

Medical Terminology Terms

Term	Meaning	Term	Meaning
a-	without, lack of, no	-aesthesia	condition involving sensation
ab-	away from, negative	-aesthetic	a person's sensation of something
abdomin-	abdomen, belly	aeti-	cause
-ac	pertaining to	af-	toward, near to, addition to
ac-	toward, near to, addition to	ag-	toward, near to, addition to
acanth-	spiny, thorn	-age	rate, action or process
acar-	mite, itch	-agnosia	loss of faculty to perceive
-aceous	pertaining to	-agogue, -agog	expulsing, inducing, stimulating, leading
acet-	vinegar	-agra	pain or painful seizure
acetab-	saucer	-al	pertaining to
acou-	hearing, sound	ala-	wing
-acousia	condition of hearing	alb-	white
-acoustic	pertaining to the organs of hearing	alg-, algesi-	pertaining to sense of pain
acr-	extremities ie head, hands, feet	-algnesia	sensitivity to pain
actin-	ray	-algia	pain
acu-	sudden, sharp, severe	ali-	wing
-acy	state or quality of	aliment-	food, nourishment
-ad	toward (a specific terminus)	-alis	pertaining to
ad-	toward, near to, addition to	all-	other, different, abnormal
aden-	gland	alveol-	air sac, small hollow, cavity
-adenia	condition of the glands	ambi-	both, about, around
adenoid-	gland-like, glandular	ambly-	dim, dull
adip-	fat, fatty tissue	ametr-	disproportionate
-adol	an analgesic	amm-	sand
adren-	adrenal gland	amnio-	pertaining to the amnion (foetal membrane)
-aemia	condition or presence of blood		
aemia-	blood		
aesthesi-	feeling or perception		

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amph-	on both sides	-arce	beginning
amyl-	starch	argyr-	silver
an-	anus, anal	aristo-	best
an ⁻¹	up, back, again	-arit	anti arthritic drug
an ⁻²	without, lack of, not	arrhen-	male
-ance	quality or state	arter-	artery
-ancy	quality or state	arteriol-	small artery
andr-	man, male	arthr-	joint
angi-	vessel	articul-	joint
anis-	unequal, dissimilar	-ary	pertaining to
ankyle-	fused or bent	as-	toward, near to
anomalo-	uneven, irregular	-ase	pertaining to an
-ans	“ing”	enzyme	
ante-	before, prior to, in front of in time or place	-aster	star shaped
antero-	anterior, forward	aster-, astr-	star
anth-	flower, floral	asthen-	weak, weakness
-anthema	specific type of rash	-asthenia	weakness
anthra-	coal, charcoal, carbon	at-	toward, near to
anthrop-	man or human being	-ate	to use, act like, make into, subject to
anti-	against, combating, alleviating	atel-	imperfect, incomplete
antr-	antrum, sinus	ather-	fatty degeneration
ankyle-	bent or crooked	atm-	steam or vapour
ap ⁻¹	toward, near to	-atresia	condition of occlusion
ap ⁻²	away from, derived from, separation	atreto-	closed, imperforate
aph-	away from, derived from, separation	atri-	upper chamber of heart, atrium
api-	bee	-atrophia	condition of malnutrition
aqua-	water	audi-	hearing, sound
-ar	pertaining to	aur-	ear
arch-	chief, first, beginning	auri-	gold

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auricul-	flap of ear, appendage of atrium of heart	brachi-	arm, especially upper arm
auto-	self, spontaneous, independent	-brachia	anatomic condition of the arm
aux-	growth, increase	brachy-	short
-auxe	enlargement	brady-	slow, dull
axi-	axis, axle	branchi-	gill
axilla-	armpit	breph-	embryo, foetus, new born infant
azot-	nitrogen, urea	brevi-	short
bacill-	rod shaped bacterium	brom-	odour, stench
balan-	glans penis	bronch-	bronchus
bar-	pressure	bry-	full of life
bar-	weight, pressure	bucc-	cheek
bary-	heavy, deep, low, difficult	-bund	prone to
basi-	foundation or base	cac-	bad, diseased, deformed, ill
-basia	ability to walk	-cace	bad, diseased, deformed
bath-	depth, downward, lower	caen-	new, recent
bi-	twice, double	-caine	local anaesthetic substance
bibli-	book	calc ⁻¹	lime, limestone
bin-	twice, double	calc ⁻²	heel
bio	live, pert. to life	calor-	heat
-biosis, -biotic	life	cancer-	cancer
bis-	twice, double	cancr-	cancer
-blast	embryonic state of development	canth-	angle at slit for eyelids
blast-	bud, formative cell, germ, nucleus	capill-	hair
blenn-	mucus	capit-	head
blephar-	eyelid, eyelash	-capnia	presence of carbon dioxide
-blepharia	condition of the eyelid	caps-	capsule, container
-blepsia	condition of sight	caput-	head
-blepsy	condition of sight		

