**Discussion Topics, Chapter 31, The Respiratory System**

| Topics for Discussion | Learning Objectives |
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| 1. Mary Williams is 82 years old, and has been a resident of Newhaven Nursing Center for many years. Recently they developed pneumonia, and they are very ill. They are receiving oxygen at 3 L/min through a nasal cannula. The oxygen is being supplied by an oxygen concentrator, and there is a humidity bottle attached. They have a continuous pulse oximeter in place, and their oxygen saturation level has been 91% to 94%. You are to obtain vital signs this morning along with providing personal hygiene care.   1. While you are caring for Mary, what observations should you be making, and what should you report to the nurse immediately? 2. What are your responsibilities concerning the oxygen therapy Mary is receiving? | 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| 2. You are caring for Ginny, a 22-year-old college student who was admitted to the hospital with a severe asthma attack. They are being treated with oxygen therapy and medications. Ginny uses their call light frequently and, most of the time, their requests are for things they can do or obtain for themself.   1. Why do you think Ginny is using their call light to ask for trivial things? 2. What can you do to promote comfort for Ginny and ease their fears? | 5, 6, 7 |