

Prefix or suffix	Meaning	Origin language and Etymology	Example(s)
<b>a-, an-</b>	absence of	Greek (a-/an-), without, not	Apathy, Analgia
<b>ab-</b>	away from	Latin	Abduction
<b>abdomin(o)-</b>	Of or relating to the abdomen	Latin (abdōmen), abdomen, fat around the belly	Abdomen
<b>-ac, -acal</b>	pertaining to	Greek (-akos)	cardiac, hydrophobiac, pharmacomaniacal
<b>acanth(o)-</b>	thorn or spine	Greek (akantha), thorn	acanthion, acanthocyte, acanthoma, acanthulus
<b>acous(io)-</b>	Of or relating to hearing	Greek (acoustikos), of or for hearing	acoumeter, acoustician
<b>acr(o)-</b>	extremity, topmost	Greek (akron), highest or farthest point	Acrocary, acromegaly, acroosteolysis, acroposthia
<b>-acusis</b>	hearing	Greek (acoustikos), of or for hearing	paracusis
<b>-ad</b>	toward, in the direction of		dorsad
<b>ad-</b>	increase, adherence, motion toward, very	Latin	Adduction
<b>aden(o)-, aden(i)-</b>	Of or relating to a gland	Greek (adēn, aden-), an acorn; a gland	Adenocarcinoma, adenology, adenotome, adenotyphus
<b>adip(o)-</b>	Of or relating to fat or fatty tissue	Latin (adeps, adip-), fat	Adipocyte
<b>adren(o)-</b>	Of or relating to adrenal glands	Latin	adrenal artery
<b>-aemia (BrE)</b>	blood condition	Greek -without blood	Anaemia
<b>aer(o)-</b>	air, gas	Greek	Aerosinusitis
<b>aesthesio- (BrE)</b>	sensation	Greek	Anesthesia
<b>-al</b>	pertaining to	Latin -alis	abdominal
<b>alb-</b>	Denoting a white or pale color	Latin <i>albus</i> , white	Albino
<b>alge(si)-</b>	pain	Greek	Analgesic
<b>-algia</b>	pain	Greek	Myalgia
<b>alg(i)o-</b>	pain	Greek	Myalgia
<b>allo-</b>	Denoting something as different, or as an addition	Greek (allos), another, other	Alloantigen, allopathy
<b>ambi-</b>	Denoting something as positioned on both sides; Describing both of two	Latin (ambi-, ambo), both, on both sides	Ambidextrous
<b>amnio-</b>	Pertaining to the membranous fetal sac (amnion)	Greek	Amniocentesis
<b>amph-, amphi-</b>	on both sides	Greek (amphi)	Amphicrania, amphismela, amphotycin
<b>an-</b>	not, without	Greek	Analgesia
<b>ana-</b>	back, again, up	Greek	Anaplasia
<b>an(o)</b>	anus	Latin	

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<b>andr(o)-</b>	pertaining to a man	Greek	Andrology, android
<b>angi(o)-</b>	blood vessel	Greek	Angiogram
<b>aniso-</b>	Describing something as unequal	Greek (anīsos), unequal	Anisotropic, anisocytosis
<b>ankyl(o)-, ancyl(o)-</b>	Denoting something as crooked or bent	Greek (ankýlos), crooked, curved	Ankylosis
<b>ante-</b>	Describing something as positioned in front of another thing	Latin (āntē), before, in front of	antepartum
<b>anti-</b>	Describing something as 'against' or 'opposed to' another	Greek (anti), against	Antibody, antipsychotic
<b>apo-</b>	separated from, derived from	Greek	Apoptosis
<b>arch(i,e,o)</b>	first, primitive		archinephron : first formed kidney
<b>arteri(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to an artery	Greek (artēria), a wind-pipe, artery (used distinctly versus a vein)	Artery, Arteriole
<b>arthr(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the joints, limbs	Greek (arthros), a joint, limb	Arthritis
<b>articul(o)-</b>	joint	Latin articulum	Articulation
<b>-ary</b>	pertaining to	Latin <i>-arius</i>	biliary tract
<b>-ase</b>	enzyme	Greek <i>-division</i>	Lactase
<b>-asthenia</b>	weakness	Greek	Myasthenia gravis
<b>atel(o)</b>	imperfect or incomplete development		atelocardia : imperfect development of the heart
<b>-ation</b>	process	Latin	
<b>atri(o)-</b>	an atrium (esp. heart atrium)		atrioventricular
<b>aur(i)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the ear	Latin (auris), the ear	Aural
<b>aut(o)-</b>	self	Greek	Autoimmune
<b>aux(o)-</b>	increase; growth		auxocardia : enlargement of the heart
<b>axill-</b>	Of or pertaining to the armpit	Latin (axilla), armpit	Axilla
<b>azo(to)</b>	nitrogenous compound		azothermia : raised temperature due to nitrogenous substances in blood
<b>balano-</b>	Of the glans penis or glans clitoridis	Greek - <i>balanos</i> , acorn, glans	Balanitis
<b>bi-</b>	twice, double	Latin	
<b>bio-</b>	life	Greek	Biology
<b>blast(o)-</b>	germ or bud	Greek	Blastomere
<b>blephar(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the eyelid	Greek (blépharon), eyelid	Blepharoplast

