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Ovarian Cancer Test

Scientists have been researching new test on 4000 women to screen ovarian cancer for more than 11 years. The women are tested each year to record CA-125 protein level which is usually produced by ovarian tumor cells. If an individual shows drastic increase of CA-125, she will be referred to gynecologist and screened by ultrasonography. The result, published in Cancer journal, found that 10 women underwent surgery during research period: four had early ovarian cancer, five had benign tumor, and one had endometriosis.

Person quoted (s): -

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Hope for People with Cancer

According to Health Ministry data in 2012, cancer prevalence is 4.3 per 1000 individuals. Dr. Warsito P. Taruno, M.Eng, an Indonesian researcher who had worked in Shizuoka University, created electrical capacitance volume tomography (ECVT) to detect cancer and electro capacitive cancer treatment (ECCT) as a cancer therapy. The device uses static discharge-based electrical capacitance that can detect cell number and malignancy and can treat cancer, said Dr. Warsito P. Taruno, M.Eng during health seminar on cancer treatment approach in Sari Asih Hospital, Serang.

Person quoted (s): Dr. Warsito P. Taruno, M.Eng, researcher

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Over Seven Million People Have Diabetes in RI: IDF

People with diabetes is increasing rapidly in the world including Indonesia. Globally, 371 million people have been diagnosed with diabetes and 4.8 million people died from the disease, according to International Diabetes Federation (IDF) data. Indonesia has 7.6 million people with diabetes and this number may increase to 12 million (6% annual growth) by 2030, said Sandeep Sur, President Director of PT Novo Nordisk Indonesia, in a press conference. Novo Nordisk in cooperation with Health Ministry conducted a comprehensive study called Blueprint for Change, and it aims to better understand how healthcare can be delivered in Indonesia. The report will be released in Jakarta on September 3. Low awareness, changing lifestyle and diet and shortage of diabetes specialists pose a problem in reducing the disease. For 240 million people there are a total of 90,000 doctors and 30,000 specialists with 2,160 hospitals and 9,532 primary health centers, said Ali Ghufron Mukti, Deputy Health Minister.

Person quoted (s): Sandeep Sur, President Director, PT Novo Nordisk Indonesia
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Rupiah is Still Weak, Drug Price May Rise

The impact of rupiah weakening encourages pharmaceutical industry to increase drug price. Pharmaceutical industry has two strategy to anticipate this: increasing sales and raising price, said Johannes Setijono, President of Indonesian Pharmaceutical Association. Imported raw materials accounts for nearly 80% of cost of goods manufactured. However, price rise is a last resort and if rupiah value goes down to Rp10,000/US\$, pharmaceutical industry can postpone import, said John Sebayang, Finance Director of PT Indofarma. With current rupiah-per-dollar value, generic drug price (as the primary business of PT Indofarma) may increase 20%, depending on drug type.

Person quoted (s): Johannes Setijono, President, Indonesian Pharmaceutical Association (GP Farmasi)
John Sebayang, Finance Director, PT Indofarma

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11 Million Jamkesda Members Integrated into BPJS

Government decided to integrate Regional Health Insurance (Jamkesda) members into the new Social Security Administrative Body (BPJS) starting on January 1, 2014. However, the number will be reduced to 11 million from current number of 45 million members. BPJS membership will be increased gradually and it is expected all Indonesian citizens would be covered by 2019. Beneficiary fee for the poor is Rp19,225 per person per month for 86.4 million people. Funding for Jamkesda program will be managed by BPJS directly from Regional Budget (APBD). In addition, primary health centers such as community health center and other government-owned healthcare services should be given authority to manage the fund.

Person quoted (s): Agung Laksono, Coordinating Minister of Welfare
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