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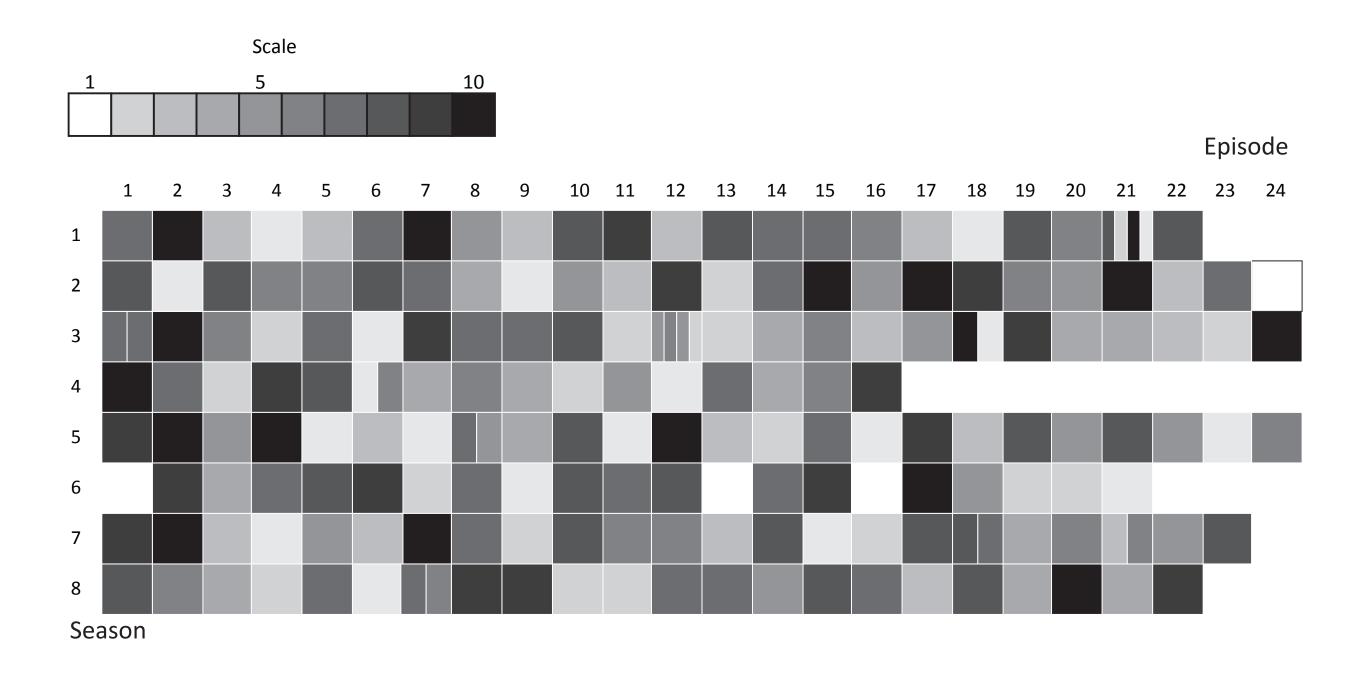
M.D.



A closer look at the critically-acclaimed American medical television drama

House, M.D. was a critically-acclaimed American medical drama television series created by David Shore and executively produced by film director Bryan Singer. The Emmy and Peabody award-winning medical drama debuted on the FOX Network on November 16, 2004, and aired its last episode on May 21, 2012. For eight years the show brought in people from around the globe, bringing intrigue and mystery in the form of unusual medical cases. Furthermore, these cases were the catalyst for the discussion of philosophical and ethical issues and decisions, a lot of which were not left with a clear victor, but revealed more of the character of each of the different doctors that comprised the team each year.

In the end, while the team didn't completely understand (or appreciate) House's methods fully, the show gives a final hurrah as each of the members walks away with something they realize was the right thing to do after all. Everything is challenged, nothing is sacred, and the most profound revelations of life can be found within the 172 hours of television given over the course of the eight seasons of pill-popping, dripping sarcasm, dark humor, and intelligent storytelling ever to grace the small screen of the living room.

