

Medical Prefixes

a-, an-	negative, without
ab-	away from
ad-	towards
anti-	against
ante-	before
bi-	two, both
brachy-	short
brady-	slow
dys-	painful, difficult
dors-	back
endo-	inside
epi-	above, upon
hemi-	half
hyper-	excessive, above, more than
hypo-	decrease, below, less
inter-	between, among
intra-	within, inside
macro-	large, big
mal-	bad
micro-	small
neo-	new
para-	beside or below
peri-	around
poly-	many
post-	after
sub-	below
super-	above
tachy-	fast

Medical Root Words

acro	extremities
aden	gland
angi/o	vessel
arteri/o	arterio
arthr/o	joint
brachi	arm
cardi/o	heart
carp	wrist
cerebr/o	brain
cervi/c	neck
chondr/o	cartilage
col/o	large intestines/ colon
cost/o	ribs
cyst/o	sac/bladder
cyte	cell

enter/o	small intestines
gastr/o	stomach
hemo/hemat	blood
hepat	liver
hyster/o	uterus
lapar	abdomen
laryng	larynx (voice box)
latero	side
lip/o	fat
mamm/o	breast
mast/o	breast
medial	middle
myel/o	spinal cord/bone marrow
my/o	muscle
nas/o	nose
nephr/o	kidney
neur/o	nerve
oophor	ovary
oste/o	bone
ot/o	ear
plegia	paralysis
pneum/o	lung/air
procto	rectum
rhino	nose
salpingo	fallopian tube
tend/o	tendon
thorac	chest
trachi	trachea (wind pipe)

Medical Suffixes

-algia	painful
-asthenia	weakness
-cele	hernia
-centesis	surgical puncture
-ectomy	removal
-itis	inflammation/ infection
-gram	picture
-malacia	abnormal softening
-megaly	enlargement
-necrosis	death of tissue
-ology	study of
-osis	abnormal condition
-ostomy	surgical opening
-otomy	surgical incision
-orrhea	flow
-pathy	disease

-plasty	surgical repair
-rrhaphy	suture
-sclerosis	abnormal hardening
-scope	instrument to view
-stenosis	narrowing.

Abbreviations

ASAP –	as soon as possible
ABG's –	arterial blood gases
AC –	before meals
Amb –	ambulate or to walk
BP –	blood pressure
BS –	blood sugar, bowel sounds, breath sounds
CBC –	complete blood count
CXR –	chest x-ray
DNP –	do not publish
DNR –	do not resuscitate
EKG –	electrocardiogram
FBS –	fasting blood sugar
GI –	gastrointestinal
ICU –	Intensive Care Unit
Pt –	patient, pint
PT –	physical therapy
ROM –	range of motion
Stat –	now
TPR –	temperature, pulse, and respiration
VS –	Vital signs
W/C –	wheel chair