**Discussion Topics, Chapter 38, The Reproductive System**

| Topics for Discussion | Learning Objectives |
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| 1. Widow Mary and widower Joseph are older adults residing in the assisted-living facility where you work. They have become quite close and spend a great deal of time together. You often see them walking holding hands. One day while assisting Mary, they confide to you that they and Joseph have tried to “sleep” together, but when they tried to have intercourse, it was painful for Mary. They never had problems like this with their husband, and Mary says they feel “all dried up.”   1. What might be a reason why intercourse is painful for Mary? 2. What can you do to assist Mary with this concern? | 4, 5 |
| 2. Your friend Lily tells you their sister has been diagnosed with genital herpes and asks you what you know about this disease and how to prevent getting it.   1. What can you tell Lily about genital herpes? 2. What can you tell Lily about prevention of this sexually transmitted infection? | 12 |
| 3. Your older uncle shares that they are having “difficulties” with their prostate and asks you what a PSA test is.   1. What would you expect the difficulties to be? 2. What would you tell them about the PSA test? | 9, 10, 11 |