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RETINOBLASTOMA - TO EXPAND AWARENESS

1. What is the most common eye tumour in children?

- A. Neuroblastoma
- B. Lymphoma
- C. Leukaemia
- D. Retinoblastoma
- E. Primitive neuroectodermal tumour (PNET).

Choose one correct statement wrt hereditary retinoblastoma:

- A. The diagnosis is never made at birth
- B. Tumours are always unilateral
- C. Second malignant tumours never occur
- D. There is a life-long tumour risk
- E. There are always single tumours.

CHILDHOOD CANCER: EARLY WARNING SIGNS

3. Early warning signs of childhood cancer are (choose one):

- A. Presence of soft fluctuant glands
- B. Child who does not want to sleep
- C. Child who is microcephalic
- D. Lymph nodes that are <0.5 cm in size
- E. Presence of debilitating bone pain.

4. True (A) or false (B) - fill in only block A or B: Loss of the red reflex in the eye may be an indicator of a retinoblastoma in paediatric patients.

EPIDEMIOLOGY OF CHILDHOOD CANCER AND THE SACCSG TUMOUR REGISTRY

- 5. True (A) or false (B) fill in only block A or B: The South African Children's Tumour Registry theoretically reports all cancers in childhood.
- True (A) or false (B) fill in only block A or B: Epidemiology is the science that studies the aetiology of a disease.

LEUKAEMIA IN CHILDHOOD

- 7. True (A) or false (B) fill in only block A or B: Acute lymphoblastic leukaemia in children is the most common childhood cancer.
- Acute myeloid leukaemia is not associated with a higher incidence in (choose one):
 - A. Black children
 - B. Down syndrome
 - C. Fragile chromosome disorders
 - D. White children.

WILMS' TUMOUR

True (A) or false (B) – fill in only block A or B: In suspected Wilms' tumour an ultrasound scan of the abdomen is mandatory to identify a renal/non-renal mass and to distinguish between a cystic lesion and a solid tumour.

10. True (A) or false (B) - fill in only block A or B: Total nephrectomy, with exploration of the whole abdomen, is key to the treatment of Wilms' tumour.

FEBRILE NEUTROPENIA IN CHILDHOOD CANCER

- 11. True (A) or false (B) fill in only block A or B: The use of empiric antibiotics has reduced the mortality associated with febrile neutropenia in children undergoing chemotherapy.
- 12. True (A) or false (B) fill in only block A or B: Empiric antibiotic therapy should be started while waiting for the results of investigations such as blood cultures.

CHILDHOOD LYMPHOMAS – A BRIEF OVERVIEW

- 13. True (A) or false (B) fill in only block A or B: Systemic symptoms occur in 30% of all cases of HD and present with intermittent fever (Perl-Ebstein), anorexia, fatigue, weakness, night sweats, and weight loss.
- 14. True (A) or false (B) fill in only block A or B: Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma accounts for 45% of all lymphomas in children and adolescents less than 20 years of age.

HIV AND CHILDHOOD CANCER

15. AIDS-defining cancers include (choose one):

- A. Hodgkin's lymphoma
- B. Acute lymphoblastic leukaemia
- C. Leiomyosarcoma
- D. Primary CNS lymphoma
- E. Rhabdomyosarcoma.

16. Kaposi's sarcoma seldom presents with (choose one):

- A. Lymphadenopathy
- B. Oropalatal lesions
- Gastrointestinal haemorrhage
- D. Seizures due to cerebral nodules
- E. Inguinoscrotal lesions.

BLEEDING IN CHILDREN WITH CANCER

- 17. True (A) or false (B) fill in only block A or B: The most common cause of bleeding in children newly diagnosed with malignancy is bone marrow infiltration.
- 18. True (A) or false (B) fill in only block A or B: Filtration of random/pooled platelets is not successful in reducing the leucocyte count and therefore in reducing the incidence of allo-immunisation.

COMMUNICATION IN THE DIAGNOSIS OF CHILDHOOD CANCER

- 19. True (A) or false (B) fill in only block A or B: Doctors should set the pace when communicating with parents with regard to the diagnosis of childhood cancer.
- 20. True (A) or false (B) fill in only block A or B: There are very few well-known causes of childhood cancer.