial compensation (often tied to fraud); avoiding school, work or military service; obtaining drugs; getting lighter criminal sentences; or simply to attract attention or sympathy. Malingering is different from somatization disorder and factitious disorder.[1] Failure to detect actual cases of malingering imposes a substantial economic burden on the health care system, and false attribution of malingering imposes a substantial burden of suffering on a significant proportion of the patient population. (*R. Rogers Clinical Assessment of Malingering and Deception 3rd Edition*, Guilford, 2008. ISBN 1-59385-699-7)

For an in depth look at symptom magnification [click here](#)

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