

A family history of bowel cancer

Practising drawing a genetic family history - Worksheet 10



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Introduction

John Elliott is talking to the practice nurse about the history of bowel cancer in his family. Three family members have died of bowel cancer and he is concerned. Use the family history information below to draw the family tree.

Information about family

- John Elliott (6/3/1966) does not have a current partner and does not have any children. He is the only child of his father, Thomas Elliott (18/6/1940) and his mother Anne (23/4/1941); both are alive and well.
- Thomas' parents were Arthur and Mary Elliott. Arthur died in 1990 of Alzheimer's disease aged 75 years and Mary died in 1994 of a stroke aged 76 years.
- They had another son James (14/7/1937) who died of bowel cancer, aged 62 years on 6/12/1999.
- Anne's parents separated when she was young. Her father is William Armstrong (b: 1917) who is alive and well. Anne's mother, Dorothy, died from old age in 1999, aged 80 years.
- They also had a son Stephen Armstrong (18/11/1942) who died of bowel cancer on 6/1/2008, aged 65 years.
- Dorothy's second husband was Charles Baxter who died of pneumonia in 1994, aged 76 years.
- Dorothy and Charles had a daughter Carol (22/9/1945) who died of stomach cancer, aged 56 years on 23/10/2001.
- Don't forget to date and sign the genetic family history pedigree.

Draw the genetic family history (pedigree) here

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