**Unit #44 Swellings and Growths**

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

**abscess**
a swollen area containing puss
"If the abscess ruptures, and the infection seems to clear up in a couple of days, your body should heal on its own."

**acoustic neuroma**
an abnormal growth in the ear
"An acoustic neuroma can often affect balance and hearing."

**carbuncle**
multiple boils on the skin
"Because of its infectious nature, a carbuncle can spread quickly"

**cicatrix**
the scar of a healed wound
"Her legs had a large cicatrix on the side from a childhood operation."

**cytoid**
a cell like structure
"It is easy to mistake a cytoid for a cell."

**cytoplasm**
any material inside a cell
"Mainly composed of water, salts, and proteins, cytoplasm is essential for the removal of waste material from a cell."

**duodenal ulcer**
a sore in the first part of the small intestine
"Anti-inflammatory drugs such as ibuprofen and aspirin can cause a duodenal ulcer."

**ganglion**
an abnormal benign swelling on a tendon
"Your GP can perform aspiration of the ganglion in your wrist."

**hernia**
a condition in which part of an organ is displaced and protrudes through the wall of the cavity
"Lifting heavy objects is the leading cause of getting a hernia."

**lateral**
moving toward or having to do with the side
"The surgeon made a lateral incision along the length of the abdomen."
macro-
large or long
"He was scheduled for surgery after the discovery of a macro-growth."

micro-
small or delicate
"There were several micro-fractures in the collar bone."

neuroid
resembling a nerve or nerve tissue
"The growth was neuroid in appearance."

palate
the top of the mouth
"He burned his palate while eating hot pizza."

peptic ulcers
sores on the stomach lining
"Peptic ulcers, while not serious, can be very painful."

proximal
closest
"His proximal rib was broken in the skiing accident."

renal calculi
kidney stones
"The renal calculi didn’t respond to shock treatment so he had to wait until he passed them naturally."

toxicity
the state of being toxic or poisonous
"The toxicity of the drug is only a problem in high doses."

varicose veins
enlarged veins
"Varicose veins are most common in elderly women."

verrucas
contagious warts on the sole of the foot
"Verrucas are highly contagious so you should not walk barefoot in public areas if you have them."

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