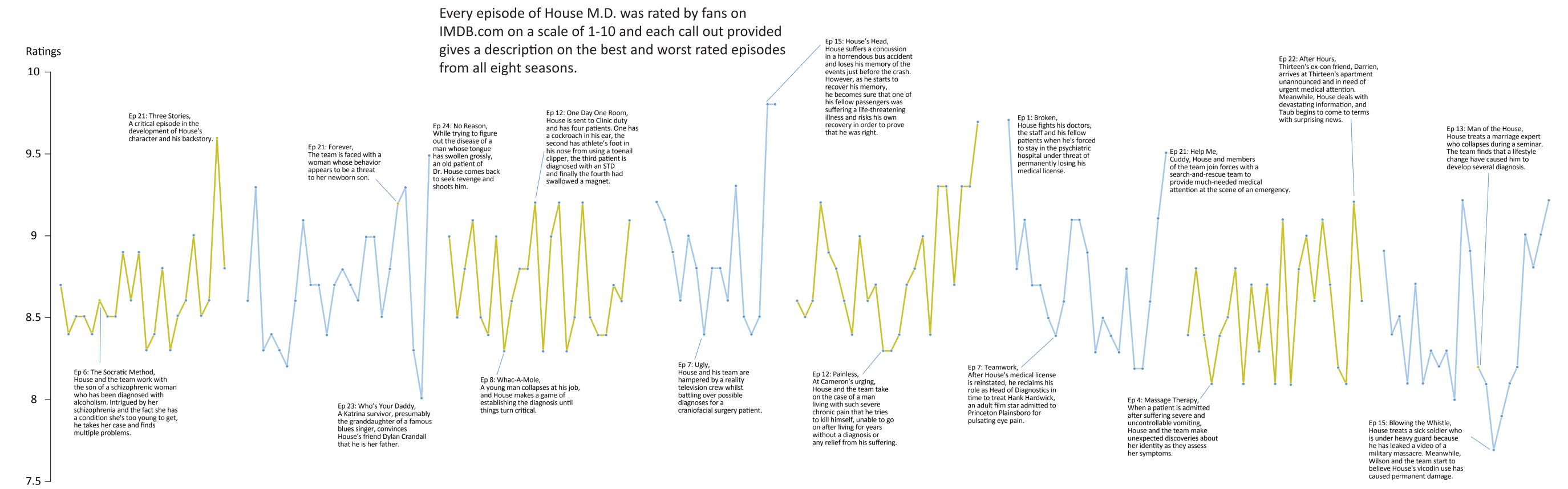


Zebra Factor

In medical slang, a zebra is a surprising, unexpected diagnosis. In many cases, an uncommon or rare disease which has identical symptoms to a common disease qualifies as a zebra. As such, most medical students have to learn, like Foreman did, to assume during a differential diagnosis that the patient's symptoms are caused by a common ailment rather than a rare one. However, as House usually only handles patients where common diseases have been ruled out, he often has to re-educate his fellows to not only consider rare diagnoses as part of the differential, but to prefer them. He also frequently reminds his fellows that they often have to ignore missing symptoms as most symptoms are not found in every patient who has a disease.

