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German psychiatrist, a specialist in diagnosis, who developed the classification of mental disorders that still serves as the basis of the American Psychiatric Association's *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (*DSM-IV*) and the World Health Organization's *International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems* (*ICD-10*). He discovered and named several psychoses and neuroses, including manic depression (now called bipolar disorder) and dementia praecox (now called schizophrenia).