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<b>brachi(o)-</b>	Of or relating to the arm	Latin (brachium), from Greek (brachiōn), arm	Brachium of inferior colliculus
<b>brachy-</b>	Indicating 'short' or less commonly 'little'	Greek (brachys), short; little, shallow	brachycephalic
<b>brady-</b>	'slow'	Greek (bradys), slow	Bradycardia
<b>bronch(i)-</b>	bronchus		Bronchiolitis obliterans
<b>bucc(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the cheek	Latin (bucca), cheek	Buccolabial
<b>burs(o)-</b>	bursa fluid sac between the bones  Latin	Bursitis	
<b>capill-</b>	Of or pertaining to hair	Latin (capillus), hair	Capillus
<b>capit-</b>	Pertaining to the head (as a whole)	Latin (caput, capit-), the head	Capitation
<b>carcin(o)-</b>	cancer	Greek (karkinos), crab	Carcinoma
<b>cardi(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the heart	Greek (kardía), heart	Cardiology
<b>carp(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the wrist	Latin (carpus); Greek (karpós) wrist; NOTE: This root should not be confused with the mirror root carp(o)- meaning fruit.	Carpopedal
<b>cata-</b>	down, under	Greek (kata)	Cataract
<b>-cele</b>	pouching, hernia	Greek (kēlē)	Hydrocele
<b>-centesis</b>	surgical puncture for aspiration	Greek (kentēsis)	Amniocentesis
<b>cephal(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the head (as a whole)	Greek (képhalē), the head	Cephalalgia
<b>cerat(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the cornu; a horn	Greek (kéras, kerat-), a horn	Ceratoid
<b>cerebell(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the cerebellum	Latin (cerebellum), little brain	Cerebellum
<b>cerebr(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the brain	Latin (cerebrum), brain	Cerebrology
<b>cervic-</b>	Of or pertaining to the neck, the cervix	Latin (cervix, cervīc-), neck, cervix	Cervicodorsal
<b>chem(o)-</b>	chemistry, drug	Greek	Chemotherapy
<b>chir(o)-, cheir(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the hand	Greek (cheir, cheiro-), hand	Chiropractor
<b>chlor(o)-</b>	Denoting a green color	Greek (chloros), green, yellow-green	Chlorophyll
<b>chol(e)-</b>	Of or pertaining to bile	Greek (cholē), bile	Cholaemia
<b>cholecyst(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the gallbladder	Greek (cholēkýstis); gallbladder = (cholē) -bile, gall + (kýstis), bladder	Cholecystectomy
<b>chondr(i)o-</b>	cartilage, granule, granular	Greek (chondros)	Chondrocalcinosis
<b>chrom(ato)-</b>	color	Greek	Hemachromatosis

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<b>-cidal, -cide</b>	killing, destroying	Latin	bacteriocidal
<b>cili-</b>	Of or pertaining to the cilia, the eyelashes; eyelids	Latin (cilium), eyelash; eyelid	Ciliary
<b>circum-</b>	Denoting something as 'around' another	Latin (circum), around	Circumcision
<b>cis-</b>	on this side	Latin (cis)	
<b>clast</b>	break	Greek	osteoclast
<b>co-</b>	with, together, in association	Latin	
<b>col-, colo-, colono-</b>	colon		Colonoscopy
<b>colp(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the vagina	Greek (kólpos), bosom, womb; hollow, depth	Colposcopy
<b>com-</b>	with, together	Latin	
<b>contra</b>	against	Latin	Contraindicate
<b>cor-</b>	with, together	Latin	
<b>cor-, core-, coro-</b>	Of or pertaining to eye's pupil	Greek (kórē), girl, doll; pupil of the eye	Corectomy
<b>cordi-</b>	Of or pertaining to the heart	Latin (cor, cordi-), heart	Commotio cordis
<b>cornu-</b>	Applied to processes and parts of the body describing them likened or similar to horns	Latin (cornū), horn	
<b>cost(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the ribs	Latin (costa), rib	Costochondral
<b>cox-</b>	Of or relating to the hip, haunch, or hip-joint	Latin (coxa), hip	Coxopodite
<b>crani(o)-</b>	Belonging or relating to the cranium	Latin (cranium); Greek (krānion), the cranium, skull, bones enclosing the brain	Craniology
<b>-crine</b>	to secrete		Endocrine
<b>cry(o)-</b>	cold	Greek	Cryoablation
<b>cutane-</b>	skin	Latin	Subcutaneous
<b>cyan(o)-</b>	Denotes a blue color	Greek (kýanos, kyáneos), blue	Cyanopsia
<b>cycl-</b>	circle, cycle	Greek (kuklos)	
<b>cyph(o)-</b>	Denotes something as bent	Greek (kŷphós), bent, hunchback	Cyphosis
<b>cyst(o)-, cyst(i)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the urinary bladder	Greek (kýstis), bladder; cyst	Cystotomy
<b>cyt(o)-</b>	cell	Greek	Cytokine
<b>-cyte</b>	cell	Greek	Leukocyte
<b>dacryo-</b>	tear	Greek	
<b>dactyl(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to a finger, toe	Greek (dáktylos), finger, toe	Dactylology
<b>de-</b>	away from, cessation	Latin	
<b>dent-</b>	Of or pertaining to teeth	Latin (dens, dentis), tooth	Dentist

