

Extra Credit assignment questions

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1. Should the results of the June Pap smear showing irregular cells have been disclosed to Ms. Randall?

Yes, Ms. Randall should have been informed of the findings of the Pap smear. If they were inconclusive results but they were suspecting something such as HPV for the first Pap smear, I feel like it would have been okay to tell Ms. Randall that the results were just inconclusive and not that it could be something. However, since the repeat smear also showed irregular findings, she should have been notified then of the findings.

2. Should Ms. Randall have been counseled to consider a cesarean versus a vaginal birth?

Yes, if Ms. Randall had irregular findings consistent with HPV, options should have been presented to her regarding the birth of her child to reduce the chances of the baby contracting the HPV through the birth canal.

3. What would a reasonable person have decided?

A reasonable person would have taken into account the risks and benefits of each option and made the decision that would cause the least harm to their unborn child. In this case, if Ms. Randall would have been informed of her genital warts and the risk of contracting Juvenile Laryngeal Papillomatosis through a vaginal birth, I believe she would have opted for the cesarean birth.

4. Would it have made a difference if Kimberly had been born via cesarean sections?

Because Ms. Randall had active lesions during the birth, it would have been advised to perform a cesarean section to reduce the chances of Kimberly contracting HPV through the birth canal.