

# Prefixes

Prefixes	Meaning	Example
<b>A</b>		
TOP		
A	without or absence of	anetria
Ab	from; away from	abduction
Ad	to; toward	adduction
An	without or absence of	anaerobic
Ana	up; again; backward	anaphoresis
Ante	before	anteflexion
Anti	against	antibacterial
Apo	upon	aponeurotic
<b>B</b>		
TOP		
Bi	two	birannual
Bin	two	binary
Brady	slow	bradycardia
<b>C</b>		
TOP		
Cata	down	catapatic
Con	together	conjugal
Contra	against	contraceptive
<b>D</b>		
TOP		
De	from; down from; lack of	debride
Dia	thorough; complete	diameter
Dis	to undo; free from	dislocate
Dys	difficult; labored; painful; abnormal	dysplasia
<b>E</b>		
TOP		
Ecto	outside; outer	ectocardia
Endo	within	endosalpinx
Epi	on; upon; over	epithelial
Eso	inward	esotropia
Eu	normal; good	eupepsia
Ex	outside; outward	excrete
Exo	outside; outward	exophthalmos
Extra	outside of; beyond	extracarpal
<b>H</b>		
TOP		
Hemi	half	hemidiaphragm
Hyper	above; excessive	hypertension
Hypo	below; incomplete; deficient	hypoglycemic
<b>I</b>		
TOP		
In	in; into; not	intubate
Infra	under; below	infraglottic
Inter	between	intercartilaginous

# Prefixes

Intra	within	intravenous
<b>M</b>		
TOP		
Mal	bad	malabsorption
Meso	middle	mesocolon
Meta	after; beyond; change	metastatic
Micro	small	micronodular
Multi	many	multilobar
<b>N</b>		
TOP		
Neo	new	neonatal
Nulli	none	nulliparous
<b>P</b>		
TOP		
Pan	all; total	pancytopenia
Para	beside; beyond; around	paranormal
Peri	through	percutaneous
Peri	surrounding (outer)	pericardium
Poly	many; much	polyopia
Post	after	postembryonic
Pre	before; in front of	preoperative
Pro	before	prodomal
<b>R</b>		
TOP		
Re	back	reflux
Retro	back; behind	retrograde
<b>S</b>		
TOP		
Semi	half	semirecumbent
Sub	under; below	subcutaneous
Super	over; above	superfingose
Supra	above	suprasceral
Sym	together; joined	synbiotic
Syn	together; joined	synergistic
<b>T</b>		
TOP		
Tachy	fast; rapid	tachycardia
Tetra	four	tetrameric
Trans	through; across; beyond	transurethral
Tri	three	trilocular
<b>U</b>		
TOP		
Ultra	beyond; excess	ultrasound
Uni	one	uniseptate

# Suffixes

pathy	disease	neuropathy
penia	abnormal reduction in number	cytopenia
pepsia	digestion	dyspepsia
pexy	surgical fixation; suspension	urethropexy
phagia	eating; swallowing	odynophagia
phobia	abnormal fear of or aversion to	claustrophobia
phoria	specific objects or things	hyperphonia
phoria	sound or voice	euphoria
physis	feeling	hypophysis
plasia	growth	hyperplasia
plasm	formation; development; a growth	cytoplasm
plasty	growth; substance; formation	arthroplasty
plegia	plastic or surgical repair	paraplegia
plegia	paralysis	apnea
plea	breathing	hematopoiesis
poiesis	formation	osteoporosis
porosis	passage	postprandial
prandial	meal	splanchnoptosis
ptosis	dropping; sagging; prolapse	hemoptysis
ptysis	spitting	
<b>S</b>		
<b>TOP</b>		
salpinx	fallopian tube	hydrosalpinx
sarcoma	malignant tumor	angioma
sclerosis	hardening	atherosclerosis
scope	instrument used for visual examination	endoscope
scopic	visual examination	arthroscopic
scopy	visual examination	colonoscopy
sepsis	infection	sepsis
spasm	sudden involuntary muscle contraction	vasospasm
stasis	contraction	peristalsis
stasis	control; stop	hemostasis
stenosis	constriction; narrowing	stenosis
<b>T</b>		
<b>TOP</b>		
thorax	chest	hemothorax
tocia	birth; labor	dystocia
tome	instrument used to cut	keratome
tripsy	surgical crushing	lithotripsy
trophy	nourishment	atrophy
<b>U</b>		
<b>TOP</b>		
ule	little	pustule
uria	urine; urination	pyuria