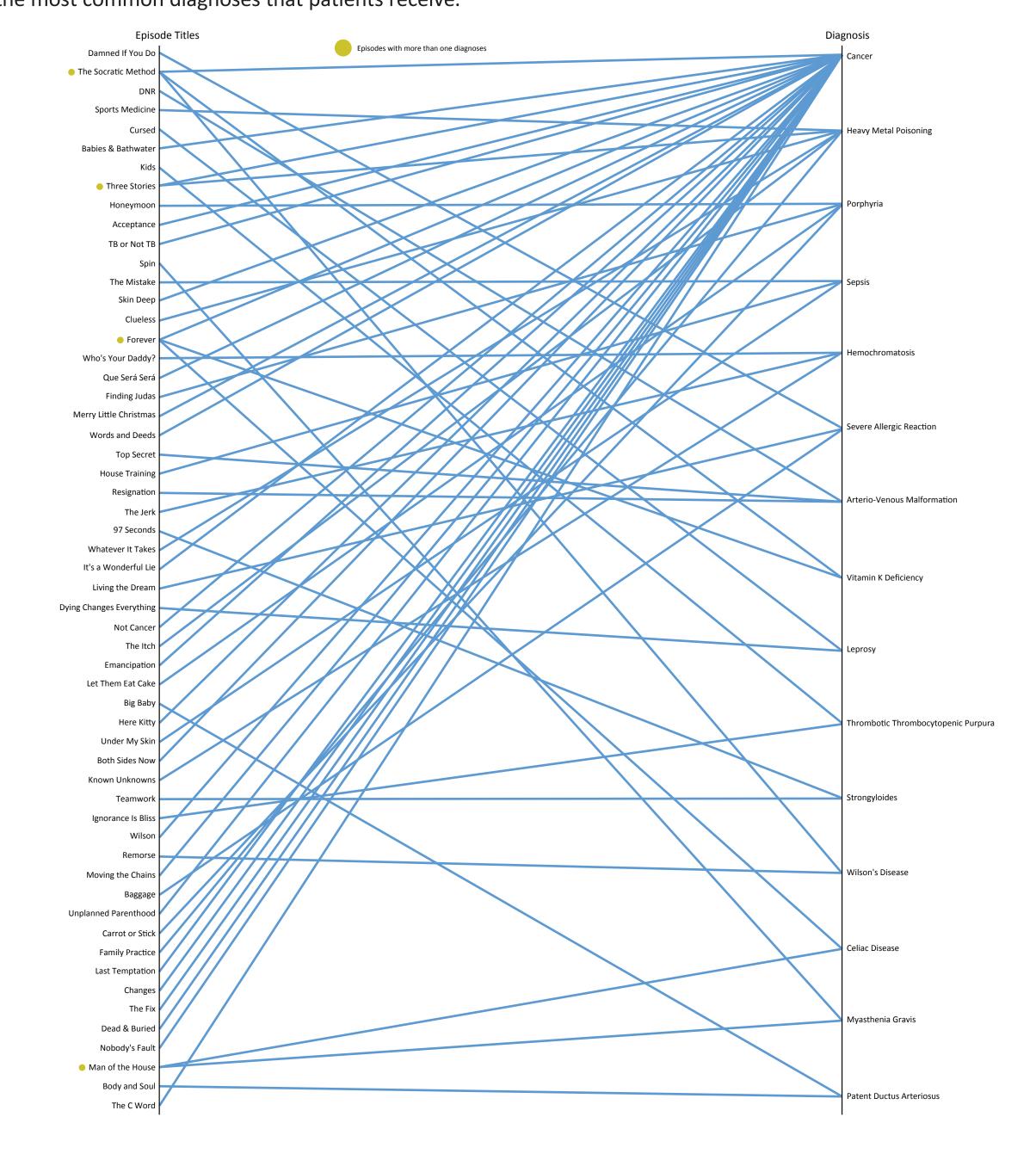
A "1" denotes a fairly common disease, and usually the delayed diagnosis is the result of the patient lying about their medical history. A "10" is a disease no doctor is likely to see a case of in their lifetime.

