

Numbers in Medical Writing

Directions: Write the correct form of the numbers in the following passage.

Facts About Cancer

Cancer is characterized by abnormal cells that grow uncontrollably and destroy normal tissue. Cancer is classified into (5) _____ major groups, depending on where it originates. (85%) _____ of cancer cases are carcinomas, which are tumors that arise on the surface of an organ. Different cancers have different symptoms, but doctors look for (7) _____ basic warning signs that may indicate the presence of cancer, including a sore that does not heal within (2) _____ weeks, a lump that does not disappear, or unusual bleeding. There is only (1) _____ absolutely accurate method of diagnosing cancer, and that is a tissue biopsy, which usually involves removing and analyzing a sample of tissue that is approximately (1 centimeter) _____ long. To treat cancer, doctors rely on (4) _____ general methods, which are surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, and biological therapy. Tumors that are less than (2 centimeters) _____ wide are easier to treat than larger ones.

Cancer screening involves testing people without symptoms in order to identify possible cancer at an early stage. Women who are (18) _____ years of age or older should be tested for cancer of the cervix once a year or once every (3) _____ years after having (3) _____ tests with normal results. Women should also have a mammogram, or an X-ray of the breasts, every (2) _____ years when they are in their (40) _____ and once a year after the age of (50) _____ on the other hand. Men should undergo screening tests for prostate cancer, which is a common type of cancer that afflicts (1) _____ out of every (6) _____ men. About (6) _____ out of (10) _____ cases of prostate cancer are

diagnosed in men aged (65) _____ or older; it is rare before the age of (40) _____.
In addition, cancer screening is recommended for people with a family history of the disease.

In the United States, (1/2) _____ of all men and (1/3) _____ of all women will develop cancer at some point in their lives. Today, (1,000,000s) _____ of people are living with cancer or have been cured of the disease, but each year, more than (500,000) _____ people die of cancer, and only (1/2) _____ of all cancer patients will survive for at least (5) _____ years. Smoking greatly increases the risk of developing cancer, and smoking causes a large percentage of the deaths associated with at least (10) _____ different types of cancer. For instance, smoking is responsible for (90%) _____ of deaths from lung cancer. Quitting smoking, eating a healthy diet, and exercising are (3) _____ important lifestyle choices that significantly reduce the risk of developing cancer.