# Roots

Root Words	Meaning	Example
<b>A</b>		
<b>TOP</b>		
Abdomin	abdomen	abdominal
Acanth	thorny, spiny	acanthaceous
Acetabul	acetabulum (hip socket)	acetabulum
Acou	hearing	acoustic
Acr	extremities; height	acral
Actin	ray; radius	actinic
Aden	gland	adenocarcinoma
Adenoid	adenoids	adenoiditis
Adren	adrenal gland	adrenal
Adrenal	adrenal gland	adrenalectomy
Aer	air; gas	aerate
Albumin	albumin	albuminuria
Algesi	pain	analgesia
Alveoli	alveolus	alveolitis
Ambly	dull; dim	amblyopia
Amni	amnion	amniocoele
Amnion	amnion	amniotic
Amyl	starch	amylose
An	anus	anus
Anr	male	androgen
Angl	vessel	angina
Anis	unequal; dissimilar	anisothetic
Ankyl	crooked; bent; fused	ankylosed
Antr	antrum (cavity, chamber)	antrum
Aort	aorta	aortic
Aponeur	aponeurosis	aponeurotic
Appendic	appendix	appendicitis
Arche; Archi	first; beginning	archeocentric
Arteriol	artery (small artery)	arteriography
Arteri	arteriole (small artery)	arteriosclerosis
Arthr	joint	arthritis
Articul	joint	articulation
Atel	imperfect; incomplete	atelectasis
Ather	yellowish; fatty plaque	atherosclerosis
Atri	atrium (chamber)	atrioventricular
Aur	ear	aural
Aut	self	autoantibody
Axill	armpit	axilla
Azot	urea; nitrogen	azotemia
<b>B</b>		
<b>TOP</b>		
Bacteri	bacteria	bacterial
Balan	glans penis	balanitis

# Roots

Femor	femur (upper leg bone)	femoral
Fet	fetus; unborn child	fetal
Fibr	fibrous tissue; fibers	fibroma
Fibul	fibula (lower leg)	fibular
<b>G</b>		
<b>TOP</b>		
Gangli	ganglion	ganglia
Ganglion	ganglion	ganglionated
Gastr	stomach	gastritis
Ger	old age; aged	geriatric
Geront	old age; aged	gerontology
Gingiv	gum	gingivitis
Glomerul	glomerulus	glomerulonephritis
Gloss	tongue	glossoncus
Gluc	sweetness; sugar	glucose
Glyc	sugar	glycerin
Glycos	sugar	glycosamine
Gnath	jaw	gnathitis
Gnos	knowledge	gnosis
Gon	seed	gonad
Gonad	seed	gonad
Gravid	pregnancy	gravida
Gyn	woman	gynopathic
Gynec	woman	gynecology
<b>H</b>		
<b>TOP</b>		
Hem	blood	hemoglobin
Hemat	blood	hematocrit
Hepat	liver	hepatitis
Herni	hernia	herniated
Heter	other	heterosexual
Hidr	sweat	hidradenoid
Hist	tissue	histology
Hom	same	homogeneous
Home	sameness; unchanging	homeostasis
Humer	humerus (upper arm bone)	humerus
Hydr	water	hydrate; dehydrate
Hymen	hymen	hymen
Hydn	sleep	hypnogenic
Hyster	uterus	hysterectomy
<b>I</b>		
<b>TOP</b>		
Iatr	medicine; physician	iatrogenic
Ichthy	fish	ichthyoid
Ile	ileum	ileotomy
Ili	ilium	iliosacral
Immune	immune	immunodeficiency

# Roots

Iri	iris	iritroecomy
Irid	iris	iritis
Iso(o)	equal; same	isocellular
Isch	deficiency; blockage	ischemia
Ischi	ischium	ischiorectal
<b>J</b>		
<b>TOP</b>		
Jejun	jejunum	jejunotomy
<b>K</b>		
<b>TOP</b>		
Kal	potassium	hypokalemia
Kary	nucleus	karyon
Keratt	cornea	keratomy
Keratt	horny tissue; hard	keratosis
Kin	movement	kinesis
Kinesi	movement; motion	kinesiology
Kyph	hump	kyphosis
<b>L</b>		
<b>TOP</b>		
Labr	lips	labium
Labyrinth	labyrinth	labyrinthitis
Lacrinn	tear duct; tear	lacrimal
Lact	milk	lactation
Lamin	lamina (thin, flat plate or layer)	laminar
Lapar	abdomen	laparoscopy
Laryng	larynx	laryngitis
Lateral	side	lateral
Leuk	white	leukomyoma
Lingu	tongue	lingual
Lip	fat	lipid
Lith	stone; calculus	lithotripsy
Lob	lobe	lobular
Lord	bent forward	lordosis
Lymph	lymph	lymphoma
<b>M</b>		
<b>TOP</b>		
Macr	abnormal largeness	macromolecular
Mamm	breast	mammary
Mandibul	mandible (lower jawbone)	mandibular
Mast	breast	mastitis
Mastoid	mastoid	mastoidotomy
Maxilla	maxilla (upper jawbone)	maxillary
Meat	meatus (opening)	meatus
Melan	black	melanoma
Men	menstruation	menstrual

