Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology HST.952: Computing for Biomedical Scientists

## Homework 5

Problem 1.

The following is an excerpt from a real clinical guideline. Please represent it as a SINGLE well-formed formula (WFF) in propositional logic.

Testing for diabetes should be considered for all individuals age 45 and older. Testing should be considered at a younger age, in individuals who:

\_ are obese

have a first-degree relative with diabetes

are members of a high-risk ethnic population (African American,

Hispanic, Native American, Asian)

\_ are hypertensive

have an HDL cholesterol level less than or equal to 40 mg/dl and /or a triglyceride level greater than or equal to 150 mg/dl

Problem 2.

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If (A == true) {

if (B == false) {

C =true

}

else {

C=false

}

else {

C = false

}
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Write a WFF in propositional logic to represent the logical relation between A, B and C. (HINT: you may use a truth table.)

Problem 3.

Use truth table to determine which of the following formulas are tautologies: (see attachment 1)

C: Congestive Heart Failure F: Heart Failure Problem 4. Flow chart is often used to represent clinical algorithms. Please complete the following flow chart base on this well-formed formula (WFF): (see attachment 2)

HR: High risk of lung cancer Male: Being of the male gender Smoker: having smoked for more than 5 years in their life SF: lived with a smoker for more than 5 years in their life FH: having a family history of lung cancer

\* Please use each decision box to check only one variable. (as in attachment 3)