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ITEMS 615-616

A 65-year-old man who smokes two packs per day has left chest wall pain. His medical history is otherwise unremarkable. A chest x-ray reveals a mass adjacent to the chest wall with evidence of rib destruction in the 6th rib. Percutaneous needle biopsy reveals squamous cell carcinoma.

615. Prethoracotomy evaluation should include all of the following EXCEPT

- (A) bronchoscopy
- (B) dobutamine stress echocardiography
- (C) anterior mediastinotomy
- (D) thoracoabdominal computed tomography
- (E) pulmonary function testing

616. Which of the following would most negatively influence this patient's survival prognosis?

- (A) Mass size greater than 6 cm
- (B) Requirement for resection of more than one rib
- (C) A single positive mediastinal node
- (D) His squamous histology
- (E) Failure to give postoperative adjuvant radiotherapy

For the incomplete statement in Item 615, select the *one* completion that is BEST, and for the question in Item 616, select the BEST answer.

For the critique of items 615 and 616 see page 148.

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