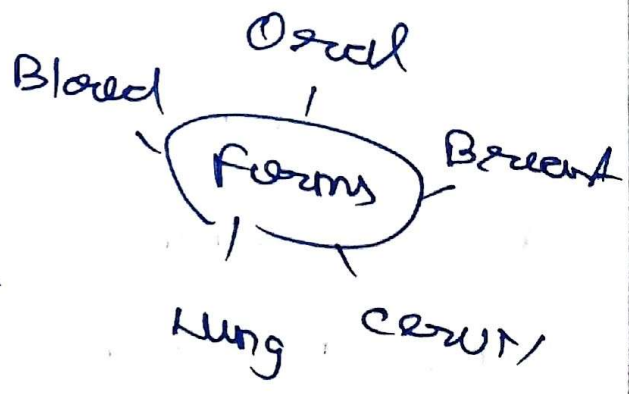
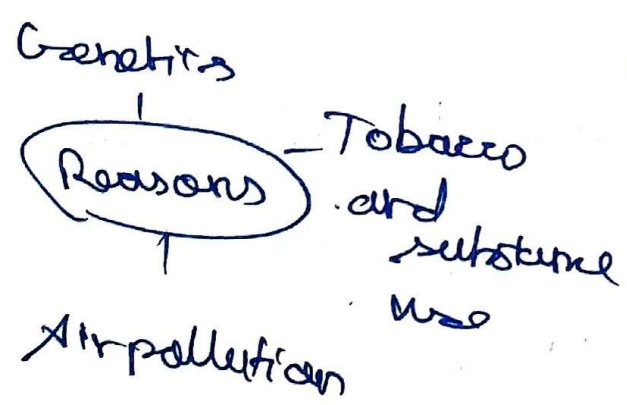


The no. of people are being diagnosed with cancer expected to rise exponentially in next 10 decades, steps taken. measures

India has in becoming the cancer capital of the world as per latest reports. The number of cases was 14 lakh in 2020 and expected to reach 15-7 lakh by 2025.

Cancer and children : out of 10 lakh cases reported yearly 4% of cases are of children.



Government has undertaken many steps to combat cancer.

Steps taken

① Finance : Cancer affects the finances of the patients. Health insurance under the Pradhan Mantri Bhawan scheme has been launched.

Financial assistance under the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi upto ₹15 lakh is being disbursed. Yet, the number of beneficiaries are falling from ~~40~~ 470 in 2019-20 to 63 in 22-23.

② Screening Oral, breast, cervical cancer screening are part of National Programme on prevention of Non-communicable Diseases.

Yet, India screens only 1% as 70% recommended by WHO.

③ Medicines: The government has launched the XMIT pharmacies to get subsidised cancer medicines and NPPA has reduced ~~by~~ the prices by 87%.

Though, some measures can further be taken

Further measures

* Increase the pediatric oncology in public health centres.

* Increased screening for preventive medication.

* Improved curative and palliative care environment.

Cancer destabilises the health ecosystem of family and nation. Prudent actions from governments and lifestyle changes from public are needed.