Unit #2 Medical Equipment

Below is a list of the vocabulary needed to pass this unit with a good score.

**bandage**
a long piece of cloth which is wrapped around an injured body part
"I need to wrap the bandage around my ankle, as I suspect I have sprained it."

**brace**
an object to support a body part and hold it in the correct position after injury
"If the patient has suffered a severe head injury and there is a risk for a spinal cord injury, he or she will have to wear a neck brace."

**cast**
a tough cover which protects an injured body part or a broken limb
"A broken bone will be treated with the cast unless it is very small."

**catheter**
a thin tube inserted into a patient’s body in order to remove a liquid, e.g. urine
"As you will be immobilized after the surgery so unable to go to the toilet, you will have a catheter inserted."

**crutches**
sticks which fit under your arms and are used to walk when your leg or foot is injured or broken
"She’s been walking on crutches for 4 weeks now and is really looking forward to the moment when her leg has fully recovered."

**defibrillator**
a device to correct abnormal heart rate by means of electric shocks
"A defibrillator is commonly used in case of patients with irregular heart beats."

**diagnostic equipment**
tools and devices used by doctors to examine a patient and form an opinion of what is wrong
"A stethoscope and thermometer are examples of common diagnostic equipment."

**forceps**
an instrument with two long narrow parts for holding things during medical operations
"Use forceps to close the blood vessel."

**incubator**
a piece of hospital equipment in which ill or premature babies lie to be kept warm and given treatment
"As my son was born a month before he was due, he had to be placed in an incubator."

**MRI (magnetic resonance imaging)**
a medical imaging technique used to produce images of internal organs
"To produce images of the body, MRI scanners use magnetic fields or radio waves."
**scalpel**  
a small sharp knife used by doctors during operations to cut skin & tissue  
"Make sure scalpel is sterile before you begin performing a surgery."

**sling**  
a piece of cloth to support your arm in case it’s injured  
"As I have injured my wrist and have to wear a sling, I’m going to take a few days off work."

**splint**  
a metal, plastic or wooden element placed next to a broken bone to immobilize it while it’s healing  
"Before the doctor put my arm in a cast, he placed a metal splint next to it, so now my arm is so heavy!"

**stethoscope**  
a tool which is used for listening to someone’s breathing or heart  
"When you complain to a GP about acute cough, he or she uses a stethoscope to listen to your chest."

**stretcher**  
a type of portable bed used to carry an injured or ill person  
"Stretchers are included as standard equipment for ambulances in case paramedics need to carry injured patients."

**syringe**  
a tool which is used to inject fluid into the body or withdraw fluid from it  
"The majority of doctors surgeries use disposable syringes these days."

**thermometer**  
a tool to measure temperature of the body  
"Due to the toxicity of mercury, mercury thermometers were banned in EU."

**tongue depressor**  
a tool used during examinations of the throat which helps keep the view open  
"Now please open your mouth and I will use a tongue depressor to check your throat."

**wheelchair**  
a rolling transportation device often used by someone who cannot walk  
"She’s been in a wheelchair since she had her leg amputated."

**X-ray**  
a type of radiation used to produce images that help to diagnose diseases  
"He had an X-ray taken and it revealed he had broken a rib"

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