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carcin-	cancer	cephal-	head
-carcinoma	malignant tumour	-cephalia, -cephaly	condition of the head
cardi-	heart	cer-	wax
-cardia	type of heart action or location	cerat ⁻¹	cornea
-cardiac	types and locations of heart ailments	cerat ⁻²	horny tissue
-carp	fruit	cerebell-	cerebellum
carp-	wrist	cerebr-	brain
cary-	nucleus	-cerebral	pertaining to the brain
case-	resembling cheese	cervic-, cervix	neck or neck of an organ
cat ⁻¹	down, against	chalc-	copper, brass
cat ⁻²	with, completely	chancr-	cancer
cath-	with, completely, down	cheil-, chil-	lip
-cathartic	pertaining to cleaning	cheir-, chir-	hand
cau-, caus-	burn, burning	-chesia	condition of defecation
caud-	tail like, lower part of the body	-chezia	condition of defecation
caul-	stem	-chirurgia	treatment of illness or deformity
cav-	hollow	chlor-	green, chlorine
cel ⁻¹	cavity of the body	chol-	gall, bile
cel ⁻²	hernia tumour or swelling	cholangi-	bile vessel or passage
-cele	hernia, tumour or swelling	choledoch-	common bile duct
cen ⁻¹	general, common	chondr-	cartilage
cen ⁻²	new, recent	-chondria	condition of worrying about disease
cente-	puncture	chord-	cord, string
-centesis	puncture (to remove fluid)	-chorea	a specified nervous disorder
centi-	hundredth part, hundred	chori-	protective foetal membrane
centr-	center, central	-chroia	condition of
-centric	with a centre	colouration	
		chrom-	coloured, pigment

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-chromasia	condition of colour	-coccus	berry shaped organism
-chromatic	staining properties of tissues	coccyg-	coccyx
chron-	time	coel- ¹	cavity of the body
chyle-	digested fats	coel- ²	hernia, tumour or swelling, hollow
-chylia	condition of digestive juices	coel- ³	colon
-cide	killer, killing	-coele	chamber, ventricle, normal cavity of the body
cili-	eyelash, eyelid	coen-	general, common
cilia-	hair, hairlike,	col- ¹	with, together
cine-	movement	col- ²	colon
circum-	around, surrounding	colp-	vagina
cirrho-	orange-yellow	com-	with, together
cis-	on this side	-comma	a piece of a structure
clas-	a piece broken off	con-	with, together
-clasia	breaking up, crushing	con-	dust
-clasis	to break or crush	contra-	against. opposite
-clast	something that breaks	cor-	with, together
clast-	an instrument for surgical breaking	cor-	heart
-clastic	causing disintegration	core-	pupil of the eye
-cle	diminutive	corp-	body
cleid-	clavicle	cost-	rib
-cleisis	closure, conclusion	crani-	skull
cleist-, clist-	closed	-crania	condition of skull or head
clin-	to bend or make lie down	-crasia	condition of a mixture
-clinous	pertaining to ancestry	-cratia	condition of incontinence
-clonia	involving spasms	cresc-	to grow
-cnemia	condition of leg below knee	cric-	ring
co-	with, together	crin-	to separate

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-crine	secretion (as of a gland)	dec-	ten, tenth
-crotic	pulse, heartbeat	deka-	multiple of ten
crur-	pertaining to the leg	dem-	people, population
cry-	cold, freezing, frost	demi-	half
crypt-	hidden, covered, occult	-demic	relating to a disease in a specified region
-cule	dimutive	dendr-	tree or branches
-culum	dimutive	-dendron	treelike formation
-culus	dimutive	dent-	tooth
-current	running, flowing, happening	der-	neck
-cusis	hearing	derm-	skin
cusp-	point	-dermia	condition of the skin
cyan-	blue	des-	undoing, reversal, depriving, freeing from
cycl-	circle, ring, ciliary body, round, recurring	-desis	binding, fixation
cymbo-	boat shaped	desm-	bond, connective tissue, ligaments
cyn-	dog, doglike	-desma	bridging or connecting
cyrt-	bent, curved	deuter-	secondary, second
-cyst	bladder, a sac of fluid	dextr-	right
cyst-	bladder, sac of fluid	di-	two, twice, double, reversal, separation, apart from
-cystic	condition of having cysts	dia-	through, across, between, apart, complete
cyt-	cell	digit-	finger, toe
-cyte	cell	diplo-	double, twin
-cythemia	condition of cells in blood	-dipsia	condition of thirst
dacry-	tears, lacrima	dis-	two, twice, double, reversal, separation, apart from
dactyl-	digit, toe, finger	dodec-	twelve
-dactylia	condition of fingers or toes	dolich-	long, narrow
de-	undoing, reversal, loss, removal, down, from		

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-donita	condition /treatment of teeth	ecto-	out, outer, out of place
dont-	tooth	-ectomy	surgical removal of
dors-	of or on the back, after	-ectopia	an organ or part out of place
-dorsal	pertaining to the back	ectro-	congenital absence
drom-	running or construction	-edema	swell
-drome	that which runs in a specified way	ef-	outside, out, to protrude, over, away, less
-duct	draw	-egasia	interfunctioning of the mind and body
duo-	two	ele-	oil
duoden-	duodenum	electr-	electricity
dy-	two	-ellum	dimutive
dynam-	power, energy, motion	elytr-	vagina
-dynamia	condition of strength	em-	inside, within, into, in, on
-dynamy	condition of strength	-ema	condition of
-dynia	a painful condition	embry-	foetus
dys-	painful, difficult, abnormal	emet-	vomiting
e-	outside, out, to protrude, over, away, less	-emetic	pertaining to vomit
-eal	pertaining to	-emia	blood
ec- ¹	house	emnea-	nine
ec- ²	outside, out, to protrude, over, away, less	-empyema	accumulation of pus
-echia	condition of holding	en-	inside, within, into, in
echin-	spine or spiny	-ence	quality or state
-ecoia	condition of hearing	encephal-	brain
-ectasia	expansion, stretch, dilate	-encephalia	condition of the brain
-ectasis	expansion, stretch, dilate	-encephaly	condition of the brain
-ectasy	expansion, stretch, dilate	-enchyma	liquid that nourishes tissues
		-ency	quality or state
		endo-	inside, within, into, in

