

### Pulmonary Embolism

**Directions:** Answer the following questions.

1. What does the term “Pulmonary” refer to? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is an “Embolism”? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is an “Embolus”? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Is a pulmonary embolism an acute or chronic problem? Explain your answer.

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5. What is the most likely cause of Betsy’s pulmonary embolism?

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6. Explain how a pulmonary embolism causes difficulty breathing?

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7. What is a “thrombolytic drug”? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Why is it important to begin thrombolytic drug therapy as soon as possible?

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