

SURGERY GRAND ROUNDS

Self Assessment Questions

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"Pancreatic Cancer: Overcoming Obstacles through Research"

1. Which of the following findings is most likely to render a patient unresectable with a cancer of the head of the pancreas?
 - a. Involvement of the anterior wall of the portal vein
 - b. Size greater than 5 cm
 - c. Poorly differentiated pathology
 - d. Invasive of the superior mesenteric artery

Answer: D

2. Cure rates for adenocarcinoma of the pancreatic head is superior to that of periampullary cancer.
True _____ False _____

Answer: F

3. The etiology of pancreatic cancer is thought to be _____
 - a. Smoking related
 - b. Likely dietary
 - c. Hereditary origin
 - d. Unknown at present

Answer: D

4. At present post-operative adjuvant chemotherapy may produce which of the following outcomes in a population of patient undergoing a pancreaticoduodenectomy for pancreatic head cancer?
 - a. Improve long term survival by 20 percent
 - b. Improve long term survival by 80 percent
 - c. Extend the interval of disease-free survival
 - d. Have no effect at all

Answer: C