Unit #26 Blood

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

**angiography**
the repair of a blood vessel by stitching
"Angiography was used to stop the leakage of the blood vessel."

**angioma**
an abnormal growth produced by the formation of new blood vessels
"Angiomas are benign growths which are normally harmless."

**angioplasty**
surgical repair to widen a blood vessel
"As angioplasties are such common procedures, the risk of complications is minimal."

**bypass**
an alternative channel from one blood vessel to another to get around a blockage
"The surgeons fitted an artificial bypass during the surgery."

**capillaries**
small blood vessels
"The red lines on his cheeks and nose indicated that some of the capillaries had burst."

**cerebral thrombosis**
a blood clot in the brain
"Cerebral thrombosis is an unusual form of stroke as it affects younger people more than older."

**clot**
a thick mass of liquid stuck together
"A blood clot forms to try to repair damage to a blood vessel."

**crossmatch**
a blood test to see if a transfusion is possible
"All of the family had a crossmatch test carried out to check for a viable donor."

**DVT (deep vein thrombosis)**
a venal clot normally occurring in the leg
"The largest risk of deep vein thrombosis is that the clot will move to the heart or brain."

**embolus**
a blockage formed by a blood clot, foreign object, or other bodily substance getting stuck in a blood vessel
"He takes anticoagulants to prevent an embolus from forming in his lungs."
**erythrocytes**  
Oxygen carrying cells in the blood  
"A deficiency in erythrocytes can cause fatigue and dizziness."

**extravasation**  
Leakage of blood into tissue  
"Redness and blistering are common signs that extravasation is taking place."

**hematemesis**  
The vomiting of blood  
"Severe loss of blood from hematemesis can cause a patient to go into shock."

**hemorrhage**  
An escape of blood from a ruptured blood vessel.  
"The injury caused a massive hemorrhage in the brain."

**plasma**  
The colorless, fluid part of blood  
"Plasma transfusions are used to replace blood proteins and prevent bleeding."

**pulmonary embolism**  
A blood clot in the lungs  
"Patients with a high likelihood of pulmonary embolisms should undergo diagnostic imaging."

**thrombus**  
An unwanted clot formed in the vascular system which reduces the flow of blood  
"Smokers have an increased risk of developing an intravascular thrombus."

**uremia**  
The accumulation of poisons in the blood after kidney failure  
"Chronic kidney disease causes uremia."

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