

**Hyster-** uterus; Hysterectomy  
**Ischi-** hip, hipjoint; Ischium  
**Labi-** lip; Labia majora  
**Lingu-** tongue; Sublingual glands  
**Lip-** fat; Lipid  
**Lumb-** lower back, loin; Lumbar  
**Macul-** spot, blotch; Macula  
**Mamm-** breast; Mammary gland  
**Meningo-** membrane; Meningocele  
**Morpho-** form, shape; Morphology  
**Myelo-** marrow, spinal cord; Myeloblast  
**My-, Myo-** muscle; Myocardium  
**Nephr-, Nephro-** kidney; Nephron  
**Neuro-** nerve; Neurotransmitter  
**Oculo-** eye; Oculomotor nerve  
**Onco-** mass, tumor; Oncology  
**Oo-** egg; Oocyte  
**Os-, Osteo-** bone; Osteocyte  
**Ot-, Oto-** ear; Otosclerosis  
**Pelv-** basin; Renal pelvis  
**Phag-, Phago-** to eat; Phagocytosis  
**Phleb-** vein; Phlebitis  
**Pneumo-** lung, air; Pneumothorax  
**Pod-** foot; Podiatry  
**Procto-** anus, rectum; Proctology  
**Ren-** kidney; Renal  
**Rhin-** nose; Rhinology  
**Scler-, Sclero-** hard; Atherosclerosis  
**Stasis-** stand still; Homeostasis  
**Steno-, Steno-** narrow; Stenosis  
**Therm-** heat; Thermoreceptor  
**Thromb-** clot, lump; Thrombus  
**Vas-, Vaso-** vessel, duct; Vasoconstriction

## Prefixes

**A-, An-** without, lack of, deficient; Atresia, \_anesthesia  
**Ab-** away from, from; Abduction  
**Ad-, Af-** to, toward; Adduction; Afferent  
**Andro-** male, man; Androgen  
**Ante-** before; Antepartum  
**Anti-** against; Anticoagulant  
**Bas-** base, foundation; Basal ganglia  
**Bi-** two, double; twice; Bifurcate  
**Brady-** slow; Bradycardia  
**Cata-** down, lower, under; Catabolism  
**Circum-** around; Circumduction  
**Co-, Con-** with, together; Congenital  
**Contra-** against, opposite; Contralateral  
**Crypt-** hidden, concealed; Cryptorchidism  
**De-** own, from; Deciduous  
**Di-, Diplo-** two; Diploid  
**Dis-** away from; Disarticulate  
**Dys-** painful, difficult; Dysuria  
**E-, Ec-, Ef-, Ex-** out from, out of; Excretion  
**Ecto-, Exo-** outer, outside; Exocrine  
**Em-, En-** in, on; Empyema  
**End-, Endo-** within, inside; Endocardium  
**Epi-** upon; Epidermis  
**Eu-** good, easy, normal; Eupnea  
**Extra-** outside, beyond, in addition to; Extracellular  
**Gen-** originate, produce, form; Genetics

**Hemi-** half; Hemiplegia  
**Heter-, Hetero-** other, different; Heterogeneous  
**Homeo-, Homo-** unchanging, the same, steady; Homeostasis  
**Hyper-** beyond, extensive; Hypersecretion  
**Hypo-** under, below, deficient; Hypoplasia  
**In-, Im-** in, inside, not; Incontinent, impotent  
**Inter-** among, between; Interphase  
**Intra-** within, inside; Intracellular  
**Ipsi-** same; Ipsilateral  
**Juxta-** near to; Juxtaglomerular  
**Later-** side; Lateral  
**Macro-** large, great; Macrophage  
**Mal-** bad, abnormal; Malignant  
**Medi-, Meso-** middle; Medial, mesoderm  
**Megalo-** great, large; Megalocyte  
**Meta-** after, between; Metacarpus  
**Micro-** small; Microfilament  
**Mono-** one; Monocyte  
**Neo-** new; Neonatal  
**Oligo-** small, deficient; Oliguria  
**Ortho-** straight, normal; Orthopedics  
**Para-** near, beyond, beside; Paranasal sinus  
**Peri-** around; Pericardium  
**Poly-** much, many, too much; Polycythemia  
**Post-** after, beyond; Postnatal  
**Pre-, Pro-** before, in front of; Presynaptic; pronation  
**Pseud-, Pseudo-** false; Pseudopods  
**Retro-** backward, located behind; Retroperitoneal  
**Semi-** half; Semicircular  
**Sub-** under, beneath, below; Submucosa  
**Super-** above, beyond; