

Topic Sentences Exercise

Directions: Write topic sentences for the following outlines.

1) Respiratory Distress Syndrome

- III. Symptoms (usually develop w/in 48 hours of injury)
 - A. shrill wheezing
 - B. noisy, rapid, shallow breathing
 - C. blue skin
 - D. disorientation

2) Dyspnea

- IV. Treatment
 - A. medications
 - B. use of a fan
 - C. retraining breathing
 - D. relaxation techniques
 - E. continuous positive airway pressure

3) Pleural Effusion

- IV. Diagnosis
 - A. physical examination
 - B. chest x-rays
 - C. imaging tests

4) Cardiomyopathy

IV. Treatment

- A. 1st line of treatment = medication
 - B. options, e.g.
 - 1. lifestyle changes
 - 2. surgery
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5) Coccidioidomycosis

II. Cause = fungus (called *Coccidioides immitis*)

- A. fungus lives in sandy soil
 - B. fungus → disease when inhaled
 - C. risk of inhalation increases when soil disturbed by
 - 1. construction
 - 2. dust storms
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6) Poison Ivy

III. Symptoms

- A. main = red, itchy rash (develops 12-48 hours after exposure to plant)
 - B. others
 - 1. swelling in affected area
 - 2. blistering in affected area
 - 3. general discomfort
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Deep Vein Thrombosis

III. Risk Factors, e.g.

- A. confinement to chair / bed — long periods
 - B. recent surgery on legs
 - C. history of heart problems
 - D. obesity
 - E. lack of exercise
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Gallbladder Cancer

IV. Diagnosis (can be difficult; gallbladder hidden behind other organs)

- A. cancer discovered during surgery on gallbladder (sometimes)
 - B. ultrasound scanning
 - C. x-rays
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