Unit #36 Medical Tools

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

**acoumeter**
a device used for measuring hearing
"The results of the acoumeter test will be available in 3 hours."

**bronchoscope**
a device used for examining airways used for breathing
"The doctor inserted the bronchoscope into the patient's nose."

**clips**
metal tools used to close the edges of a wound
"Three clips were applied to the wound before it was sewn up."

**coagulation time**
the measurement of how long it takes for blood to clot
"In normal healthy blood the expected coagulation time is around 30 seconds."

**dilator**
a tool used for widening or stretching
"A vaginal dilator can be used to widen the vagina."

**elevator**
a metal tool or device used for lifting tissue
"The nurse passed the surgeon an elevator and he began lifting the tissue around the wound."

**endoscope**
a tool used to look inside hollow organs
"It is important that the correct kind of endoscope be used."

**enema**
a procedure to promote bowel movement in which liquid is injected into the rectum
"The enema has been becoming more popular as a form of cleansing."

**gastric lavage**
washing out of the stomach
"He was given a gastric lavage to clean his stomach lining."

**gastroscope**
a tool used for looking inside the stomach
"After the gastroscope had been positioned correctly, images from the stomach were shown on the TV screen."
**optometer**
a tool used to perform eye examinations
"By changing the lenses on the optometer you can determine the patients eye-sight."

**otoscope**
a tool used to look inside the ear
"The doctor looked into the ear using an otoscope."

**oximeter**
a device used to test the oxygen level in blood
"The oximeter showed a lack of oxygen in the blood."

**saw**
a metal tool used to cut
"The surgeon used a bone saw to cut through the bone."

**snare**
a tool for removing tissue growth
"They caught the polyp with a snare and removed it"

**spirometer**
a tool used to measure amount of air being inhaled and exhaled
"You should take a deep breath and blow into the spirometer."

**to disseminate**
spread throughout an organ or body
"It will take about 30 minutes for the drug to disseminate."

**tonometer**
a tool used for measuring pressure inside the eye
"Eye-care specialists can measure intra-ocular pressure by using a tonometer."

**transdermal patches**
sticky patches containing a drug which will be absorbed by the body
"Transdermal patches containing nicotine are an effective method of giving up smoking."

**urinal**
a plastic container for holding liquid human waste
"The nurse asked the patient to fill the urinal."

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