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Trouble in Paradise: Common Disorders of the Excretory System

Short Answer Key

1. Kidney stones are caused by an imbalance of minerals and salts in the urine. A common symptom is severe pain when the stones move through the urinary tract.
2. A UTI is an infection that can occur anywhere in the urinary tract, while a bladder infection specifically affects the bladder. Common symptoms of a UTI include frequent urination, a burning sensation when urinating, and cloudy or bloody urine. A bladder infection presents with symptoms such as frequent urination, a strong urge to urinate, and pain or discomfort in the lower abdomen.
3. Chronic kidney disease is primarily caused by conditions like high blood pressure and diabetes. Common symptoms include fatigue, swelling in the legs and ankles, and changes in urination patterns.
4. Urinary incontinence is a condition where a person has trouble controlling their bladder, leading to unexpected urine leakage. Possible causes or factors contributing to it include weakened pelvic floor muscles, nerve damage, and certain medications.
5. Polycystic kidney disease (PKD) is a genetic condition where fluid-filled cysts develop in the kidneys over time, causing them to enlarge and lose function.

