

- 1) Select a disease process that interests you. *Kendal failure*
- 2) Obtain approval of the selected disease process from the course faculty.
- a. Faculty will share how to submit your topic choice for approval.
- 3) Write a 2-3 page paper (excluding title and reference pages).
- 4) Include the following sections about the selected disease process (detailed criteria listed below and in the Grad Rubric).
- a. Introduction of disease - 20 points/20%
- One paragraph (approximately 200 words)
 - Includes disease description
 - Includes epidemiology of disease
- b. Etiology and risk factors - 20 points/20%
- Common causes of the disease or condition
 - Risk factors for the disease or condition
 - Impact of age
 - Prevalence based on gender,
 - Influence of environment
 - Genetic basis of disease
 - Lifestyle influences
 - All information supported by current literature
- c. Pathophysiological processes - 20 points/20%
- Describes changes occurring at the cellular, tissue, and/or organ level that contribute to the disease process.
 - Describes adaptation of the cells and body in response to the disease.
 - Relates disease processes to manifested signs and symptoms.
- d. Clinical manifestations and complications - 20 points/20%
- Describes the physical signs and symptoms that are important in considering the presence of the disease.
 - Identifies signs that contribute to diagnosis of the condition
 - Identifies symptoms that contribute to diagnosis of the condition.
 - Identifies complications of the disease.
 - Discusses the implications to the patient when complications are left untreated.
- e. Diagnostics - 10 points/10%
- Includes list of common laboratory and diagnostic tests used to determine the presence of the disease.
 - Discusses the significance of test findings in relation to the disease process.
- f. APA Style and Organization - 10 points/10%
- References are submitted with assignment.
 - Uses appropriate APA format (6th ed.) and is 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

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