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-ent	agent	ex-	outside, out, to protrude, over, away, less
ent-	within, inner	exo-	outside, outer layer, out of
enter-	intestine	extra-	outside of, out, over, beyond, in addition to
eole-	oil	extro-	outside, outward
-eous	pertaining to, composed of, like	faci-	face
ep-	upon, in addition to, beside, among, on the outside, over	-facient	making, causing
epi-	upon, in addition to, beside, among, on the outside, over	-faction	process of making
episi-	vulva	fasci-	band of fibrous tissue
equi-	equal	-fast	securely attached, confined, resistant to
-er	agent, person concerned, instrument	febri-	fever
erg-	pertaining to work, activity	-febrile	pertaining to fever
-ergetic	effect of activity	-fer	something that carries
-ergic	effect of activity	-ferous	bearing, producing, carrying
-ergy	effect or result	ferr-	iron
ergy-	action	fibr-	fiber
erot-	love or sexual desire	-fibroma	benign tumour of fibrous tissue
-erotic	sexual love or desire	-fication	process of making
erythr-	red	fila-	thread or threadlike
-escent ¹	become like	fiss-	split or cleft
-escent ²	emmiting or reflecting light	flav-	yellow
-esis	action, process or result of	-flect	to bend
eso-	within	-flex	to bend
eu-	well, good, normal, easily	flu-	flow
eury-	broad, wide	-fluent	to flow
		flux	flow
		foet-	foetus or foetal
		for-	place or opening

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fore-	front or before	geny-	under the jaw
-form, -forme	having a shape or form	ger-	old age
fract-	breaking	geront-	old age
front-	frontal, forehead	-gerous	bearing or characterised by
-fuge	drives away	-geusia	condition of the sense of taste
fus-	spindle	-geustia	condition of the sense of taste
-fuse	to pour or flow	giganto-	huge
-fy	to make into something specified	gingiva	gum
-fying	making	glia-	gluelike
galact-	milk, milky fluid	glossa-	tongue, language
gam-	marriage, union	-glossia	condition of the tongue
gamet-	reproductive cell	glott-	glottis
-gamy	marriage or sexual union	gluc-	glucose
gangli-	knot or knotlike mass	glyc-	sweet, sugar, glucose
gastr-	stomach, abdominal	-glycaemia	condition of sugar in blood
ge-	earth or soil	gn-	know or discern
gelat-	freeze, congeal	gnath-	jaw
gemin-	twin	-gnathia	condition of the jaw
-gen	that which generates	-gnomy	science of judging
gen ¹	to become or produce	-gnosia	condition of perceiving
gen ²	race, kind, sexual	-gnosis	knowledge
-gene	that which generates	gon-	knee
-genesia	condition concerning information	gon-	sexual, seed, semen
-genesis	origin, reproducing	goni-	corner, angle
geni-	chin	goni-	angle
-genia	condition of the jaw	-gony	birth, origin
-genic	origin, formation, to produce	gony-	knee
genu-	knee	-gram	a drawing, writing, record

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granul-	grain, granule	hept-	seven
graph-	writing	heter-	other, different, abnormal
-graph ¹	product of writing or drawing	hex-	six
-graph ²	machine for making something drawn	hidr-, hidr-	sweat, perspiration
-grapher	one who produces writing or drawing	hier- ¹	sacrum
-graphia ¹	condition marked by markings or tracings	hier- ²	religion
-graphia ²	psychological abnormality revealed through handwriting	hist-	tissue
-graphy	action of recording or printing	holo-	entire, whole
gravid-	pertaining to pregnancy, or pregnant	hom-	common, like, same
gravis-	heavy	homeo-	like, similar, same
gymno-	nakedness	homo-	same
gyn-	female, female reproductive organs	horm-	urge, stimulate
-gyne	female characteristics	hyal-	resembling glass, vitreous
gyr-	circular movement	hydr- ¹	water, wet
haem-	blood	hydr- ²	hydrogen
hal-	salt, halogen	-hydria	level of fluid in the body
hal-	salt	hygr-	moisture, humidity
hallux-	big toe	hyl-	material, substance, matter
hapl-	single, simple	hymen-	hymen, membrane
hect-	one hundred	hyper-	above, beyond, excessive
hel-	horn, corn	hypo-	below, deficient, under
helc-	ulcer	hyps-	height
heli-	the sun	hynsi-	high
helic-	spiral, snail, helix	hyster-	womb, uterus
-helminth	worm	-ia	a specified condition or disease
hemi-	half	-iac	pertaining to
hepat-	liver	-iasis	disease produced by or producing something