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<b>dermat(o)-, derm(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the skin	Greek (dérma, démat-), skin, human skin	Dermatology
<b>-desis</b>	binding	Greek (desis)	arthrodesis
<b>dextr(o)-</b>	right, on the right side	Latin <i>dexter</i>	Dextrocardia
<b>di-</b>	two	Greek	
<b>di-</b>	apart, separation	Latin	
<b>dia-</b>	<i>through. during.</i>	Greek (diá), through, during, across	Diacetyl
<b>dif-</b>	apart, separation	Latin	
<b>digit-</b>	Of or pertaining to the finger [rare as a root]	Latin (digitus), finger, toe	Digit
<b>dis-</b>	separation, taking apart	Latin	Dissection
<b>dors(o)-, dors(i)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the back	Latin (dorsum), back	dorsal, Dorsocephalad
<b>duodeno-</b>	duodenum, twelve: upper part of the small intestine (twelve inches long on average), connects to the stomach	Latin <i>duodeni</i>	Duodenal atresia
<b>dynam(o)-</b>	force, energy, power	Greek (dunamis)	
<b>-dynia</b>	pain		Vulvodynia
<b>dys-</b>	bad, difficult	Greek	Dysphagia, dysphasia
<b>-eal</b>	pertaining to	Latin	
<b>ec-</b>	out, away	Greek (ek-)	
<b>ect(o)-</b>	outer, outside	Greek	Ectopic pregnancy
<b>-ectasis</b>	expansion, dilation	Greek	Bronchiectasis
<b>-ectomy</b>	Denotes a surgical operation or removal of a body part. Resection, excision	Greek (ectomē), excision	Mastectomy
<b>-emesis</b>	vomiting condition	Greek	Hematemesis
<b>-emia</b>	blood condition (AmE)	Greek- without blood	Anemia
<b>encephal(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the brain. Also see Cerebro.	Greek (enképhalos), the brain	Encephalogram
<b>endo-</b>	Denotes something as 'inside' or 'within'	Greek (endo-), inside, internal	Endocrinology, Endospore
<b>enter(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the intestine	Greek (énteron), intestine	Gastroenterology
<b>epi-</b>	<i>on, upon</i>	Greek (epi-), before, upon, on, outside, outside of	Epistaxis, epicardium, episclera, epidural
<b>episi(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the pubic region, the loins	Greek (epíision), the pubic area, loins; vulva	Episiotomy
<b>erythr(o)-</b>	Denotes a red color	Greek (erythros), red	Erythrocyte
<b>-esophageal, -esophago</b>	gullet (AmE)	Greek	
<b>esthesio-</b>	sensation (AmE)	Greek	

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<b>eu-</b>	true, good, well, new	Greek	Eukaryote
<b>ex-</b>	out of, away from	Latin	
<b>exo-</b>	Denotes something as 'outside' another	Greek (exo-), outside of, external	Exoskeleton
<b>extra-</b>	outside	Latin	
<b>faci(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the face	Latin (faciēs), the face, countenance	Facioplegic
<b>fibr(o)</b>	fiber		Fibroblast
<b>filli-</b>	fine, hair like		
<b>-form, -iform</b>	Used to form adjectives indicating 'having the form of'	Latin (forma), form, shape	Cuneiform
<b>fossa</b>		Latin (fossa), ditch, pit	fossa ovalis
<b>front-</b>	Of or pertaining to the forehead	Latin (frōns, front-), the forehead	Frontonasal
<b>galact(o)-</b>	milk	Greek	Galactorrhea
<b>gastr(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the stomach	Greek (gastēr), stomach, belly	Gastric bypass
<b>-gen</b>	(1) Denotes the sense 'born in, from' (2) Denotes the sense 'of a certain kind'	Greek (-genēs); (gen-náein), to be born	(1) Endogen; (2) Heterogenous
<b>-genic</b>	Formative, pertaining to producing	Greek	Cardiogenic shock
<b>genu-</b>	Of or pertaining to the knee	Latin (genū), knee	Genu valgum
<b>gingiv-</b>	Of or pertaining to the gums	Latin (gingīva), gum	Gingivitis
<b>glauc(o)-</b>	Denoting a grey, bluish-grey color	Greek (glaúkos), grey, bluish-grey	Glaucoma
<b>gloss(o)-, glott(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the tongue	Greek (glōssa, glōtta), tongue	Glossology
<b>gluco-</b>	glucose	Greek sweet	Glucocorticoid
<b>glyco-</b>	sugar		Glycolysis
<b>gnath(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the jaw	Greek (gnáthos), jaw	Gnathodynamometer
<b>-gnosis</b>	knowledge	Greek	diagnosis, prognosis
<b>gon(o)-</b>	seed, semen; also, reproductive	Greek	Gonorrhea
<b>-gram</b>	record or picture	Greek	Angiogram
<b>-graph</b>	record or picture	Greek (-graphía), written, drawn, graphic interpretation	Electrocardiograph
<b>-graphy</b>	process of recording		Angiography
<b>gyn(aec)o- (BrE), gyn(ec)o- (AmE)</b>	woman	Greek	Gynecomastia
<b>halluc-</b>	to wander in mind	Classical Latin to wander in mind	Hallucinoses
<b>hemat-, haemato- (haem-, hem-)</b>	Of or pertaining to blood	Latin (hæma) < Greek (haima, haimat-), blood	Hematology, older form Haematology

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<b>hema or hemo-</b>	blood (AmE)	Greek	Hematological malignancy
<b>hemi-</b>	one-half	Greek (hēmi-), "half"	Cerebral hemisphere
<b>hepat- (hepatic-)</b>	Of or pertaining to the liver	Greek (hēpar, hēpato-), the liver	Hepatology
<b>heter(o)-</b>	Denotes something as 'the other' (of two), as an addition, or different	Greek (héteros), the other (of two), another; different	Heterogeneous
<b>hidr(o)-</b>	sweat	Greek	Hyperhidrosis
<b>hist(o)-, histio-</b>	tissue	Greek	Histology
<b>home(o)-</b>	similar	Greek (homoios)	Homeopathy
<b>hom(o)-</b>	Denotes something as 'the same' as another or common	Greek (homo-), the same, common	Homosexuality
<b>humer(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the shoulder or upper arm	Incorrect Etymology; Latin (umerus), shoulder	Humerus
<b>hydr(o)-</b>	water	Greek	Hydrophobe
<b>hyper-</b>	Denotes something as 'extreme' or 'beyond normal'	Greek (hyper), over, above; beyond, to the extreme	Hypertension
<b>hyp(o)-</b>	Denotes something as 'below normal'	Greek (hypo-), below, under	Hypovolemia,
<b>hyster(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the womb, the uterus	Greek (hystéra), womb	Hysterectomy
<b>-i-asis</b>	condition	Greek	Mydriasis
<b>iatr(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to medicine, or a physician	Greek (iātrós), healer, physician	Iatrochemistry
<b>-iatry</b>	Denotes a field in medicine of a certain body component	Greek (iātrós), healer, physician	Podiatry, Psychiatry
<b>-ic</b>	pertaining to	Greek (-ikos)	Hepatic artery
<b>-icle</b>	small	Latin	Ovarian follicle
<b>-ics</b>	organized knowledge, treatment	Latin & Greek	
<b>idio-</b>	self, one's own	Greek idios, "one's own"	Idiopathic
<b>ileo-</b>	ileum	Greek	Ileocecal valve
<b>infra-</b>	below	Latin	Infrahyoid muscles
<b>inter-</b>	between, among	Latin	Interarticular ligament
<b>intra-</b>	within	Latin	Intracranial hemorrhage
<b>irid(o)-</b>	iris	Greek	Iridectomy
<b>ischio-</b>	Of or pertaining to the ischium, the hip-joint	Greek (ischión), hip-joint, ischium	Ischiorrhagic
<b>-ism</b>	condition, disease		Dwarfism
<b>-ismus</b>	spasm, contraction	Greek	
<b>iso-</b>	Denoting something as being 'equal'	Greek (isos), equal	Isotonic
<b>-ist</b>	one who specializes in	Greek (-istes)	Pathologist



