Unit #38 Miscellaneous

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

**arterioles**
a branch of an artery leading into a capillary
"Arterioles constrict and dilate to regulate blood flow."

**inhalant**
a medicinal preparation given through nose or mouth
"In case of an unexpected asthma attack, he always carries an inhalant in his backpack."

**larynx**
voice box
"The larynx is responsible for manipulating pitch and volume."

**participate**
be involved in
"2,000 patients will participate in the study of ADHD in adults."

**pathogenic**
causing disease
"Bacteria can be either harmless or pathogenic."

**penicillin**
a naturally produced antibiotic
"Discovered in 1928, penicillin is still used today to treat infection."

**phrenic**
of or connected to the mind or the diaphragm
"The phrenic nerves contain motor and sensory nerve fibers."

**postictal**
occurring after a seizure
"The altered state of consciousness after a seizure, known as the postictal state, lasts up to 30 minutes."

**preictal**
occurring before a seizure
"People who experience a preictal stage can use it as a warning to prepare for the seizure."

**prosthesis**
an artificial body part
"After the amputation he was fitted for a prosthesis."
remission
a reduction of disease or pain
"While in partial remission, you may be able to take a break from treatment."

renal
of or connected to the kidney
"Kidney stones often lead to renal colic, a horrible pain that occurs when stones block part of the urinary tract."

retinal
of or connected to a layer at the back of the eyeball that contains cells sensitive to light
"A retinal detachment is a serious problem that can cause blindness."

seizure
sudden and uncontrolled muscle spasms
"An epileptic seizure can be controlled with the correct medication."

sickle cell anemia
a hereditary condition in which there aren't enough healthy red blood cells
"Severe sickle cell anemia can damage the heart, brain, and lungs if not treated in a timely manner."

sleep apnea
problems breathing while dormant
"Partners of patients with sleep apnea often complain of the sound of snoring."

streptococcus
a common type of spherical bacteria which can cause anything from mild throat infections to pneumonia
"The first step in treating streptococcus is to determine whether it is Group A or Group B."

syndrome
a group of symptoms which occur together
"Down syndrome is not a disease, disorder, or medical condition so does not require treatment or prevention."

tetany
intermittent muscle spasms caused by a lack of calcium
"Deficiencies of calcium, magnesium or potassium can cause tetany."

tinnitus
ringing or buzzing in the ears
"Tinnitus can present as an intermittent or continuous sound in one or both ears."