Urogenital System
Case Study 2

Harry is a 52-year-old factory worker in his third marriage. His two previous wives have preceded him in death. He has suddenly had trouble walking and has even fallen several times. He has also had symptoms, which seem to come and go, that almost mimic a stroke. He decides that a visit to his primary care physician is warranted. After a battery of tests, his doctor thinks he has finally figured out what is wrong. He asks Harry to come in to the office and questions him about what he remembers about his health some twenty years ago. Harry can hardly remember what happened last week, let alone fifteen to twenty years back. However, based on blood tests, the doctor has come up with the diagnosis which does look bleak for Harry.

a. Diagnosis –

b. Causative agent –

c. Based on Harry’s symptoms, in which stage of this disease is he? How do you know?

d. What stages, which were apparently very mild, did Harry miss all those years ago?

e. Why is the prognosis so bleak? List some of the outcomes of this infectious disease.