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

**preictal**
occuring 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."

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