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iatr-	to treat or cure	infra-	below, beneath
-iatric	science of treating or curing	inguin-	groin
-iatrician	physician	ini-	the back of the head (occiput)
-iatry	specified type of medical treatment	insul-	island
-ible	ability, capacity	inter-	between, among, mutual
-ic	pertaining to, similar to	intra-	in the middle of, within, inward, into
-ical	pertaining to	intro-	in the middle of, within, inward, into
ichthy-	fish	iodo-	iodine, violet
icon-	image	-ior	pertaining to
-ics	formulation of a body of knowledge	irid-	iris of the eye
icter-	jaundice	isch-	suppression, checking, stoppage, deficiency
-id ¹	state or condition	ischi-	hip or ischium
-id ²	structural element of teeth	-ise	to use, act like, make into, subject to, treat, cause
ide-	pertaining to the mind	-ism ¹	resulting from or involving
idi-	one's own, self-produced, separate, distinct	-ism ²	practice or theory of
-ile	ability, capacity	-ismus	spasm, contraction, displacement
ile-	pertaining to the ileum - the distal part of the small intestine	iso-	equal, similar, uniform
ili-	flank, ilium	-ist	agent, person concerned, instrument, practitioner of a science
-iliac	ileum	-ite ¹	a division of the body or part
im-	in, into, on, onto, toward, not, non	-ite ²	mineral or rock; compound
in-	in, into, on, onto, toward, not, non	ithy-	straight
incret-	internal secretions	-itic	of or relating to
incud-	anvil		
-ine	chemical substance		
infero-	low		

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-itis	inflammation	kolp-	vagina
-ity	quality or condition	koly-	to hinder
-ium	diminutive	kon-	dust
ixodi-	pertaining to ticks	krym-	cold, frost
-ize	to use, act like, make into, subject to, treat, cause	kym-	waves
jec-	liver	kyn-	dogs
jejun-	jejunum – a section of intestinal tract	kysth-	vagina
jug-	yoke	-labe	take, remove, absorb
jugu-	throat or neck	labi-	lip
juxta-	near, next to	-labial	of or pertaining to lips
kak-	bad	-labile	unstable, subject to change
kali-	potassium	lac-	milk
kaps-	capsule, container	laci-	tears
kary-	nucleus	laevo-	left
kat-	down, against	-lagnia, -lagny	sexual predilection
kel-	spot, growth	lal-	talk, babble
ken-	empty	-lalia	condition involving speech
kerat ⁻¹	cornea	lamina-	layer, veneer
kerat ⁻²	horn, horny	lampro-	clear
keraun-	lightning	lan-	wool
kilo-	one thousand	lapar-	loin, flank
kine-	move	lapis-	stone
kinesi-	action, motion	-lapse	slip, lapse
-kinesia	condition involving movement	laryng-	larynx, voice box
-kinesis ¹	activation	lat-	side
-kinesis ²	division of cells	later-	side
klept-	stealing, theft	lecith-	yolk of an egg or to the ovum
koilo-	hollow, concave	leio-	smooth
		lem ⁻¹	gullet

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lem- ²	of or pertaining to plague	-logia	condition involving speech or reason
-lemma ¹	sheath or envelope	-logy	study or science of
-lemma ²	confining membrane	longus-	long
lepid-	scale, scaly	loph-	ridge
lepr-	leprosy	loxo-	oblique
-lepsy, lepsis	seizure	luc-	light
-leptic	specific type of seizure	-lucent	light admitting
lepto-	thin, narrow, small, mild, delicate	lue-	syphllis
leuco-	white, colourless, weakly coloured	lumb-	loin
leuko-	white, colourless, weakly coloured	lumin-	light, cavity or channel in vessel or tubular organ
levo-	left	lun-	moon
lex-	to read	ly-	dissolved
-lexia	impairment of reading	lyc-	wolf
lien-	spleen	-lymph	clear body fluid
liga-	bind	lymph-	lymph
lim-	hunger	lys-	disintegration, undoing, decomposition
lingu-	tongue	-lyse	producing decomposition
lio-	smooth	-lysis	loosening, breaking down
lip-	fat	lyss-	rabies, hydrophobia
-lipsis, lipse	leave, fail, omit	-lyte	capable of or resulting from decomposition
-lith	stone, calculus	-lytic	producing decomposition
lith-	stone, calculus	-lyze	producing decomposition
-lithiasis	condition of having a stone	-ma	result of action
-lithotomy	removal of a stone	macro-	large, great, long, length
-lobe	rounded prominence	magna-	large, great
loc-	place	makro-	large, great, long, length
log-	word, speech, thought, reason		
loga-	the whites of the eyes		

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mal-	bad, abnormal	meli-	sweet, honey
malac-	soft	-melia	condition of the limbs
-malacia	softening	men-	menses
malar-	cheek bone	-men, mina	result of action
mamm-	breast	mening-	membrane
man-	hand	menisc-	crescent, sickle, semilunar cartilage
-mancy	divination in or by	-ment	result of action
-mania	obsession, compulsion	ment- ¹	mind
mania-	mental aberration	ment- ²	chin
-maniac	person exhibiting a type of psychosis	-mentia	condition of the mind
-manic	a specified psychosis	mer-	part, segment
mast-	breast	-mer, -mere	part or portion
-mastia	breast	-meria	condition of parts
-masty	breast	mes-	middle, medium
-mata	result of action	meta-	transformation, behind, post, between, after, subsequent,
-mazia	condition of the breasts	-meter	measuring instrument, length or measure
maxilla-	upper jaw	metop-	forehead
maz-	breast, placenta	metr- ¹	uterus
meat-	opening, passage	metr- ²	mother
mechan-	mechanical	metr- ³	measure or distance
mecon-	opium	-metria	condition of the uterus
medi-	middle, intermediate	-metry	process of measuring
meg-	large, enlarged, great	micr-	abnormally small
megalo-	huge	micro-	small
-megaly	enlargement	mid-	middle
meio- ¹	reduced	milli-	thousand, thousandth
meio- ²	contraction, less	-mimesis	imitation, simulation
mel- ¹	cheek	minimus-	smallest
mel- ²	limb, member	mio-	reduced, contraction, less
melan-	black		
melan-	black, dark		

