Unit #43 Surgery II

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

**nephrectomy**
an operation to remove a kidney
"Strenuous activity should be avoided for 6 weeks following a nephrectomy."

**neuroplasty**
an operation to repair a nerve
"Neuroplasty is recommended for patients with nerve irritation due to epidural adhesion after spine surgery"

**osteclasis**
an operation to break a bone
"The deformation in the bone caused problems walking so osteclasis was used to fracture and correct the shape of it."

**osteoplasty**
an operation to repair a bone
"Osteoplasty can be used to relieve pain from bone disease."

**palatoplasty**
an operation to repair the top of the mouth
"Laser-assisted palatoplasty can be used to stop snoring."

**pleuropexy**
an operation to repair the film covering the lungs
"As the lung membrane was damaged, a pleuropexy was performed to repair it."

**pneumonectomy**
an operation to remove a lung
"After her pneumonectomy, she had to give up her running career."

**polypectomy**
an operation to remove a polyp
"In most cases a polypectomy is a pre-emptive surgery to prevent the possibility of polyps becoming cancerous."

**prone**
lying flat
"The patient was prone on his front awaiting the surgery."

**renal biopsy**
an operation to remove a piece of the kidney to be studied
"As the doctor suspected kidney damage, a renal biopsy was taken for analysis."
renal transplant
kidney transplant
"He was on the waiting list for a renal transplant for 3 months before a donor was found."

rhinoplasty
an operation to repair the nose
"There is a lot of controversy over minors receiving cosmetic rhinoplasty."

supine
lying flat on the back
"Most operations take place when the patient is in a supine position."

thoracotomy
an operation to cut into the chest
"He has a large scar across his chest from the thoractomy."

thyroidectomy
an operation to remove the thyroid gland
"He had a thyroidectomy at the age of 8 to cure his severe hyperthyroidism."

to occlude
to stop, close or obstruct an opening
"The surgery to occlude the artery was successful"

tracheoplasty
an operation to repair the windpipe
"Slide tracheoplasty is a surgical procedure to improve airflow in your child's obstructed airway."

tracheostomy
an operation to make a hole from the windpipe to the outside of the neck
"The EMT did an emergency tracheostomy to allow oxygen to reach the lung."

tubal ligation
an operation to seal uterine tubes to prevent pregnancy
"She decided to have the tubal litigation to prevent the possibility of further pregnancies."

vasectomy
an operation to make a man unable to produce children
"As his wife did not want any more children, he decided to have a vasectomy."