

Unit A: Medical/Dental Terminology Word Roots
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aden	gland	hepat	liver
angio	blood vessel	hemo	blood
arterio	artery	hydro	water
arthro	joint	hystero	uterus
carcin	cancer	leuko	white
cardio	heart	lingua	tongue
cephal	head	mamm, mast	breast
cerebro	brain	myelo	bone marrow
chem	drug	myo	muscle
chole	gall, bile	nephro, ren	kidney
colo	colon	neuro	nerve
costo	ribs	ocul, ophthal	eye
cranio	skull	oophor, ovario	ovary
cyan	blue	odont, dent	tooth
cysto	bladder, sac	osteo	bone
cyte	cell	oto	ear
derma	skin	ped, pod	foot
entero	intestine	phleb	vein
epidemi	among the people	pneumo, pulm	lung
erythro	red	psych	mind, soul
gastro	stomach	rhin	nose
gingiva	gum	salpingo	tube
gloss	tongue	thorac	thorax, chest
glyco	sugar	trach	trachea

Additional Words:

Albin	white
Encephalo	brain
Litho	stone
Hom	same
Oo	egg
Septic	infection
Stric	narrowing
Viscera	organ

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Prefixes and Suffixes

<u>Prefixes</u>		<u>Suffixes</u>	
a, an	without	a, ac, al	pertaining to
ab	away from	algia	pain
ad	toward	ase	enzyme
ante	before	centre	puncture
anti	against	cide	causing death
aut	self	cente	puncture
bi	both, two	dipsia	thirst
brady	slow	ectomy	surgical removal
circum	round	emesis	vomit
contra	against	emia	blood
di	two	esthesia	sensation
diplo	double	genesis, genic	origin, source
dys	painful, difficult	gram, graph	pictures, record
ecto	outside	ia	a disease
endo, intra	inside	iasis	abnormal condition
epi	upper, above	ism	state of
hemi	half	itis	inflammation
hyper	excessive, , above, more than	lysis	destruction
hypo	deficient, below, less than	malacia	softening
inter	between	megaly	enlarged
later	side	oid	like, similar
lipo	fat	ologist	specialist
mal	bad, difficult	ology	study of
mega/macro	large	oma	tumor
micro	small	orrhagia	hemorrhage
mono, uni	one, single	orrhea	flow
neo	new	osis	condition of
ortho	straight	ostomy	surgical opening
peri	around,	pathy	disease
poly	many, much	penia	deficiency
post	behind, after	phobia	fear
pre	before, in front of	plasty	surgical repair
pro	forward	plegia	stroke, paralysis
pseudo	false	pnea	breathing
retro	backward, behind	ptosis	drooping down
semi	half	sclerosis	hardening
sub	below	scope	picture, inspection
tachy	fast	stasis	stoppage
tele	distant, far	toxic	poisonous
trans	across	trophy	development, growth
ultra	beyond, excess	uria	urine