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Discussion

1. In the fundamental knowledge difference that leads to the different significances of probability, when Kant talks about probability in medicine versus probability in psychiatry, he means probability in objective medicine versus probability in psychiatric science. (Kant quotation 9b)

2. Medical diagnoses are based on objective and well-defined parameters in objective medicine, whereas psychiatric diagnoses are based on symptoms and phenomena in psychiatric science. (Kant quotation 9b)

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Keypoints

1. Probability is always a subjective phenomenon. Probability can be objective or subjective, and it can be understood in different ways within different scientific fields.

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Conclusion

It is necessary to make a distinction between probability in psychiatry and probability in objective medicine. Probability in psychiatry is subjective, whereas probability in objective medicine is objective.

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