Unit #27 Bodily Functions

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

**alopecia**
loss of hair in the top of the head due to genetics and/or hormones
"There are several treatments for alopecia including pills and lotions."

**coma**
a prolonged state of deep unconsciousness
"She was in a coma for 37 days before she woke up."

**conscious**
the state of being awake and aware
"During a local anesthetic you remain fully conscious."

**diuretic**
medication used to force excess water out of the body in the form of urine
"As he had difficulty urinating, he was given a diuretic."

**excretion**
the process of expelling a substance from the body
"An excretion from the human body can come in one of three forms: gas, liquid and solid."

**feces**
waste matter expelled from the body during bowel movements
"A wide range of biological information can be gathered by studying feces."

**humeral**
related or connected to the upper part of the arm
"The skin discoloration and pain in the patient's arm indicated a humeral fracture."

**intraocular**
inside of the eye
"You can expect a slight burning sensation during an intraocular injection."

**medial**
moving toward or having to do with the middle
"The middle toe is located at the medial point of the foot."

**menopause**
the period in a woman’s life when menstruation stops
"Many women experience depression during menopause."
menstrual period
time of menstruation
"The regular menstrual period is 28 days long."

micturate
urinate
"He claimed that he felt a burning sensation when he needed to micturate."

miotics
substances which constricts the pupil
"Miotics are often used to reduce pressure in the eye."

mydriatics
substances that dilate the pupil
"Mydriatics such as tropicamide are used by doctors to examine the pupil."

myopia
the state of being short-sighted or near-sighted
"Myopia, also known as near-sightedness, is the most common vision impairment."

puberty
the period during which sex organs develop
"Puberty or adolescence can be a very difficult period of intense change in a young person’s life."

urinary
related or connected to passing liquid waste
"The human urinary system includes the kidneys, bladder and urethra."

urinary retention
abnormal accumulation of liquid waste
"There are many causes of urinary retention which require medical attention."

urination
the act of passing liquid waste
"During urination liquid waste passes through the urethra and outside the body."