Unit #32 Hormones and Glands

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

**adrenaline**
a hormone which increases blood circulation and breathing
"Adrenaline is produced when people are in dangerous situations."

**carbohydrate**
fuel for the body which includes starch and sugar
"Diets rich in carbohydrate often lead to weight gain."

**congenital**
present from birth
"The baby was born with a congenital heart defect and needed a major operation just to survive."

**cortisol**
a hormone produced by the adrenal gland affecting metabolism
"As well as regulating metabolism, cortisol also helps control blood sugar levels."

**cumulation**
an increase in the effect of a drug when given over a long period
"The effectiveness of the drug increased as a result of cumulation so the dose was lowered."

**endorphins**
hormones produced by the body to stop pain
"Our body produces endorphins as a natural pain killer."

**equivalent**
the same or equal
"The active ingredients found in generic medicine are supposed to be equivalent to their brand name counterparts."

**glucose**
a simple sugar found in blood
"Diabetics need to keep an eye on their blood glucose levels."

**gout**
a disease in which defective metabolism of uric acid causes arthritis
"Rich foods and alcohol can trigger attacks of gout."

**hormone**
a substance produced by a gland
"The diagnosis showed that insufficient levels of the hormone were being produced."
hyperthyroidism
the condition of excessive production of thyroxine
"The doctor examined the thyroid gland to see if hyperthyroidism was present."

insulin
the hormone responsible for controlling blood sugar
"People with type 1 diabetes cannot produce insulin."

intermittent
not continuous or steady
"He described the pain as intermittent and burning."

lipids
fats
"Lipids are insoluble in water."

oral
related or connected to the mouth
"The medication should be taken by oral means."

pituitary gland
a hormone producing gland located under the brain
"Trauma may cause your pituitary gland to stop producing enough of one or more of its hormones."

pustule
a small blister of pimple containing pus
"She squeezed the pustule and pus came out."

spleen
the largest lymph organ, acting primarily as a blood filter
"His spleen ruptured in the accident."