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<b>-ite</b>	the nature of, resembling	Greek	Hermaphrodite
<b>-itis</b>	inflammation		Tonsillitis
<b>-ium</b>	structure, tissue		pericardium
<b>isch-</b>	Restriction	Greek	Ischemia
<b>karyo-</b>	nucleus	Greek - "nut"	Eukaryote
<b>kerat(o)-</b>	cornea (eye or skin)	Greek	Keratoscope
<b>kin(e)-, kin(o), kinesi(o)-</b>	movement	Greek	Kinesthesia
<b>koil(o)-</b>	hollow	Greek (koilos)	Koilocyte
<b>kyph(o)-</b>	humped	Greek	Kyphoscoliosis
<b>labi(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the lip	Latin (labium), lip	Labiodental
<b>lacrim(o)-</b>	tear	Latin	Lacral canalculi
<b>lact(i)-, lact(o)</b>	milk	Latin	Lactation
<b>lapar(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the abdomen-wall, flank	Greek (lapará), flank	Laparotomy
<b>laryng(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the larynx,	Greek (lárýnx, laryng-), throat, gullet	Larynx
<b>latero-</b>	lateral	Latin	Lateral pectoral nerve
<b>lei(o)-</b>	smooth	Greek	Leiomyoma
<b>-leptosis, -lepsy</b>	attack, seizure	Greek	Epilepsy, narcolepsy
<b>lept(o)-</b>	light, slender	Greek (leptos)	
<b>leuc(o)-, leuk(o)-</b>	Denoting a white color	Greek (leukos), white, bright	Leukocyte
<b>lingu(a)-, lingu(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the tongue	Latin (lingua), tongue	Linguistics
<b>lip(o)-</b>	fat	Greek	Liposuction
<b>lith(o)-</b>	stone, calculus	Greek	Lithotripsy
<b>log(o)-</b>	speech	Greek	
<b>-logist</b>	Denotes someone who studies a certain field: _____-logy	Greek (logistēs), studier, practitioner	Oncologist, pathologist
<b>-logy</b>	Denotes the academic study or practice of a certain field	Greek (logos) study	hematology, urology
<b>lymph(o)-</b>	lymph	Greek	Lymphedema
<b>lys(o)-, -lytic</b>	dissolution	Greek	Lysosome
<b>-lysis</b>	Destruction, separation	Greek	Paralysis
<b>macr(o)-</b>	large, long	Greek	Macrophage
<b>-malacia</b>	softening	Greek	Osteomalacia
<b>mamm(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the breast	Latin (mamma), breast; udder	Mammogram
<b>mammill(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the nipple	Latin (mammilla), nipple	
<b>manu-</b>	Of or pertaining to the hand	Latin (manus), hand	Manufacture
<b>mast(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the breast	Greek (mastós), breast, women's breast; man's pectoral muscle	Mastectomy



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<b>meg(a)-, megal(o)-, megaly</b>	enlargement	Greek	Splenomegaly
<b>melan(o)-</b>	black color	Greek (melas, melano-), black; dark	Melanin
<b>melos</b>	extremity	Greek	erythromelalgia
<b>mening(o)-</b>	membrane	Greek	Meningitis
<b>mero-</b>	part	Greek (meros), part	merocrine, meroblastic
<b>mes(o)-</b>	middle	Greek (mesos), "middle"	Mesoderm
<b>meta-</b>	after, behind	Greek	Metacarpus
<b>-meter</b>	measurement	Greek	Sphygmomanometer
<b>-metry</b>	process of measuring	Greek	Optometry
<b>metr(o)-</b>	Pertaining to conditions or instruments of the uterus	Greek (mētrā), womb, uterus	Metrorrhagia
<b>micro-</b>	denoting something as small, or relating to smallness	Greek (mikros), small	Microscope
<b>mon(o)-</b>	single	Greek	Infectious mononucleosis
<b>morph(o)-</b>	form, shape	Greek	Morphology
<b>muscul(o)-</b>	muscle	Latin	Musculoskeletal system
<b>my(o)-</b>	Of or relating to muscle	Greek (mys, my-), muscle; mouse; mussel	Myoblast
<b>myc(o)-</b>	fungus	Greek	Onychomycosis
<b>myel(o)-</b>	Of or relating to bone marrow	Greek (myelon), marrow; bone-marrow	Myeloblast
<b>myring(o)-</b>	eardrum	Latin	Myringotomy
<b>myx(o)-</b>	mucus	Greek	Myxoma
<b>narc(o)-</b>	numb, sleep	Greek	narcolepsy
<b>nas(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the nose	Latin (nāsum), nose	nasal
<b>necr(o)-</b>	death	Greek	Necrotizing fasciitis
<b>neo-</b>	new	Greek	Neoplasm
<b>nephr(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the kidney	Greek (nephros), kidney	Nephrology
<b>nerv-</b>	Of or pertaining to nerves and the nervous system	Latin (nervus), tendon; nerve; Cognate with the Greek (neuron)	Nerve
<b>neur(i)-, neur(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to nerves and the nervous system	Greek (neuron), tendon, sinew; nerve	Neurofibromatosis
<b>normo-</b>	normal	Latin	Normocapnia
<b>ocul(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the eye	Latin (oculus), the eye	Oculist
<b>odont(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to teeth	Greek (odoús, odont-), tooth	orthodontist
<b>odyn(o)-</b>	pain	Greek	stomatodynia
<b>-oid</b>	resemblance to	Greek	Sarcoidosis
<b>ole</b>	small or little	Latin	
<b>olig(o)-</b>	Denoting something as 'having little, having few'	Greek (oligos), few	Oligotrophy

