

# INTRODUCTION TO MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

SUFFIX	MEANING
-ac, -al, -ic -ar, -ial, -ary -ous, -tic. -eal	pertaining to, related to, located in
-agra	excessive pain
-algia	pain
-apheresis	removal
-asthenia	weakness
-ase	enzyme
-ate	use, subject to
-atresia	absence of normal body opening
-capnia	carbon dioxide
-cele	protrusion, hernia
-centesis	surgical puncture to remove fluid
-cidal	killing
-clasia, clast	break
-cle, -cule, -ole -ola, -ule, -ulum -ulus	small
-clysis	irrigation, washing
-coccus, -coccis	berry-shaped
-crit	to separate
-crine	separate, secrete
-cyte	cell
-desis	surgical fixation
-drome	run, running
-dynia	pain
-ectasis	dilation, expansion
-ectomy	surgical removal
-ectopic	displacement
-emesis	vomit

-emia	blood condition
-ent, -er, -ist, -or	person or agent
-esis, -ia, -a -ism, -ity, -y -osis, -tion, -sis -iasis, -sia	state or condition, disease
-form, -oid	resembling, shaped like
-gen, -genic	producing, causing
-genesis	beginning, origin
-gram	record
-graph	instrument that records
-graphy	process of recording
-iac	person afflicted with
-ible, -ile	capable, able
-ician	one who
-ictal	seizure, attack
-ist, -ologist	a specialist in
-ites, -itis	inflammation
-ium	membrane
-ize	use, subject to
-logy	science, study of
-lysis, -lytic	destroy, dissolution, separation
-ma, -mat	disease, condition
-malacia	softening
-mania	madness
-megaly	enlargement
-metor	instrument used to measure
-metry	measurement
-morph	form, shape
-oma	tumor
-opsy	to view

-oxia	oxygen
-paresis	slight paralysis
-pathy	disease
-penia	deficient, lack of
-pepsia	digestion
-pexy, -pexis	fixation, storing
-phagia, -phagy	eating, swallowing
-philia, -phily	love
-phobia	abnormal fear, intolerance
-phonia	pertaining to sound
-phoria	feeling
-physis	growth
-plasia, -plasm	formation, development
-plasty	surgical repair
-plegia	paralysis
-pnea	breathing
-poiesis	formation
-porosis	passage
-prandial	meal
-praxia	in front of, before
-ptosis	drooping, downward displacement
-rrhage, -rrhagia	excessive flow
-rrhaphy	suturing in place
-rrhea	flow or discharge
-rrhexis	rupture
-sarcoma	malignant tumor
-schisis	split, fissure
-sclerosis	hardening
-scope	instrument for examining
-scopy	visual examination
-sepsis	infection

-spasm	sudden involuntary muscle contraction
-stasis	control, stop
-stenosis	narrowing
-stomy	surgical opening
-tome	instrument for
-tomy	cutting, incision
-tripsy	surgical crushing
-trophy	nourishment, development
-ule	little