

Family Disease Assignment

Directions: Find out about a disease that a family member has or had. This can be an immediate family member or somebody from your extended family. If you are unable to find a family member, use a friend or neighbor for help. Diseases you can use can be lifestyle (heart disease, cancer, diabetes, sickle cell anemia, etc.) or infectious (mono, pneumonia, meningitis, AIDS). Respond to the following questions below:

1. What is the disease or disorder? How many deaths occur per year in the U.S. from this condition? (1)
2. What is another name for the disease or disorder? (1)
3. What is the cause of the disease or disorder? (2)
4. What are three symptoms of the disease or disorder? (3)
5. What are three ways to reduce the risk of this disease occurring or causing severe problems? (3)
6. What is the treatment or cure for this condition? (2)
7. Is this disease more common in a specific age group? If so, what age group? (1)
8. How many cases of this disease or disorder occur in the U.S. each year? Does this disease occur more often in certain parts of the U.S. or specific areas in the world? If so, where? (2)