Unit #51 The Skin

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

**abrasion**
an area of skin damaged by scratching or scraping
"The abrasion on her arm soon healed after it was cleaned and covered with a light bandage."

**chloasma**
a temporary condition in which large brown patches form on the skin
"Pregnant women are especially susceptible to chloasma due to the hormonal changes."

**concomitant**
happening or given at the same time
"Where symptoms are concomitant, it can be harder to identify the cause."

**decubitus ulcers**
bedsores
"Decubitus ulcers can be avoided by changing position frequently."

**dermabrasion**
the removal of scars from the skin
"Dermabrasion is not advisable for people with a darker complexion."

**dermatome**
a metal tool used to cut skin for skin grafts
"The surgeon cut into the skin using a dermatome."

**discontinue**
stop using
"The doctor advised me to discontinue the medication if a rash developed."

**eczema**
an itchy skin rash
"It is possible for eczema to appear anywhere but it is most common on the elbows."

**epidermis**
the external layer of skin
"Fortunately, it was a first degree burn so only the epidermis was burnt."

**herpes**
small blisters on the skin caused by the herpesvirus
"Genital herpes is one of the most common STDs."
intradermally
applied or given into the skin
"Local anesthetics are given intradermally."

keratin
a protein found in hair, nails and skin
"She takes keratin supplements as a remedy for her brittle hair."

melanin
the pigment in the skin, hair and eyes
"Melanin is important in preventing skin cancer."

pallor
an unusually pale appearance of the skin
"The pallor of his skin indicated a potential kidney problem."

patch test
an allergy test relying on placing a series of allergens on the skin
"A patch test can help diagnose multiple allergies at one time."

percutaneous
through the skin
"Percutaneous medication such as creams and lotions are used widely in skin treatments."

scabies
a contagious skin disease caused by the skin mite
"Patients can use tea tree oil as an effective method of relieving the itch from scabies."

scratch test
an allergy test relying on placing a series of allergens on the skin
"The scratch test showed an allergy to dust mites."

stye
an inflamed swelling on the eyelid
"It is not advisable to pop a stye, but rather allow it to rupture on its own."

xeroderma
extreme dryness of the skin
"Xeroderma can be aggravated by harsh soaps."