

## EXCI 202

### Answer key

## Review of Systems by Symptom

General "systemic" symptoms	Potential condition or system of origin
Fever, chills, sweats	Infection, cancer; immune system
Severe night pain	Cancer; cardiovascular or gastrointestinal system
Unexplained weight change	Depression, eating disorder, infection, cancer; Gastrointestinal or metabolic systems
Unusual fatigue, malaise	Depression, infection, diabetes, anemia, rheumatoid arthritis, eating disorder, cancer; endocrine system

## Review of Systems by Symptom

Key system-specific symptoms	Potential condition or system of origin
Chest pain or palpitations	Cardiovascular system
Shortness of breath	Cardiovascular or pulmonary system
Dizziness, light-headedness, fainting	Medications; cardiovascular or metabolic system
Nausea, vomiting	Pregnancy, cancer, drug toxicity; gastrointestinal system
Loss of control of bowels (diarrhea)	Gastrointestinal system
Difficulty, bleeding, or pain while urinating	Infection; urogenital system

## Review of Systems by Symptom

Key system-specific symptoms	Potential condition or system of origin
Sexual function problems	Psychological; urogenital or neurological system
Visual disturbances	Neurological or cardiovascular system
Numbness, weakness, burning, tingling	Neurological system
Difficulty swallowing, hoarseness	Neoplasm (tumor); neurological or gastrointestinal system

## Character and Behavior of Systemic and Musculoskeletal Symptoms

Systemic	Musculoskeletal
Constant	Intermittent
No change with movement or posture	Consistent change with movement or posture
No change or worse at rest	Relief with rest
Worse at night	Relief at night
Worse with organ function	Unaffected by organ function

## General Systemic Symptoms

<b>Symptom</b>	<b>Potential System of Origin or Condition</b>
Fever, chills, sweats	Infection; immune system; cancer
Severe night pain	Cancer; CV system; GI system
Unexplained weight change	GI system; metabolic system; depression; eating disorder; infection; cancer
Unusual fatigue	Endocrine system; depression; infection; diabetes; anemia; eating disorder; cancer

## Key System-Specific Symptoms

<b>Symptom</b>	<b>Potential System of Origin or Condition</b>
Chest pain or palpitations	Cardiovascular system
Shortness of breath	Cardiovascular or pulmonary
Dizziness, light-headedness, fainting	Cardiovascular; neurological; metabolic
Nausea	Gastrointestinal; pregnancy, cancer, drug toxicity

## Key System-Specific Symptoms

<b>Symptom</b>	<b>Potential System of Origin or Condition</b>
Loss of control of bowels (diarrhea)	Gastrointestinal; neurological
Difficulty, bleeding, or pain with urination	Urogenital; infection
Difficulty, bleeding, or pain with bowel movement	Gastrointestinal
Visual disturbances	Neurological

## Key System-Specific Symptoms

<b>Symptom</b>	<b>Potential System of Origin or Condition</b>
Numbness, weakness, burning or tingling	Neurological