

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.

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