Patent Claims

1. An applicator (1) for oral administering of a swallowable object (2), in particular a solid dosage form, to a patient, the applicator (1) comprising:

- a housing (3) having a first opening (4) and a second opening (5), the first opening (4) of the housing (3) being configured to be coupled with a liquid reservoir (20), in particular a drinking vessel, and the second opening (5) of the housing (3) being configured such that the patient can drink therefrom,

- a holder (6) disposed within the housing (3) and configured to accommodate the swallowable object (2), the holder (6) being further configured to allow the swallowable object (2) to be conveyed towards the second opening (5) of the housing (3) when liquid (25) is flowing through the housing (3) from the first opening (4) to the second opening (5) of the housing (3),
the holder (6) comprising a holder structure (9 - 14) being, in particular coaxially, disposed within the housing (3) and configured to accommodate the swallowable object (2), and
the holder structure (9 - 14) comprises a wall structure (10), which is in particular attached to the bottom structure (9), the wall structure (10) exhibits one or more notches, slots and/or recesses (12) allowing a thread or string (17), which is attached to the swallowable object (2) accommodated within the wall structure (10), to be guided from within the wall structure (10) to the outside of the wall structure (10) or vice versa and/or to be coiled around the outside of the wall structure (10), and

- a swallowable object (2), in particular a solid dosage form, to which a thread or string (17) is attached, and which is accommodated by the holder (6).

2. The applicator (1) according to claim 1, the holder structure (9 - 14) comprising a bottom structure (9) being provided at a first end of the holder structure (9 - 14).

3. The applicator (1) according to claim 2, the bottom structure (9) being configured to allow at least a part of the liquid (25), which is flowing through the housing (3) from the first opening (4) to the second opening (5) of the housing (3), to flow through the holder structure (9 - 14) and to thereby convey the swallowable object (2) towards the second opening (5) of the housing (3).

4. The applicator (1) according to claim 3, the bottom structure (9) comprising a grid and/or a bridge-like or strip-like support structure.

5. The applicator (1) according to any of the claims 2 to 4, the bottom structure (9) being mounted on and/or attached to the housing (3).

6. The applicator (1) according to any of the preceding claims, the holder structure (9 - 14) further comprising at least one fixing element (11) configured to fix the thread (17) at the holder structure (9 - 14).

7. The applicator (1) according to any of the preceding claims, the applicator (1) further comprising at least one cap (7, 8) configured to seal the first opening (4) of the housing (3) and/or the second opening (5) of the housing (3), wherein the at least one cap (7, 8) is releasably attached to the first opening (4) and/or second opening (5) of the housing (3).

8. A drinking device comprising an applicator (1) according to any preceding claim, and a vessel (20), in particular a drinking vessel, configured to contain a liquid (25), the applicator (1) being, in particular releasably, coupled with the vessel (20) such that liquid (25) contained in the vessel (20) can enter the applicator (1) via the first opening (4) of the housing (3).

9. The drinking vessel according to claim 8, the vessel (20) having an opening (23) and the applicator (1) being, in particular releasably, attached to the opening (23) of the vessel (20).