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mis-	hatred	necr-	death, corpse
mit-	threadlike	nem-	filament, threadlike
-mixis	specified means of joining	nemat-	threadlike structure
mnem-	memory	neo-	new, immature
-mnesia	condition of memory	nephr-	kidney, renal
mon-	single, one, alone	-nephric	pertaining to kidneys
-moria	condition of dementia	nesidi-	islets of the pancreas
morph-	form	neur-	nerve
mot-	movement	-neural	pertaining to nerves
-motor	effects of activity of a body part	-neure, -neuron	nerve cell
muc-	mucus	-neuria	condition of the nerves
multi-	many	neutr-	neutral
my-	muscle	noci-	pain
myc-	fungus	nod-	knot
mycet-	fungus	nodus-	node
myel ⁻¹	bone marrow	-noia	condition of mind or will
myel ⁻²	spinal cord	-noma	spreading invasive gangrene
-myelia	condition of the spinal cord	-nomia	aphasia involving names or naming ability
myl-	molar	-nomy	knowledge of a field
myria-	great number	non ⁻¹	not
myring-	eardrum	non ⁻²	nine, ninth
myx-	mucus	nos-	disease
nano ⁻¹	dwarfed, undersized, small	not-	back, dorsal
nano ⁻²	billionth	nucha-	back or nape of neck
narc-	stupor	nutri-	nourishment
naris-	nose	nyct-	night, darkness
nas-	nose	nymph-	labia menora
natr-	sodium		

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o-	egg, ovum	onc ⁻¹	tumour, mass, swelling
oari-	of or pertaining to the ovary	onc ⁻²	bulk; hooked
ob-	against, in front of	-one	organic compound
oc-	against, in front of	oneir-	dreams
occipit-	back of the head	-ont	cell or organism
occlus-	to close or shut up	ont ⁻¹	existence
oct-	eight, eighth	ont ⁻²	individual
ocul-	eye	onych-	nail
-ode ¹	electric conductor	onyx-	nail
-ode ²	like in form	oophor-	ovary
-odonita	size of or treatment of teeth	oothec-	ovary
odont-	teeth	-ope	eye defect
oedem-	swell	ophidia-	venomous snakes
-oedema	condition of swelling due to fluid	ophthalm-	eye
-oid	form, like, resembling	-opia, -opsy	condition of vision
oik-	house	-opsia, -opy	condition of vision
-ol	oil	opistho-	behind, backward
-ola	diminutive	ops-	sight, vision
ole-	oil	opt-	vision or eye
olfact-	smell	optic-	vision or eye
olig-	scant, deficient, few, little	-or	agent, person concerned, instrument
-olum	diminutive	or ⁻¹	mouth
-olus	diminutive	or ⁻²	serum
om-	shoulder	ora-	mouth
-oma	tumour, mass, neoplasm	orb-	sphere or eyeball
omphal-	navel	orch-, orchid-	testes
-on	a unit	-orexia	condition of appetite
		organ-	organ
		-organic	relating to internal organs of the body

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orrh-	serum	oxy- ²	sharp, acute, quick, sour
ortho-	straight, normal, correct	-pachy	condition involving thickening of a part
-os	singular noun	pachy-	thick
os- ¹	mouth	paed-	child
os- ²	bone	-paedic	treatment of children
osche-	scrotum	-paenia	deficiency
-ose ¹	pertaining to	-pagus	conjoined twins
-ose ²	carbohydrate	palat-	palate, roof of mouth
-osis	action or process, condition	paleo-	ancient, old, primitive
osm- ¹	odour	pali-, palin-	repetition, recurrence
osm- ²	impulse	palpebra-	eyelid, eyelash
osm- ³	osmosis	palpit-	flutter
-osmia	condition of sense of smell	pan-	all, general, every
oss-	bone	-pancreatic	pancreas or adjacent organs
oste-	bone	papilla-	nipple
-osteon, -osteum	bone	par- ¹	aside, beyond, apart from, against
ot-	ear	par- ²	similar, beside
-otia	condition of the ear	par- ³	birth
-otic ¹	pertaining to	-para	number of times a woman has given birth
-otic ²	causing the condition	part-	childbirth
-ous	pertaining to	-partite	having a specified number of parts
ovari-	of or pertaining to the ovary	parvi-	small, little, micro
ovi-	egg	path-	disease
-oxemia	state of oxygen in the blood	-path ¹	one who treats illnesses by a specified system
-oxia	state of oxygen in the blood	-path ²	individual suffering from a specific disease
oxy- ¹	oxygen	-pathetic	pertaining to emotions
		-pathia	disease, affection

