

Medical Terminology

Common Prefixes

<u>Prefix</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Prefix</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
a-	without, not	inter-	between
ab-	from, away from	intra-	within
acro-	heights, extremities	ipsi-	same
ad-	toward, increase	juxta-	near, beside
allo-	other, different	macro-	large
ambi-	both, both sides	mal-	bad poor
an-	without, not	meso-	middle
ante-	before, in front	meta-	change, after
anti-	against	micro-	small
auto-	self	mid-	middle
bi-	two, double	milli-	one-thousandth
brady-	slow	mono-	one, single
cata-	down	multi-	many
circum-	around	non-	not
con-	together	nulli-	none
contra-	against, opposite	pan-	all
de-	down, lack of	para-	near, beside
dia-	through, complete	per-	through
dis-	apart, abnormal	peri-	around
dys-	bad, difficult, painful	poly-	many, much
ecto-	outside	post-	after, behind
en-	in	pre-	before, in front
endo-	within, inner	presby-	old age
epi-	upon, over	primi-	first
eso-	inward	pro-	forward, in front of
eu-	healthy, normal	pseudo-	false
ex-	out	quadri-	four
extra-	outside of, beyond	retro-	backward, behind
hemi-	half	rube-	red
homo-	same	sub-	under, below
hydro-	water	supra-	above, over, upward
hyper-	excessive, above	tachy-	rapid, fast
hypo-	less than, under	tri-	three
in-	in, not	ultra-	beyond, excess
infra-	beneath, below, under	uni-	one

Common Suffixes

<u>Suffix</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Suffix</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
-ac, -al, -eal, -ar, -ary	pertaining to	-pexy	surgical fixation
-ic, -ical, -ory, -us	pertaining to	-philia	attracted to
-ad	toward	-phobia	abnormal fear
-algnesia	sensitivity to pain	-plasty	surgical repair
-algia, -dynia	pain	-plegia	paralysis, stroke
-blast	immature, embryonic	-pnea	breathing
-centesis	surgical puncture	-ptosis	drooping or prolapse
-cyte	cell	-rrhagia	excessive flow, discharge
-desis	binding or surgical fusion	-rrhaphy	suturing
-ectomy	surgical removal	-rrhea	drainage, flow
-emia	blood condition	-rrhexis	rupture
-esis, -ia, -ism	condition of	-scope	instrument used to view
-genesis	generating, formation	-scopy	process of viewing with scope
-gram	record or picture	-stasis	stopping, controlling
-graph	instrument used to record	-stomy	surgical creation of opening
-graphy	process of recording	-tomy	incision into
-iatric (s), -iatry	field of medicine	-tripsy	intentional crushing
-iartist, -ician	specialist in field of medicine	-uria	characteristic of urine
-itis	inflammation	-e, -y	noun ending
-lepsy	seizure or sudden attack		
-lith	stone		
-lithiasis	presence or formation of stones		
-logy	the study of		
-logist	one who specializes in study of		
-lysis	destruction or detachment		
-mania	mental disorder		
-megaly	enlargement		
-meter	an instrument used to measure		
-metry	the process of measuring		
-oid	resembling		
-oma	tumor		
-opia, -opsia	visual condition		
-osis	condition		
-pathy	disease		
-penia	decrease, deficiency		