**Unit 22—Medications Used for Gastrointestinal System Disorders**

Objectives

Upon completing this unit, you should be able to:

* Define the terms listed in the vocabulary.
* Describe the digestive process.
* State the treatment regimen for an ulcer associated with the *Helicobacter pylori* bacteria.
* List the changes that occur in gastrointestinal functioning of older adults.
* State the signs and symptoms of gastrointestinal disorders in children.
* Complete the critical thinking questions and activities presented in this unit.
* State the actions, uses, contraindications, adverse reactions, dosage and route, implications for patient care, patient teaching, and special considerations for selected antiulcer agents.
* State the usage, classifications, actions, usual dosage, onset of action, patient teaching, and special considerations for laxatives.
* State the usual dosage, adverse reactions, and special considerations for antidiarrheal agents.
* State the usual dosage and adverse reactions of selected anthelmintics.
* State the usual dosage and adverse reactions of selected antiprotozoal agents.
* State the usage, contraindications, and dosage of apromorphine HCl and ipecac syrup.
* Complete the Spot Check on selected drugs used to treat ulcers.
* Answer the review questions correctly.