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-pathic ¹	an illness or affected part of the body	phag-	to eat
-pathic ²	referring to a form or system of treatment	-phagia	eating, desire for food
-pathic ³	affected by or pertaining to a disease	phalan-	fingers or toes
-pathy ¹	disease of	phall-	penis
-pathy ²	therapy	phan-	appear, visible
pect-, pector-	chest, breast, thorax	-phane	having a specified form or appearance
ped-	foot	phaner-	visible or apparent
-ped, -pede	specified number of feet	phao-	brown, dusky
pel-	mud	pharmac-	drugs, medicine
pell-	skin	pharyng-	pharynx, throat
-penia	deficiency	phas- ¹	appear, visible
-pennate	having feathers	phas- ²	speech, speak, utter
pent-	five	-phasia	speech disorder
pep-	digest	-phemia	speech disorder
-pepsia	state of digestion	phen-	light, bright, appearing, manifest
-peptic	pertaining to digestion	pheo-	brown, dusky
per-	through, excessive, over, completely	phil-	affinity for, love
peri-	around, about, beyond	-philia ¹	craving for, loving
pero-	malformed, stunted, defective, maimed	-philia ²	tendency towards an action
pes-	foot	-philic ¹	affinity for, loving
-petal	seeking	-philic ²	combines, stained by
petal-	leaf	-phily	affinity for, fondness
petr-	stone	phleb-	vein
-pexia	fixation, suspension	phleg-	inflammation
-pexis	fixation, suspension	phlogo-	inflammation
-pexy	fixation, suspension	phob-	fear or morbid dread
phac-, phak-	lens	-phobe ¹	resisting, avoiding
		-phobe ²	one who fears or has a phobia

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Term	Meaning	Term	Meaning
-phobia	fear or dread	phyll-	leaf, leaflike
phon-	sound, speech, voice	phylo-	type, kind
-phone	device for transmitting or monitoring sound	-phyma	swelling or tumour
-phonia	sound, speech disorder	phys-	air or gas
-phonic	sounds made in a part of the body	physi-	natural, physical
phor-	to bear or carry	-physical	natural
phor- ¹	carrying, transmission;	-physics	science of the nature of
phor- ²	directing, turning	-physis	growth or growing
-phore	bearer, carrier, possessor	phyt-	plant
-phoresis	transmission, movement in a manner or medium	-phyte	plant
-phoria ¹	tendency	pi-	fat
-phoria ²	emotional state	pico-	one trillionth
-phoria ³	condition or visual axes of the eye	picro-	bitter
phot-	light, photographic	piez-	pressure
phrag-	fence off, wall off	pil-	hair
-phragm	separation	pimel-	fat
-phrasia	condition of speech	pituit-	phlegm
phren- ¹	mind	-plakia	patches on mucous membrane
phren- ²	diaphragm	plan- ¹	flat, level
-phrenia	disorder of the mind	plan- ²	to wander
-phrenic ¹	disorder of the mind	-plania	deviation from normal location
-phrenic ²	condition of the diaphragm	plantar	sole of foot
phthi-	decay, wasting away	plas-	form, grow
-phthongia	condition of speech	-plasia	condition of formation or development
phyc-	seaweed	-plasm	new growth; cell or tissue substance
phyl-	guarding or preserving	plasma-	liquid portion of blood
		-plast	primitive cell
		plast-	form, grow

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-plastia	condition of formation or development	pon-	pain
-plastic	pertaining to development	pont-	bridge
-plasty	repair of, plastic surgery	por- ¹	passageway, duct, opening, cavity
plat-, platy-	broad, flat	por- ²	pore
-plegia, -plegic	paralysis	por- ³	callus
pleo-	more	-pore	passageway
pleur-	pleura, side or rib	porphyro-	purple
-plex, -plexus	network	post-	after, behind, subsequent
plex- ¹	a stroke	postero-	posterior part
plex- ²	to strike	-potent	able to do something specified
-plexia, -plexy	condition resulting from a stroke	prae-	in front of, before
plic-	fold or ridge	-pragia	quality of action
-ploid	multiple of chromosomes	-praxia	quality of action
pluri-	several, more	-praxis	treatment involving specified method
pne-	breath, breathing	pre-	in front of, before
pneum-	air, lung, gas	presby	old age, elderly
-pnoea, -pnea	breath, respiratory condition	prim-	first
pod-	foot, or footlike process	-privia	condition of loss or deprivation
-podia	condition of feet	pro-	first, before, front, furthering, precursor
-poetic	production	proct-	anus, rectum
-poiesis	formation, making	-proctia	condition of the anus
poikilo-	irregular, abnormal variable	pronus-	face down
polio-	grey (esp. nervous system)	pros-	forward, anterior
pollex-	thumb	prosop-	face
polples-	posterior surface of knee	-prosopia	condition of the face
poly-	many, much, generalised	-prost	prostaglandin derivative
pon-	pain		