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<b>om(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the shoulder	Greek (ōmos), shoulder	Omostrate
<b>-oma (singular), -omata (plural)</b>	tumor, mass, collection	Greek	Sarcoma, Teratoma
<b>omphal(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the navel, the umbilicus	Greek (omphalós), navel, belly-button	Omphalotomy
<b>onco-</b>	tumor, bulk, volume	Greek	Oncology
<b>onych(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the nail (of a finger or toe)	Greek (ónyx, ónycho-), nail; claw; talon	Onychophagy
<b>oo-</b>	Of or pertaining to the an egg, a woman's egg, the ovum	Greek (ōón, ōo-), egg, ovum	Oogenesis
<b>oophor(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the woman's ovary	Neoclassical Greek (ōophórōn), ovary, egg-bearing	Oophorectomy
<b>ophthalm(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the eye	Greek (ophthalmós), the eye	Ophthalmology
<b>optic(o)-</b>	Of or relating to chemical properties of the eye	Middle French (optique); Greek (optikós); Cognate with Latin <i>oculus</i> , relating to the eye	Opticochemical
<b>or(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the mouth	Latin (ōs, or-), mouth	Oral
<b>orchi(o)-, orchido-</b>	testis	Greek (orkhis, orkhi-)	Orchiectomy, Orchidectomy
<b>orth(o)-</b>	Denoting something as straight or correct	Greek (orthos), straight, correct, normal	Orthodontist
<b>-osis</b>	a condition, disease or increase	Greek	Harlequin type ichthyosis, Psychosis, osteoporosis
<b>osseo-</b>	bony	Latin	
<b>ossi-</b>	bone	Latin	Peripheral ossifying fibroma
<b>ost(e)-, oste(o)-</b>	bone	Greek	Osteoporosis
<b>ot(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the ear	Greek (ous, ōt-), the ear	Otopathy
<b>-ous</b>	pertaining to	Latin -osus	
<b>ovari(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the ovaries	Latin (ōvarium), ovary	Ovariectomy
<b>ovo-, ovi-, ov-</b>	Of or pertaining to the eggs, the ovum	Latin (ōvum), egg, ovum	Ovogenesis
<b>oxo-</b>	addition of oxygen	Greek	
<b>oxy-</b>	sharp, acid, acute, oxygen	Greek	
<b>pachy-</b>	thick	Greek	pachyderma
<b>palpebr-</b>	Of or pertaining to the eyelid	Latin (palpebra), eyelid	Palpebra
<b>pan-, pant(o)-</b>	Denoting something as 'complete' or containing 'everything'	Greek (pas, pan-), all, every	panophobia, panopticon
<b>papill-</b>	Of or pertaining to the nipple (of the chest/breast)	Latin (papilla), nipple; diminutive of papula (see below)	Papillitis

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<b>papul(o)-</b>	Indicates papulosity, a small elevation or swelling in the skin, a pimple, swelling	Latin (papula), pimple, pustle; a small elevation or swelling in the skin	Papulation
<b>para-</b>	alongside of, abnormal	Greek	
<b>-paresis</b>	slight paralysis	Greek	hemiparesis
<b>parvo-</b>	small	Latin parvus	Parvovirus
<b>path(o)-</b>	disease	Greek	Pathology
<b>-pathy</b>	Denotes (with a negative sense) a disease, or disorder	Greek (pathos), suffering, accident	sociopathy, neuropathy
<b>ped-, -ped-, -pes</b>	Of or pertaining to the foot; -footed	Latin (pēs, pēd-), foot	Pedoscope
<b>pelv(i)-, pelv(o)-</b>	hip bone	Latin	Pelvis
<b>-penia</b>	deficiency	Greek	osteopenia
<b>peo-</b>	Of or pertaining to the penis	Greek (peos)	Peotomy
<b>-pepsia</b>	Denotes something relating to digestion, or the digestive tract.	Greek (peptós) cooked, digested; (péssō) boil, cook; digest	Dyspepsia
<b>per-</b>	through	Latin	
<b>peri-</b>	Denoting something with a position 'surrounding' or 'around' another	Greek (peri), around	Periodontal
<b>-pexy</b>	fixation	Greek	Nephropexy
<b>phaco-</b>	lens-shaped	Greek	phacolysis, phacometer, phacoscotoma
<b>-phage, -phagia</b>	Forms terms denoting conditions relating to eating or ingestion	Greek (phagía) eating; (phagein) to eat	Sarcophagia
<b>-phago-</b>	eating, devouring	Greek	phagocyte
<b>phagist:-</b>	Forms nouns that denote a person who 'feeds on' the first element or part of the word	Greek (phagistēs) eater; see -phagia	Lotophagi
<b>-phagy</b>	Forms nouns that denotes 'feeding on' the first element or part of the word	Greek (phagia) eating; see -phagia	Anthropophagy
<b>phallo-</b>	phallus	Greek (phallos)	Aphallia
<b>pharmaco-</b>	drug, medication	Greek	pharmacology
<b>pharyng(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the pharynx, the upper throat cavity	Greek (phárynx, pháryng-), throat, windpipe; chasm	Pharyngitis, Pharyngoscopy
<b>-phil(ia)</b>	attraction for	Greek	Hemophilia
<b>phleb(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the (blood) veins, a vein	Greek (phleps, phlebo-), blood-vessel, vein	Phlebography, Phlebotomy

