**Unit 11–Administration of Nonparenteral Medications**

Objectives

Upon completing this unit, you should be able to:

* Define the terms listed in the vocabulary.
* List several advantages and disadvantages of the oral route of drug administration.
* Describe the measuring devices most commonly used when administering oral medications.
* Administer oral medications.
* State the guidelines that should be followed whenever it is necessary to crush a solid medication.
* Perform an eye instillation.
* Perform an ear instillation.
* Describe the administration of nasal medications.
* Describe a transdermal system.
* Describe inhalation and give three uses of inhalation therapy.
* State the implications for patient care when an inhaler is prescribed.
* List the signs and symptoms of hypoxemia.
* List the symptoms of oxygen toxicity.
* Describe the methods used for oxygen delivery.
* Describe oxygen safety precautions.
* Describe the administration of drugs by local application.
* Answer the review questions correctly.