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proto-	first, before	pyr-, pyr-	heat, fire, fever
psamm-	sand, sandlike	pyret-	fever
pselaph-	tactile senses	-pyrexia	febrile condition
-pselaphesia	condition of the tactile senses	quad-	four
pseud-	false, deceptive	quarti-	fourth
psor-	to itch	quin-	quinine
psych-	mind	quinque-	five
-psychic	relationship between mind and body	quint-	fifth, fivefold
-psychosis	mental disorder	rachi-	spine, vertebral column
pter-	wing, feather	radi- ¹	root i.e. tooth or spinal nerve
-pterygium	condition of the conjunctiva	radi- ²	radiation
ptoma-	corpse	radicul-	root i.e. tooth or spinal nerve
-ptosis	prolapse	rami-	branch
ptyal-	saliva	re-	again, return, back, contrary
ptysis	to cough or spit up	rect-	rectal
-ptysis	condition of spitting	ren-	kidney
pub-	adult	retro-	backward, located behind
-pubic	frontal part of the pelvis	rhabd-	stick, rod
puer-	child	rhabdo-	striated, striped
pulm-	lung	rhachi-	spine, vertebral column
-pulsion	to push	-rhachia	foreign chemical substance
pur-	pus	-rhagia	rupture, excessive flow
purpur-	purple	-rhaphy	suturing in place
py-, pyon-	pus	rhe-	flow, current
pyel-	renal pelvis	-rhea	flow, discharge
pyg-	buttocks	-rhexis	rupture of a body part
pyle-	portal vein	rhig-	cold
pylor-	pylorus		

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rhin-	nose, noselike	-schisis	split, fissured, cleft
rhiptid-	wrinkle	schist-	split, fissured, cleft
rhiz-	root	schiz-	divided, division
rhod-	red	scia-	shadow
-rhoea	flow, discharge	scirrho-	hard, esp. hard cancers
rhyp-	filth	scler-	hard
rost-	beak	-sclerosis	hardening
rot-	to turn	scolec-	worm
-rrhachia	foreign chemical substance	scolio-	twisted, crooked
-rrhagia	rupture, excessive flow	scop-	examine, observe
-rrhaphy	suturing in place	-scope	instrument used to examine
-rrhea	flow, discharge	-scopy	observation, examine
-rrhexis	rupture of a body part	scot-	pertaining to darkness
-rrhoea	flow, discharge	scribe-, scrit-	to write
rub-	red	scyt-	skin
sacchar-	sugar, saccharine	-sect	to cut
sacr-	sacrum	sect-	to cut
salping-	uterine or auditory tube	secund-	second, following
sangui-	blood	semei-	sign or symptom
sanita-	health	semi-	half, partial
sap-	soap	sens-	perception, feeling
sapr-	dead, decaying	seps-	decay
sarc-	flesh, muscle	-sepsis, -septic	condition of decay
saturn-	lead	sept-	nasal septum
saur-	reptile, lizard	ser-	blood, serum
scaph-	boat shaped	set-	bristle
scat-	excrement, faeces, dung	sex-	six
scel-	leg	-sia	action, process, condition
-scelia	condition of the legs	sial-	saliva

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Term	Meaning	Term	Meaning
sicc-	dry	sphaer-	sphere, round
sider-	iron	sphen-	wedge, wedge-shaped, sphenoid bone
sin-	hollow, cavity, sinus	spher-	sphere, round
sinap-	mustard	-sphere ¹	spheric body
sinistro-	left	-sphere ²	realm that supports life
-sis	action, process, result of, state	sphygm-	pulse
sit-	food, grain	-sphygmia	condition of the pulse
-site ¹	means or manner of nourishment	spin-	spine
-site ²	organism living inside and nourishing on another	spinth-	spark
-sitia	condition of appetite	spir ¹ -	coil, spiral
skia-	shadow	spir ² -	respiration, breath
-solve	to loosen	splanchn-	visceral, intestines
-soma	body or portion of the body	splen-	spleen
soma-, somat-	body	spod-	waste materials
-somatic	condition of the body	spondyl-	vertebra or spinal column
-some	a body of a specified sort	spongi-	sponge
-somia	condition of the body	spor-	spore
somn-	sleep	-spore	reproductive element
son-	sound	squam-	scale
spacel-	gangrene	-stabile	resistant to change, stable
spano-	few, scanty	-stage	phase
-spasm	involuntary contraction, convulsion	-stalsis	contraction of the alimentary canal
spasm-	spasm, convulsion	stann-	tin
spectr-	image	staphyl ¹	grapelike
sperm-, spermat-	seed, sperm, semen	staphyl ²	uvula
-spermia	condition of sperm	stas ¹	stopped
		stas ²	relationship to standing or walking

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-stasis	to stand, stoppage of flow, control	strept-	twisted
-stat ¹	substance or device for stopping the growth of, regulating	stri-	line, streak
-stat ²	a stand	stroph-	twisted
-state	result of a process	strum-	goiter, scofula
-staxis	drop	styl-	stake, pole
steap-, stear-, steat-	fat	-style	bone attached to an internal structure
stell-	star	sub-	under, less than, partial, mild, near
-stenia	power or strength	succ-	juice
steno-	narrow or constricted	sud-	perspiration, sweat
-stenosis	condition of narrowing	suf-	under, less than, partial, mild, near
sterc-	faeces	sup-	under, less than, partial, mild, near
stereo- ¹	three dimensions	super-	above, excessive, upper
stereo- ²	depth perception, firm, solid	supinus-	face up
stern-	sternum, breastbone, chest	supra-	over, above, upon, exceeding
steth-	chest	-surgery	treatment of illness or deformity
sthen-	power or strength	sursum-	upward
-sthenuria	condition of urination	sy-	union, association
-stichia	condition of the eyelashes	syl-	union, association
-stole	contraction of organs	sym-	union, association
-stoma	mouth or opening	syn-	union, association
stoma- ¹	mouth, opening	syndesm-	connective tissue, ligament
stoma- ²	covering	-synthesis	formation of
-stomy	make an artificial opening	syring-	tube, fistula
-stone	calculus in a human organ or duct	system-	system
-stophy	turning or twisted	tabe-	to waste away
strab-	to squint	tach-, tachy-	speed, rapid, accelerated
strati-	layer		

