**Unit 13—Administration of Parenteral Medications**

Objectives

Upon completing this unit, you should be able to:

* Define the terms listed in the vocabulary.
* Give three advantages of the parenteral routes of drug administration.
* Give eight disadvantages (possible dangers and complications) associated with the administra- tion of parenteral medications.
* List the basic guidelines for administering an injection.
* Explain why it is important to do a patient assessment before the administration of an injec- tion.
* Select the correct sites for subcutaneous, intramuscular, and intradermal injections.
* Mark the correct site for an intramuscular injection.
* Prepare a patient for an injection.
* Demonstrate the proper procedure to be used when giving a subcutaneous, intramuscular, in- tradermal, and Z-track intramuscular injection.
* Give the special considerations to be observed when administering insulin.
* Describe intravenous therapy and state some advantages and disadvantages of IV therapy.
* Answer the review questions correctly.