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<b>phob(o)-</b>	exaggerated fear, sensitivity	Greek	arachnophobia
<b>phon(o)-</b>	sound	Greek	
<b>phos-</b>	Of or pertaining to light or its chemical properties.	Greek (phōs, phōt-), light	Phosphene
<b>phot(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to light	Greek (phōs, phōt-), light	Photopathy
<b>phren(i)-, phren(o)-, phrenico</b>	[[diaphragm (anatomy) diaphragm], the mind]	Greek	Phrenic nerve, schizophrenia
<b>-plasia</b>	formation, development	Greek	Achondroplasia
<b>-plasty</b>	surgical repair, reconstruction	Greek	rhinoplasty
<b>-plegia</b>	paralysis	Greek	paraplegia
<b>pleio-</b>	more, excessive, multiple	Greek - pleion	pleiomorphism
<b>pleur(o)-, pleur(a)</b>	Of or pertaining to the ribs	Latin (pleura); Greek (pleurón), rib, side of the body	Pleurogenous
<b>-plexy</b>	stroke or seizure	Greek	Cataplexy
<b>pneum(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the lungs	Greek (pneumon-), lung (pneuma), wind, spirit	Pneumonocyte, Pneumonia
<b>pneumat(o)-</b>	air, lung		
<b>pod-, -pod-, -pus</b>	Of or pertaining to the foot, - footed	Greek (poús, pod-), foot	Podiatry
<b>-poiesis</b>	production		hematopoiesis
<b>polio-</b>	Denoting a grey color	Greek (poliós), grey	Poliomyelitis
<b>poly-</b>	Denotes a 'plurality' of something	Greek (polys), much, many	Polymyositis
<b>por(o)-</b>	pore, porous		
<b>porphyr(o)-</b>	Denotes a purple color	Greek (porphýra), purple	Porphyroblast
<b>post-</b>	Denotes something as 'after' or 'behind' another	Latin (post), after, behind	Postoperation, Postmortem
<b>pre-</b>	Denotes something as 'before' another (in [physical] position or time)	Medieval Latin (pre-); Latin (præ), before, in front of	Prematurity
<b>presby(o)-</b>	old age	Greek	Presbyopia
<b>prim-</b>	Denotes something as 'first' or 'most-important'	Latin (prīmus), first, most important	Primary
<b>pro-</b>	Denotes something as 'before' another (in [physical] position or time)	Greek (pro), before, in front of	Procephalic
<b>proct(o)-</b>	anus, rectum		proctology
<b>prot(o)-</b>	Denotes something as 'first' or 'most-important'	Greek (prōtos), first; principle, most important	Protoneuron
<b>pseudo-</b>	Denotes something false or fake		
<b>psych(e)-, psych(o)</b>	Of or pertaining to the mind	Greek (psyché), breath, life, soul	Psychology, Psychiatry

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<b>-ptosis</b>	falling, drooping, downward placement, prolapse	Greek	Apoptosis apo - from/off/without, ptosis - falling
<b>-ptysis</b>	Spitting		Hemoptysis, the spitting of blood derived from the lungs or bronchial tubes
<b>pulmon-, pulmo-</b>	Of or relating to the lungs.	Latin: a lung	pulmonary
<b>pyel(o)-</b>	pelvis	Greek (pyelos)	Pyelonephritis
<b>pyo-</b>	pus	Greek	Pyometra
<b>pyro-</b>	fever	Greek	Antipyretic
<b>quadr(i)-</b>	four	Latin	quadriceps
<b>radio-</b>	radiation	Latin	radiowave
<b>re-</b>	again, backward	Latin	relapse
<b>rect(o)-</b>	rectum	Latin	
<b>ren(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the kidney	Latin (rēnes), kidney	renal
<b>reticul(o)-</b>	net	Latin	
<b>retro-</b>	backward, behind	Latin	retroverted
<b>rhabd(o)-</b>	rod shaped, striated	Greek	
<b>rhachi(o)-</b>	spine	Greek	rachial, rachialgia, rachidian, rachiopathy
<b>rhin(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the nose	Greek (rhīs, rhīno-), nose	rhinoceros, rhinoplasty
<b>rhod(o)-</b>	Denoting a rose-red color	Greek (rhōdon), rose	Rhodophyte
<b>-rrhage</b>	burst forth	Greek	Hemorrhage
<b>-rrhagia</b>	rapid flow of blood	Greek	
<b>-rrhaphy</b>	surgical suturing	Greek	
<b>-rrhea (AmE)</b>	flowing, discharge	Greek	Galactorrhea, Diarrhea
<b>-rrhexis</b>	rupture	Greek	
<b>-rrhoea (BrE)</b>	flowing, discharge	Greek	Diarrhoea
<b>rubr(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the red nucleus of the brain	Latin (ruber), red	Rubrospinal
<b>salping(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the fallopian tubes	Greek, (sálpinx, salpingo-) trumpet	Salpingectomy
<b>sangui-, sanguine-</b>	Of or pertaining to blood	Latin (sanguis, sanguin-), blood	Sanguine
<b>sarco-</b>	muscular, fleshlike	Greek	sarcoma
<b>schist(o)-</b>	split, cleft	Greek (schistos)	
<b>schiz(o)-</b>	Denoting something 'split' or 'double-sided'	Greek; Irregular formation of the verb (schizein), to cut, split	Schizophrenia
<b>scler(o)-</b>	hardness	Greek	atherosclerosis
<b>-sclerosis</b>	hardening of the skin	Greek	Multiple sclerosis
<b>scoli(o)-</b>	twisted	Greek (skolios)	scoliosis
<b>-scope</b>	instrument for viewing	Greek	stethoscope
<b>-scopy</b>	use of instrument for viewing	Greek	endoscopy