Combined Terms

Term	Meaning	Term	Meaning
tact-	to touch	-tention	condition of being stretched or held
-tactic	an arrangement	teph-	ash coloured
taenia-	ribbon, band	ter-	three
tal-	ankle	terat-	monster
talip-	club footed	terti-	third
taph-	grave	test-	testicles
tars- ¹	eyelid	tetan-	tetanus
tars- ²	edge of the foot	tetart-	fourth
taut-	same	tetr-	four
tax-	arrangement, order	thanat-	death
-taxia ¹	condition of impaired mental or physical control	thec-	sheath
-taxia ²	an arrangement	-thecium	sack or container
techn-	the art of	their-	beast
-technics	the art or mechanics of	thel-	nipple
-technology	the art or mechanics of	-thelium	layer of tissue
tect-	covering	thely-	female
tect-	roof, rooflike	thenar-	palm of hand, sole of foot
teg-	covering	theo-	god
teg-	covering	therap-	treatment, cure
-tela	weblike membrane	-therapeutic	of or pertaining to medical treatment
tela-	web, weblike structure	-therapy	treat, cure
tele-, tel-complete	end, far away,	-therm	animal with a specified temperature
temp- ¹	time	therm-	heat, warm
temp- ²	temples, lateral regions of the head	-thermia, -thermy	a state of body temperature, generation of body heat
tenia-	ribbon, band	-thetic	to put, place, set
teno-, tenont-, tend-	tendon	thigm-	touch
-tension	condition of being stretched or held		

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thio-	sulphur	top- ²	to place
thix-	touch	-topia, -topy	condition of placement of organs in the body
thorac-	chest	tors-	twisted
threp-	nutrition	tox-	poison, toxic
thrix-	hair	-toxin	poison
thromb-	clot	trache-	trachea
thym- ¹	thymus	trachel-	neck, necklike, cervix
thym- ²	mind or spirit	trachy-	rough
-thymia	condition involving mood	trans-	across, through, beyond, over
thyr-	thyroid	-trauma	wound or injury
-thyrea	condition of the thyroid gland	-trema	hole, orifice, opening
tibi-	tibia	-tresia	perforation
-tic	pertaining to	tri-	three, thrice
-tion	action, process, condition	-tribe	instrument for crushing, compressing
toc-	childbirth, labour, offspring	trich-	hair, filament
-tome ¹	instrument for cutting	-trichia	condition of the hair
-tome ²	segment or region	-tripsis	to chafe or wear away
-tomic	related to incisions or secretions of tissue	-tripsy	crushing
-tomy	surgical incision into	trit-	third
ton-	tone, pressure, tension	trocho-	round, rotation
-tonia, -tony	condition of tonus, muscular contraction or motor control	-tron	electronic or atomic apparatus, vacuum tube
-tonic ¹	quality of tonus or muscular contraction	trop-	turn, change, tendency
-tonic ²	solution with comparative concentration	trop-	turn, tendency, affinity for
top- ¹	place, part, local	-trope	influencing or influenced by
		troph-	nutrition
		troph-	food, nourishment
		-trophia	deviation in the line of vision

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Term	Meaning	Term	Meaning
-trophy ¹	nourishment, growth	-uria	condition of urine, presence of substance in urine
-trophy ²	condition of malnutrition	uric-	uric acid
-tropic for	turning toward, affinity	uter-	uterus
-tropy	influenced by	vagin-	vagina
tub-	tube	-valve	device that regulates flow
-tumescence	swelling	valvul-	valve
-tuse	dull or blunt	vas-	vessel, duct
tuss-	cough	vascul-	vessel
tyman-	middle ear	ven-	vein
typ-	model	-venous veins	of or pertaining to
typhl-	caecum	venter-	belly, hollowed part
-typia	conforming to type	ventr-	front (anterior) of the body, abdomen
tyr-	cheese, cheeselike	-ventral	of the stomach or abdomen
ul- ¹	scar	ventricul-	pertaining to ventricles of the heart or brain
ul- ²	gums	verd-	green coloured
-ular	pertaining to something specified	vermi-	worm
-ulent by	full of, characterised by	-verse	to turn, change
ultra-	beyond a certain limit, in excess, farther	-vert	person who has turned in a certain direction
-ulum, -ulus, -ule	small	vertebr-	spinal column or vertebrae
ungu-	nail	-vertebral	spinal column
uni-	one	vesic- ¹	blister, vesicle
ur-, uron-	urine, urinary tract	vesic- ²	bladder
uran-	palate	vir-	virus
-ure	result of action		
ureter-	ureter		
urethro-	urethra		
-urgy	art of working with specialised tools		

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viscer-	internal organs	xiph-	sword, xiphoid process
vita-	life	xyl-	wood
vivi-	alive, living	-y	action, process, condition
-volute	to roll, turn around	-zoite	simple organism
volv-	turn	zoo-, zo-	animal
-vorous	of or pertaining to feeding	-zoon	living being, animal
vulv-	vulva	zyg-	yoke, union, pair
xanth-	yellow	zym-	enzyme or fermentation
xen-	different, foreign, host	-zyme	ferment or enzyme
xero-	dry		