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| **Assignment Criteria** | **Points** | **%** | **Description** |
| **Introduction of disease** | 20 | 20% | Provide a brief description of the disease/disorder. This part of the paper should not be limited to the definition of the disease. Include epidemiology as appropriate. |
| **Etiology** | 20 | 20% | Identify common causes and risk factors for the disease, to include age, gender, environmental, genetic, and lifestyle. |
| **Pathophysiological processes** | 20 | 20% | Describe how the disease begins by describing the cause and mechanisms of the disease that give rise to signs and symptoms. Remember pathophysiology should be on a cellular level. Include information on how the body attempts to overcome/correct the disease, if applicable. |
| **Clinical Manifestations & Complications** | 20 | 20% | Describe the physical signs and symptoms that are important in considering the presence of the disease. |
| **Diagnostics** | 10 | 10% | Describe common laboratory and diagnostic tests used to determine the presence of the disease. Provide information on significant findings for these diagnostic studies associated with the disease. |
| **APA Style and Organization** | 10 | 10% | The assignment should be a 2-3 page (excluding title and reference pages) typed paper and presented in APA format. This includes an APA title, page and references with in-text citations. Spelling and grammar will be evaluated with this assignment.  Must include at least two (2) scholarly, primary sources from the last 5 years, **excluding the textbook.** |
| Total | 100 | 100% |  |

1. Write a 2-3 page paper (excluding title and reference pages). Include the following information (also outlined in the grading rubric) about the selected disease process:
   1. Introduction of disease
   2. Etiology and risk factors
   3. Pathophysiological processes
   4. Clinical Manifestations & Complications
   5. Diagnostics
2. Provide a reference list in APA format.
   1. A minimum of two (2) scholarly, primary sources are required.
   2. Given the nature of the research, current literature (within 5 years).

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| **Introduction of disease (20)** | Provides a one-paragraph description of the disease/ disorder and is not limited to the definition of the disease. Includes **complete description** of the disease epidemiology.  **19-20 points** |
| **Etiology (20)** | Identifies **ALL** of the following: common causes and risk factors for the disease including age, gender, environmental, genetic, and lifestyle.  **19-20 points** |
| **Pathophysiological processes (20)** | **Comprehensively** describes the cause(s) of the disease and the disease mechanisms that give rise to signs and symptoms.  **Comprehensively** describes processes at the cellular level and information related the body’s attempts to overcome the disease.  **19-20 points** |
| **Clinical Manifestations & Complications (20)** | **Comprehensively** describes the physical signs and symptoms that are important in considering the presence of the disease.  **Comprehensively** describes significant and common complications associated with the disease if left untreated.  **19-20 points** |
| **Diagnostics (10)** | **Comprehensively** describes common laboratory and diagnostic tests used to determine the presence of the disease.  **Comprehensively** describes information on significant findings for these diagnostic studies associated with the disease.  **10 points** |
| **APA Style and Organization (10)** | * References are submitted with assignment. * Used appropriate APA format (6th ed.) and ***are free of errors.*** * Grammar and mechanics ***are free of errors.*** * Paper is 2-3 pages, excluding title and reference pages * At least two (2) scholarly, primary sources from the last 5 years, excluding the textbook, are provided   **10 points** |