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## Article Practice 3

**Directions:** Add the correct article when appropriate. If no article is appropriate, write "x." (Sometimes more than one answer is possible). Then underline all count nouns and double underline non-count nouns to which the articles refer. Circle nouns that are both count and noncount.

     Count noun           Non-count noun           Count/noncount

1. Glomerulosclerosis is a potentially fatal renal disease resulting from x/the scarring of x/the glomeruli, x/the tiny blood vessels that filter x urine from the blood.
2. Awareness of its causes, symptoms and treatment is important for x patients, their families, and of course, for x medical professionals.
3. In the majority of cases, the causes are unknown; however, x diabetes, drug use or infection is associated with x/the development of the disease.
4. While x glomerulosclerosis may ultimately be diagnosed by x/a renal biopsy, there may be an absence of x symptoms in the early stages.
5. An important warning sign is proteinuria, protein in the urine, which results from x glomerular scarring.
6. x edema, or x swelling in the ankles, may likewise be present.
7. x end stage renal disease (ESRD) may result if the patient is not treated; with x treatment, x/the progression of the disease may be retarded.
8. A low protein diet lightens the load of wastes on the kidneys, thus preserving x kidney function.
9. x drugs, such as x ACE inhibitors, which control x blood pressure, may also help preserve the kidneys.
10. x immunosuppressants, x drugs that impede x immune function, stop the proteinuria in about 50% of x/the cases; however, they may further harm the kidneys and the proteinuria returns anyway in many patients.
11. x dialysis, x/the cleansing of x/the blood via a machine, is still another option.
12. In x severe cases, x kidney transplantation may be required.