Episode Ratings



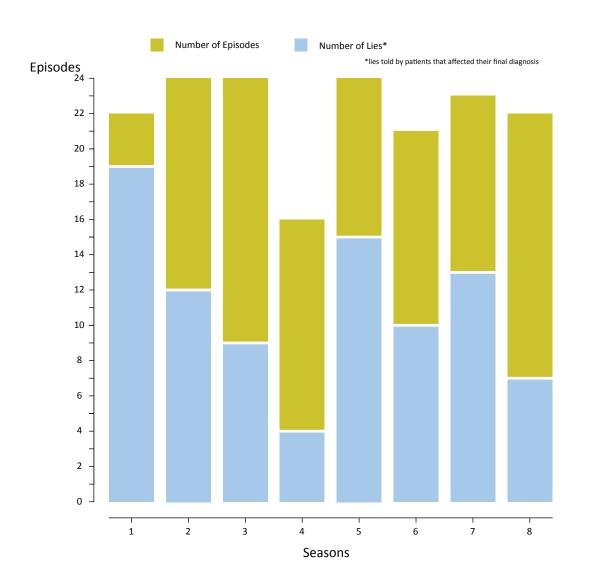
Most Common Diagnoses

In all 8 seasons of House M.D. there have been reoccurring final diagnoses House and the team had found. This is a list of the most common diagnoses that patients receive.

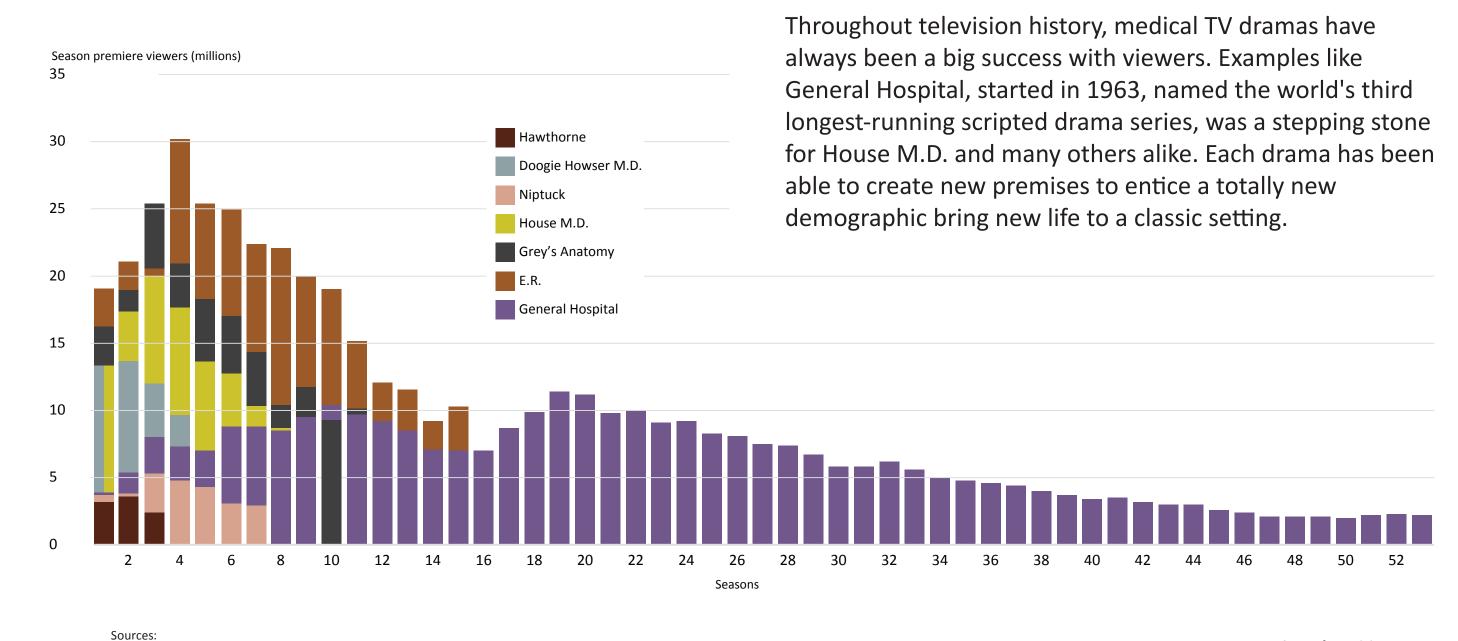


Everybody Lies

Although the mantra "Everybody Lies" is proven over and over again, the concept that "people never change, they only come up with better lies" is tested up until the last moments as the characters (and the show) drive off into an adventure left to the imagination. Here you can see the number of episodes in a season where a patient's lie had cause complications in finding their final diagnosis.



Comparing Popular Medical TV Drama



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