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<b>semi-</b>	one-half, partly	Latin	
<b>sial(o)-</b>	saliva, salivary gland	Greek (sialos)	sialagogue
<b>sigmoid(o)-</b>	sigmoid, sigmoid colon	Greek	
<b>sinistr(o)-</b>	left, left side	Latin	
<b>sinus-</b>	Of or pertaining to the sinus	Latin (sinus), a curve, bend, bay	Sinusitis
<b>sito-</b>	food, grain	Greek	
<b>somat(o)-, somatico-</b>	body, bodily	Greek	
<b>spasmo-</b>	spasm	Greek	
<b>sperma-, spermo-, spermato-</b>	semen, spermatozoa	Greek (sperma)	Spermatogenesis
<b>splanchn(i)-, splanchn(o)-</b>	viscera	Greek	
<b>splen(o)-</b>	spleen	Greek	Splenectomy
<b>spondyl(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the spine, the vertebra	Greek (spóndylos / sphóndylos), the spine	Spondylitis
<b>squamos(o)-</b>	Denoting something as 'full of scales' or 'scaly'	Latin (sqāmōsus), full of scales; scaly	Squama
<b>-stasis</b>	stop, stand	Greek	
<b>-staxis</b>	dripping, trickling	Greek	
<b>sten(o)-</b>	Denoting something as 'narrow in shape' or pertaining to narrow-ness	Greek (stenos), narrow; short	Stenography
<b>steth(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the upper chest, chest	Greek (stēthos), chest, cuirass	Stethoscope
<b>stheno-</b>	strength, force, power	Greek	
<b>stom(a)</b>	mouth	Greek	stomatognathic system
<b>stomat(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the mouth	Greek (stóma, stomat-), mouth	Stomatogastric
<b>-stomy</b>	creation of an opening	Greek	colostomy
<b>sub-</b>	beneath	Latin	subcutaneous tissue
<b>super-</b>	in excess, above, superior	Latin	superior vena cava
<b>supra-</b>	above, excessive	Latin	supraorbital vein
<b>sy(l)-, sym-, syn-, sys-</b>	Indicates similarity, likeness, or being together.	Greek (syn), with, together	Synalgia, Synesthesia, Syssarcosis
<b>tachy-</b>	Denoting something as fast, irregularly fast	Greek (tachys), fast, quickly	Tachycardia
<b>-tension, -tensive</b>	pressure	Latin	Hypertension
<b>tetan-</b>	rigid, tense		tetanus
<b>thec-</b>	case, sheath	Greek (theke)	Intrathecal
<b>thel(e)-, thel(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to a nipple	Greek (thēlē), a teat, nipple	Theleplasty
<b>thely-</b>	Denoting something as 'relating to a woman, feminine'	Greek (thēlys), female, feminine	Thelygenous
<b>therm(o)-</b>	heat	Greek	

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<b>thorac(i)-, thorac(o)-, thoracico-</b>	Of or pertaining to the upper chest, chest	Latin (thōrāx); Greek (thōrax), chest, cuirass	Thorax
<b>thromb(o)-</b>	Of or relating to a blood clot, clotting of blood	Greek (thrómbos), lump, piece, clot of blood	Thrombus, Thrombocytopenia
<b>thyr(o)-</b>	thyroid	Greek	
<b>thym(o)(ia)-</b>	emotions	Greek: "thymos," spirit, soul; courage; breath, mind, emotions	dysthymia
<b>-tic</b>	pertaining to	Greek	
<b>toco-</b>	childbirth	Greek	
<b>-tome</b>	cutting instrument	Greek	
<b>-tomy</b>	act of cutting; incising, incision	Greek	Gastrotomy
<b>tono-</b>	tone, tension, pressure	Greek	
<b>-tony</b>	tension	Greek	
<b>top(o)-</b>	place, topical	Greek	
<b>tox(i)-, tox(o)-, toxico-</b>	toxin, poison	Greek	Toxoplasmosis
<b>trache(o)-</b>	trachea	Greek	
<b>trachel(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the neck	Greek (tráchēlos), neck	Tracheotomy
<b>trans-</b>	Denoting something as moving or situated 'across' or 'through'	Latin (trāns), across, through	Transfusion
<b>trich(i)-, trichia, trich(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to hair, hair-like structure	Greek, τριχ(o)- (thríx, trich(o)-), hair	Trichotomy
<b>-tripsy</b>	crushing	Greek	Lithotripsy
<b>-trophy</b>	nourishment, development	Greek	Pseudohypertrophy
<b>tympan(o)-</b>	eardrum	Greek	Tympanocentesis
<b>-ula, -ule</b>	small	Latin	Nodule
<b>ultra-</b>	beyond, excessive	Latin	
<b>umbilic-</b>	Of or pertaining to the navel, the umbilicus	Latin (umbilīcus), navel, belly-button	Umbilical
<b>ungui-</b>	Of or pertaining to the nail, a claw	Latin (unguis), nail, claw	Unguiform, Ungual
<b>un(i)-</b>	one	Latin (unus)	Unilateral hearing loss
<b>ur(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to urine, the urinary system.	Greek (ouron), urine	Urology
<b>uri(c)-, urico-</b>	uric acid	Greek	
<b>urin-</b>	Of or pertaining to urine, the urinary system	Latin (ūrīna), urine; Greek (ouron), see above.	Uriferous
<b>uter(o)-</b>	Of or pertaining to the uterus or womb	Latin (uterus), womb, uterus	Uterus
<b>vagin-</b>	Of or pertaining to the vagina	Latin (vāgīna), sheath, scabbard	Vagina



