

Cancer Screening Assignment

Please complete by the end of your 2-week geriatrics rotation and send to Dr. Tia Kostas, tkostas@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu.

Name:

Your answer: ____

The month you rotated with us (i.e. August):

Your answer: ____

REFLECT: Can you think of a patient you've encountered in the past to whom you were unsure whether you should recommend cancer screening? Why were you unsure?

Your answer: ____

BUILD KNOWLEDGE: Read the Covinsky et al. article (link on website)

CHOOSE A PATIENT: Open the medical records of the patient that you thought of above OR look at your clinic panel for the next two weeks and pick a patient that you're not sure you should recommend cancer screening. (If you can't find a patient, then choose one that you saw in South Shore Clinic).

ANALYZE:

- 1) Pick a type of cancer screening.

Your answer: ____

- 2) Look up what USPTF or another cancer screening guideline states to do based on this patient's age.

Your answer: ____

- 3) Estimate this patient's life expectancy based on the Figure from the Covinsky article.

Your answer: ____

- 4) What is the risk of your patient dying from cancer, based on Table 1 from the Covinsky article?

Your answer: ____

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5) What are the harms of this screening?

Your answer: _____

6) What kind of values, preferences do you or would you want to know about this patient to help formulate your opinion.

Your answer: _____

EXPERIENCE: Feel free to discuss this case with any of the attendings at the South Shore Clinic. You may want to think about how you would discuss cancer screening with this patient.

REFLECT AGAIN:

1) What are the challenges you identified during this assignment?

Your answer: _____

2) What is the single most important thing you learned during this assignment:

Your answer: _____

3) Any other feedback (if any):

Your answer: _____