

## 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

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<u>Suffix</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Suffix</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
-ac, -al, -an	pertaining to	-meter	instrument to measure
-ad	toward	-metry	process of measuring
-algesia	sensitivity to pain	-occult	secret, hidden
-algia	pain	-oid	resembling, like
-ar, -ary	pertaining to	-oma	tumor
-arche	beginning	-opia, -opsia	visual condition
-ase	enzyme	-ory, -ous	pertaining to
-blast	immature, embryonic	-osis	abnormal condition
-carcinoma	cancer of epithelial origin	-para	delivery, parturition
-cele	herniation, protrusion	-paresis	slight paralysis, weakness
-centesis	surgical puncture	-pathy	disease
-chezian	condition of stool	-penia	decrease, deficiency
-cusis	hearing	-pepsia	digestion
-cyte	cell	-pexy	fixation, suspension
-desis	binding or surgical fusion	-phagia	condition of eating, swallowing
-dipsia	condition of thirst	-phasia	condition of speaking
-dynia	pain	-phil, -philia	attracted to
-eal, -ic, -ical	pertaining to	-phobia	abnormal fear, sensitivity
-ectomy	surgical removal	-plasia	condition of formation
-edema	swelling	-plasty	surgical repair
-emesis	vomiting	-plegia	paralysis; stroke
-emia	blood condition	-pnea	breathing
-esthesia	condition of feeling, sensation	-poiesis	formation, production
-esis	condition of	-ptosis	drooping, prolapse, falling
-genesis	generating, formation, origin	-ptysis	spitting, coughing up
-gnosis	condition of knowing	-rrhagia	excessive flow, bursting forth
-gram	record or picture	-rrhaphy	suture, repair
-graph	instrument to record	-rrhea	drainage, flow, discharge
-graphia	condition of writing	-rrhexis	rupture
-graphy	process of recording	-salpinx	tube, fallopian or eustachian
-gravida	pregnancy, gestation	-sarcoma	connective tissue cancer
-ia	condition	-sclerosis	abnormal hardening condition
-iasis	condition, presence of	-scope	instrument to view
-iatic (s)	field of medicine	-scopy	process of viewing
-iatri, -ician	specialist in a field of study	-stalsis	contraction
-iatry	field of medicine	-stasis	stopping, controlling
-ic, -ical, -ile	pertaining to	-stenosis	abnormal narrowing condition
-ism	condition	-stomy	new opening
-itis	inflammation	-tocia	condition of labor, delivery
-lepsy	seizure or sudden attack	-tome	instrument to cut
-lexia	condition of reading	-tomy	incision
-lithotomy	removal of stone	-tripsy	process of crushing
-logist	one who specializes in the study	-trophy	process of nourishment
-logy	the study of	-um	structure, thing, membrane
-lysis	destruction, breaking down,	-uria	urinary condition
-malacia	softening	-us	structure, thing
-mania	mental disorder, madness	-y	process of
-megaly	enlargement		