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Digestion	-pepsia	-	-
Disease	-pathy	-	-
Eating	-phagia	-	-
abdomen	lapar(o)-	abdomin-	-
aorta	aort(o)-	aort(o)-	-
arm	brachi(o)-	-	-
armpit	-	axill-	-
artery	arteri(o)-	-	-
back	-	dors-	-
big toe	-	allic-	-
bladder	cyst(o)-	vesic(o)-	-
blood	haemat-, hemat- (haem-, hem-)	sangui-, sanguine-	-
blood clot	thromb(o)-	-	-
blood vessel	angi(o)-	vascul-, vas-	-
body	somat-, som-	corpor-	-
bone	oste(o)-	ossi-	-
bone marrow, marrow	myel(o)-	medull-	-
brain	encephal(o)-	cerebr(o)-	-
breast	mast(o)-	mamm(o)-	-
chest	steth(o)-	-	-
cheek	-	bucc-	-
ear	ot(o)-	aur-	-
eggs, ova	oo-	ov-	-
eye	ophthalm(o)-	ocul(o)-	-
eyelid	blephar(o)-	cili-; palpebr-	-
face	-	faci(o)-	-
fallopian tubes	salping(o)-	-	-
fat, fatty tissue	lip(o)-	adip-	-
finger	dactyl(o)-	digit-	-
forehead	-	front(o)-	-
gallbladder	cholecyst(o)-	fell-	-
genitals, sexually undifferentiated	gon(o)-, phall(o)-	-	-
gland	aden(o)-	-	-
glans penis or clitoridis	balan(o)-	-	-
gums	-	gingiv-	-
hair	trich(o)-	capill-	-
hand	cheir(o)-, chir(o)-	manu-	-
head	cephal(o)-	capit(o)-	-
heart	cardi(o)-	cordi-	-
hip, hip-joint	-	cox-	-
horn	cerat(o)-	cornu-	-
intestine	enter(o)-	-	-
jaw	gnath(o)-	-	-

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kidney	nephr(o)-	ren-	-
knee	gon-	genu-	-
liver	hepat(o)- (hepatic-)	jecor-	-
loins, pubic region	episi(o)-	pudend-	-
lungs	pneumon-	pulmon(i)- (pulmo-)	-
marrow, bone marrow	myel(o)-	medull-	-
mind	psych-	ment-	-
mouth	stomat(o)-	or-	-
muscle	my(o)-	-	-
nail	onych(o)-	ungui-	-
navel	omphal(o)-	umbilic-	-
neck	trachel(o)-	cervic-	-
nerve; the nervous system	neur(o)-	nerv-	-
nipple, teat	thele-	papill-, mammill-	-
nose	rhin(o)-	nas-	-
ovary	oophor(o)-	ovari(o)-	-
pelvis	pyel(o)-	pelv(i)-	-
penis	pe(o)-	-	-
pupil (of the eye)	cor-, core-, coro-	-	-
rib	pleur(o)-	cost(o)-	-
rib cage	thorac(i)-, thorac(o)-	-	-
shoulder	om(o)-	humer(o)-	-
sinus	-	sinus-	-
skin	dermat(o)- (derm-)	cut-, cuticul-	-
skull	crani(o)-	-	-
stomach	gastr(o)-	ventr(o)-	-
testis	orchi(o)-, orchid(o)-	-	-
throat (upper throat cavity)	pharyng(o)-	-	-
throat (lower throat cavity/voice box)	laryng(o)-	-	-
thumb	-	pollic-	-
tooth	odont(o)-	dent(i)-	-
tongue	gloss-, glott-	lingu(a)-	-
toe	dactyl(o)-	digit-	-
tumour	cel-, onc(o)-	tum-	-
ureter	ureter(o)-	ureter(o)-	-
urethra	urethr(o)-, urethr(a)-	urethr(o)-, urethr(a)-	-
urine, urinary System	ur(o)-	urin(o)-	-
uterine tubes	sarping(o)-	sarping(o)-	-
uterus	hyster(o)-, metr(o)-	uter(o)-	-
vagina	colp(o)-	vagin-	-

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vein	phleb(o)-	ven-	-
vulva	episi(o)-	vulv-	-
womb	hyster(o)-, metr(o)-	uter(o)-	-
wrist	carp(o)-	carp(o)-	-
Color	Greek Root in English	Latin Root in English	Other Root
black	melano-	nigr-	-
blue	cyano-	-	-
gray, grey	polio-	-	-
green	chlor(o)-	vir-	-
purple	porphyr(o)-	purpur-, purpureo-	-
red	erythr(o)-, rhod(o)-	rub-, rubr-	-
red-yellow	cirr(o)-	-	-
white	leuc-, leuk-	alb-	-
yellow	xanth(o)-	flav-	
Description	Greek Root in English	Latin Root in English	Other Root
wide, broad	eury-	lat(i)-	-
around	peri-	circum-	-
left	levo-	laev(o)-, sinistr-	-
middle	mes(o)-	medi-	-
right	dexi(o)-	dextr(o)-	-
surrounding	peri-	circum-	-
double	diplo-	dupli-	-
equal	iso-	equi-	-
few	oligo-	pauci-	-
half	hemi-	semi-	-
many, much	poly-	multi-	-
twice	dis-	bis-	-