**VOCABULARY – UNIT 3**

**Personal Consumer Health**

1. **Heredity** – The passing of physical or mental characteristics genetically from 1 generation to another.
2. **Melanoma** – a tumor associated with skin cancer
3. **Benign –** non-cancerous tumor
4. **Malignant –** very virulent, infectious, or cancerous
5. **Metastasis –** development of secondary malignant (cancerous) growths at a distance from the primary site.
6. **Basal Cell Carcinoma**- Type of skin cancer that begins with the basal cells.
7. **Hypertension**- abnormally high blood pressure.
8. **Atherosclerosis**- is a disease in which plaque builds up inside the artery (heart).
9. **Melanin –** brown or black pigment occurring in the hair, skin or iris of the eye. (responsible for tanning)
10. **Squamous Cell Carcinoma**- Cancer caused by uncontrollable growth of abnormal squamous cells.
11. **Brain Death**- complete and irreversible loss of brain function (no electrical activity).
12. **Coma**- State of deep consciousness that can be caused by a traumatic brain injury – some electrical impulses evident).