# Roots

Pyr	fever; heat	pyrogenic
<b>Q</b>		
TOP		
Quadr	four	quadruplets
<b>R</b>		
<b>TOP</b>		
Rachit(o)	vertebra; spinal or vertebral column	rachiocentesis
Radi	radius (lower arm bone)	radius
Radial	nerve root	radiculopathy
Radical	nerve root	radicular
Rect(o)	rectum	rectocele
Ren	kidney	renal
Retin	retina	retinosis
Rhabd	rodshaped; striated	rhabditis
Rhin(o)	nose	rhinitis
Rhiz(o)	nerve root	rhizoneure
Rhytid	wrinkles	rhytidoplasty
<b>S</b>		
<b>TOP</b>		
Saling(o)	fallopian (uterine) tube	salpingitis
Sarc(o)	flesh; connective tissue	sarcocele
Scapula	scapula (shoulder bone)	scapular
Sclera	sclera	sclerectomy
Scoil	crooked; curved	scoliosis
Seb	sebum (oil)	sebaceous
Sept(o)	septum (dividing wall; partition)	septum
Sal	saliva	salivary
Sigmoid	sigmoid	sigmoidoscopy
Sinus	sinus	sinusitis
Somat(o)	body	somatometry
Somn	sleep	insomnia
Sonn	sound	sonogram
Sperm	spermatozoan; sperm	spermiduct
Spermat	spermatozoan; sperm	spermatoflora
Sphygm	pulse	sphygmometer
Spir	breathe; breathing	transpiration
Spleen	spleen	splen
Spondyl(o)	vertebra; spinal or vertebral column	spondylolysis
Staped	stapes (middle ear bone)	stapedial
Staphyl(o)	grapelike clusters	staphylococcus
Stem	sternum (breastbone)	sternal
Steth	chest	stethoscope
Stomat(o)	mouth	stomatoplasty
Strept(o)	twisted chains	streptococcus
Synovi	synovial; synovial membrane	synovial
System	system	systemic

# Roots

<b>T</b>		
<b>TOP</b>		
Tars	tarsals (ankle bones)	metatarsal
Tars(o)	edge of eyelid; tarsal (instep of foot)	tarstitis
Ten	tendon	tendon
Tend	tendon	tendotomy
Tendin	tendon	tendinitis
Test	testis; testicle	testicular
Therm(o)	heat	thermal
Thorac	thorax (chest)	thoracic
Thromb(o)	clot	thrombus
Thyrr(o)	thymsus gland	thyromolysis
Thyrr	thyroid gland	thyroid
Thyroid	thyroid gland	thyroiditis
Tibi	tibia (lower leg bone)	tibial
Ton(o)	cut; section	tomography
Ton	tension; pressure	tonicity
Tonsil	tonsils	tonsillitis
Top(o)	place	topographic
Toxic	poison	toxic
Trache(o)	trachea	tracheobronchial
Trachel(o)	neck; necklike	trachelitis
Trich	hair	trichoid
Tympan	eardrum; middle ear	tympanic membrane
<b>U</b>		
<b>TOP</b>		
Uln	ulna (lower arm bone)	ulnar
Ungu	nail	ungual
Ur	urine; urinary tract	urinary
Urer(o)	ureter	ureteroplasty
Urethr	urethra	urethrectomy
Urin	urine; urinary tract	urinalysis
Uter	uterus	intrauterine
Uvul	uvula	uvuloplotosis
<b>V</b>		
<b>TOP</b>		
Vagin	vagina	vaginal
Valv	valve	valvula
Valvul	valve	valvuloplasty
Vas(o)	vessel; duct	vasectomy
Ven	vein	venous
Ventricul	ventricle	ventricular
Ventrib(o)	vertebra; (spinal column)	costovertebral
Vesic(o)	bladder; sac	vesical
Vesicul(o)	seminal vesicles	vesiculation
Viscer(o)	internal organs	viscera