Ovarian cancer

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Directions: Determine the correct answer to each of the following, based on information derived from the article.

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1. Ovarian cancer has a lengthy precancerous stage, and early symptoms are obvious and easily detectable.

2. Even though there are more than 30 types of ovarian cancer, all types respond well to surgery. Other treatment modalities, therefore, are usually not necessary.

3. Ascites is defined as the abnormal accumulation of fluid in the abdominal cavity.

4. When ovarian cancer is diagnosed at stages III or IV, the survival rate is less than 40 percent.

5. Significant breakthroughs have been made in early detection of ovarian cancer.

6. Improved outcomes for ovarian cancer have resulted from surgical techniques that are not as invasive as previous methods.

7. Germ cell ovarian cancer is found more commonly in older patients.

8. Gynecologic oncologists are specialists who can tailor treatment of ovarian cancer according to a patient’s particular details.

9. The study of the by-products of metabolic events from the ovary is known as glycomics.

10. The standard approach for reaching a diagnosis is to start with the most common conditions, and then proceed to the less common conditions.

11. Stage III ovarian cancer is characterized by cancer in the lymph nodes around the aortic and pelvic regions and/or cancer in the abdominal cavity outside the pelvis.

12. The stage of the ovarian cancer, but not the type, determines the treatment of the cancer and its prognosis.

13. Inserting anticancer drugs into the abdominal cavity is referred to as intraperitoneal chemotherapy.

14. The CA 125 blood test and the transvaginal ultrasound (TVUS) are recommended for routine screening for ovarian cancer.

15. An autosomal dominance inheritance pattern can be passed on by either parent to offspring of either sex.

16. Serous cancer is the most common of the epithelial ovarian cancers.

17. One of the factors contributing to the bleak prognosis for ovarian cancer is that it is one of the cancers that is the least sensitive to chemotherapy.

Multiple choice

19. Which of the following may increase the risk of ovarian cancer?
   a. Three or more pregnancies
   b. Oral contraceptive use
   c. Endometriosis
   d. Hysterectomy or tubal ligation

20. Which of the following may decrease the risk of ovarian cancer?
   a. Menopausal hormone replacement therapy
   b. Breastfeeding
   c. No pregnancies
   d. Positive test for either the BRCA1 or the BRCA2 gene mutation

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