Chapter 5 – Using Drugs Therapeutically

1. The Roman numeral that means “5” is ________

2. A drug has a systemic action when it is not limited to the site of_________________________, but can be felt throughout the body in varying degrees.

3. _________________________ means severe side effects

4. Symptoms of an allergic reaction are based on the release of _________________

5. Synergism involves ____________________to produce a greater effect

6. An ampule contains drugs for injection or intravenous use.

7. A(n) __________________________ is used to relieve pain.

8. Antitussive is used to decrease ______________________________.

9. _____________________________ relaxes the smooth muscle of the bronchi.

10. Bacteriostatic slows the growth of bacteria.

11. Antiviral is used to treat viral infection.


13. A loading dose can be defined as giving a larger initial dose immediately to treat a disease.

14. Pathogenic is capable of causing disease.

15. One liter is equal to _____________ milliliters.

16. mg = _______________; mcg = _______________; kg = ________________.

17. One milliliter is the same liquid volume as a ________________________.

18. _________ = at bedtime

19. ________ = three times a day; _________ = every other day; ________ = every hour

20. ______ = with; _____________________ = as needed; ___________ = before meals

21. It is more accurate to order _____________________drug dosages using weight.
Chapter 6 – The Prescription

22. The abbreviation, __________, on the prescription refers to instructions for taking the drug.

23. When the physician writes a prescription for scheduled drugs, he/she must include his/her __________ number.

24. A(n) _______________________ is used to control nausea and vomiting.

25. An antipyretic is used to ______________________________.

Essay Questions

26. Describe how verbal orders for medications are handled by a nurse in the hospital.

27. How does a toxic effect differ from a side effect?

28. Describe the difference between local and systemic drug effects.

29. List two (2) common side effects involving the GI tract and 2 common side effects involving the nervous system.

30. How does a prescription differ from a medication order?

31. What precautions should be taken to prevent the theft of prescription pads from the medical office?
32. How can a physician indicate on the prescription that the patient should receive a trade name drug and not a generic drug equivalent?

33. Name the 14 component parts of a prescription.

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