Unit #24 Human Anatomy III

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

**OD (oculus dexter)**
the right eye
"The results of the eye test showed that the problem was with the oculus dexter."

**OS (oculus sinister)**
the left eye
"The oculus sinister is usually the dominant eye in left-handed people."

**optic nerve**
the nerve carrying visual information from the eye to the brain
"The patient was blinded after his optic nerve was severed in a car accident."

**organs**
a self-contained part of the body responsible for a unique function
"There are five vital organs in the human body: the brain, heart, kidneys, liver and lungs."

**ovaries**
female reproductive organs
"A woman's ovaries shrink over time, leading to decreased fertility."

**patella**
the kneecap
"A splint was placed over the patella to immobilize it while it healed."

**pharynx**
the cavity behind the nose and the mouth
"Getting food stuck in the pharynx can cause tissue irritation."

**platelet**
a cell fragment found in blood that helps with clotting
"A normal platelet count ranges from 150,000 to 450,000 platelets per microliter of blood."

**pons**
the area of the brain through which the two sides communicate
"The pons serves as a message station between several areas of the brain."

**posterior**
related or connected to the back of the body
"The posterior of his legs were covered in an itchy rash."
**prostate gland**
the gland which produces the fluid part of semen
"Men over the age of 45 should have their prostate gland checked for signs of cancer."

**RBC (red blood cells)**
cells in the blood which carry oxygen
"Red blood cells, also called erythrocytes, are cells that circulate in the blood carrying oxygen around the body."

**saliva**
watery liquid secreted by the mouth
"One of the effects of the medicine is a reduction in saliva production."

**spinal cord**
the bundle of nerve fibres enclosed in the spine
"Damage to the spinal cord can lead to paralysis."

**sternum**
breastbone
"Fractures of the sternum are usually a result of blunt force trauma."

**subcostal**
below the ribs
"The subcostal arteries are the lowest pair of branches coming from the thoracic aorta."

**subdural**
below the external layer of the meninges
"A subdural hematoma is typically caused by severe head injury."

**submandibular**
below the lower jaw
"Submandibular intubation is an effective means to avoid tracheostomy."

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