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."

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