Unit #37 Medication

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

**aerosol**
a form of medication which is sprayed and can be inhaled
"The asthma medication was administered by aerosol."

**analgesic**
a drug such as aspirin used as a pain killer
"When the patient complained of pain, the nurse gave him paracetamol as an oral analgesic."

**antacid**
a drug used to treat heartburn or indigestion
"Many people take antacid to soothe their stomachs after eating spicy or fatty food."

**antianginal**
medication used to alleviate chest pain
"The doctor prescribed an antianginal to manage his heart disease."

**antibiotics**
a drug which prevents or hinders the growth of germs
"Patients need to finish the complete course of antibiotics, or else they risk the infection coming back stronger."

**anticoagulants**
medication used to prevent blood clotting
"Anticoagulants are used to prevent life-threatening blood clots."

**anticonvulsants**
medication used to prevent seizures
"Anticonvulsants can be effective in the management of epilepsy seizures."

**antidiarrheal**
medication used to prevent diarrhea
"There are several over-the-counter antidiarrheal medications available."

**antidote**
a substance which can treat an allergic reaction
"When traveling through snake-infested territories, he always makes sure that he has a few doses of antidote with him."

**antiemetic**
medication to stop vomiting or nausea
"The woman was given an antiemetic to stop the vomiting caused by her cancer treatment."
antihistamine
medication used to stop an allergic reaction
"Hay fever sufferers rely heavily on antihistamine pills during the spring and summer."

antipruritic
medication to stop itchiness
"Most skin creams for eczema contain a mild antipruritic to help ease symptoms."

antiseptic
a substance which prevents or hinders the growth of germs
"Always use an antiseptic spray to disinfect a wound before applying a plaster."

beta blockers
medication used to slow the heart
"She took beta blockers after her first heart attack to reduce the risk of a second one."

clinical trial
a research study using a new drug or device
"The results of the clinical trial showed a 25% decrease in relapses as compared with the older medication."

emetic
medication used to cause vomiting
"He had overdosed so was given an emetic to induce vomiting."

emollient
any substance which softens skin
"You should apply the emollient to dry skin three times a day."

placebo
a medicine with no physiological effect
"He was given sugar tablets as a placebo."

purgative
medication used to cause bowels to empty
"As he had been constipated for almost 72 hours, the doctor gave him a purgative."

sedative
medication used to relax a person without making them sleepy
"Drowsiness and confusion are common side effects of sedatives."