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**Question 1**

**The field of oncology involves \_\_\_\_\_.**  
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- ☐ A. Medical
- ☐ B. Surgical
- ☐ C. Radiation
- ☐ D. All of the above

**Question 2**

**Which of the following statement is inaccurate regarding Chemotherapy?**

- ☐ A. Chemotherapy is a drug treatment that uses powerful chemicals to control or kill fast-growing cells in the body.

- ☐ B. Chemotherapy is most often used to treat cancer, since cancer cells grow and multiply much more quickly than most cells in the body.
- ☐ C. Chemotherapy does not harm healthy cells
- ☐ D. Chemotherapy works by slowing or stopping the growth of the cancer cell, which grows and divides rapidly.
- ☐ E. Chemotherapy can also harm the healthy cells that also divide quickly

Question 3

**Which of the following statements is accurate regarding Chemotherapy? Select all that apply.**

- ☐ A. May be given in cycles.
- ☐ B. Cycle is a period of chemotherapy treatment followed by a period of rest. The rest period gives the body a chance to build new healthy cells.
- ☐ C. Chemotherapy may be used along with radiation therapy or surgery
- ☐ D. Chemotherapy cannot be administered by pills, capsules, or liquids
- ☐ E. chemotherapy keeps the cancer from spreading, slows its growth, or destroys cancer cells that have spread to other parts of the body.

Question 4

**Chemotherapy can also harm the healthy cells that also divide quickly**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

Question 5

**The radiation may be delivered by a machine outside the body (external-beam radiation therapy), or it may come from radioactive material placed in the body near cancer cells (internal radiation therapy).**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

Question 6

**Radiation therapy uses high-energy radiation to shrink tumors and kill cancer cells.**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

Question 7

**Radiation therapy cannot cause side effects.**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

Question 8

**Monitoring the status of myelosuppression is vital for preventing complications such as \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ☐ A. Anemia
- ☐ B. Infection
- ☐ C. Hemorrhage
- ☐ D. Scheduling medication delivery
- ☐ E. All of the above

Question 9

**Monitoring the status of myelosuppression includes interventions such as \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ☐ A. Obtaining cultures
- ☐ B. Administer antibiotics as ordered
- ☐ C. Allow family and friends to visit for support, even if they have a little cold
- ☐ D. A and B

Question 10

**While caring for the patient who is experiencing myelosuppression, the nurse should \_\_\_\_\_. Select all that apply.**

- ☐ A. Promote good hand hygiene /hand washing procedures for staff as well as visitors.
- ☐ B. Screen visitors and limit visitors who may have infections.
- ☐ C. Protect the patient from sources of infection (staff, visitors) who may have upper respiratory infection (URI).
- ☐ D. Allow family and friends to visit, even when sick because patient needs support.

**Question 11**

**The patient is asking the nurse why she needs to take her temperature. The nurse accurately informs the patient that monitoring vital signs such as body temperature \_\_\_\_\_. Select all that apply.**

- ☐ A. Early identification of infectious process; elevated temperature enables appropriate therapy to be started quickly.
- ☐ B. Temperature elevation can occur because of multiple factors such as infections, disease process, chemotherapy side effects.
- ☐ C. Assessing the temperature is not necessary while the patient is receiving chemotherapy
- ☐ D. Monitoring temperature because it is ordered by the physician

**Question 12**

**While working with the patient, she complains of pain. The nurse should determine pain history including \_\_\_\_\_. Select all that apply.**

- ☐ A. Location of pain
- ☐ B. Pain frequency
- ☐ C. Duration of the pain
- ☐ D. The intensity of the pain by using a numeric 0–10 scale

Question 13

The nurse is aware that nonpharmacological comfort measures such as Changing positions, Massage, Backrub and Diversional activities does not help the cancer patient.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

Question 14

The patient is receiving chemotherapy, the nurse is aware that she should \_\_\_\_\_. Select all that apply.

- ☐ A. Administer antiemetic on a regular schedule before administration of antineoplastic agent.
- ☐ B. Administer antiemetic during administration of antineoplastic agent
- ☐ C. Administer antiemetic agent after administration of antineoplastic agent.
- ☐ D. Avoid administration of antiemetics agents.

Question 15



Lung cancer is frequently attributable to inhalation of carcinogenic pollutants by a susceptible patient.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False



Question 16

Lung cancer risk is determined by \_\_\_\_\_. Select all that apply.

- ☐ A. The number of cigarettes smoked daily
- ☐ B. The depth of inhalation
- ☐ C. How early in life smoking began
- ☐ D. The nicotine content of cigarettes

Question 17

**The nurse is caring for the patient who had a pneumonectomy, the nurse is aware that \_\_\_\_\_. Select all that apply.**

- ☐ A. Fever development within the first 24 hr after surgery is frequently due to atelectasis.
- ☐ B. Temperature elevation (within the 5th to 10th postoperative day) usually indicates a wound or systemic infection.
- ☐ C. Fever development is normal after a pneumonectomy
- ☐ D. Fever development is not a major concern after a pneumonectomy

Question 18

**The nurse is aware that airway obstruction interferes with ventilation, impairing gas exchange.**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

Question 19

**To maximize lung expansion and drainage of secretions, the nurse should include the following interventions \_\_\_\_\_. Select all that apply.**

- ☐ A. Reposition patient frequently
- ☐ B. Place patient in sitting position
- ☐ C. Place patient in supine
- ☐ D. Place patient in prone position
- ☐ E. Place patient in side position

Question 20

**While caring for the lung cancer patient, on assessment the nurse noted Noisy respirations, rhonchi, and wheezes. The nurse is aware that these are indicative of retained secretions and/or airway obstruction.**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

