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What are the side effects of taking medication?

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What are the risks and benefits of surgery?

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What are the causes and symptoms of diabetes?

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How is cancer diagnosed?

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Cancer is diagnosed through a combination of imaging studies, biopsies, and pathology testing. These tests help to identify the location, size, and aggressiveness of any tumor, as well as determine whether it has spread to other parts of the body. The specific tests used will depend on the type of cancer suspected, as well as the patient's overall health status.

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What are the different types of heart attack?

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How can I prevent a stroke?

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To prevent a stroke, it is important to avoid alcohol or drug abuse as well as manage stress levels through relaxation techniques like meditation, yoga, or deep breathing exercises. Additionally, regular exercise and a healthy diet can help improve blood flow to the brain. It is also recommended to consult with a medical professional for regular check-ups to ensure proper maintenance of arteries and veins.

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involved. Emboli can affect any part of the body. The most common sites are the legs and feet. When the brain is affected, it is called a stroke. When the heart is involved, it is called a heart attack or myocardial infarction (MI). Causes and symptoms A common cause of embolus is when an artery, metadata={'source': 'data/71763-gale-encyclopedia-of-medicine.-vol.-1.-2nd-ed.pdf', 'page': 368}}

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What is the best way to manage stress?

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What are the signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction?

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Symptoms of an allergic reaction may include:

1. Itching, redness, or swelling of the skin, especially around the eyes, nose, or mouth.
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How do I get a flu shot?

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What is the best way to quit smoking?

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The best way to quit smoking involves a multi-step approach that includes medication, support groups, and lifestyle changes.

- Use FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapy (NRT), such as gum, lozenges, or patches. These help manage withdrawal symptoms and cravings.
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What are the signs and symptoms of depression?

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The signs and symptoms of depression vary depending on the individual, but may include:

- Feeling sad or hopeless for extended periods of time
- Loss of interest in activities that were once enjoyed
- Changes in appetite or sleep patterns
- Difficulty concentrating or making decisions
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- Feelings of worthlessness or guilt
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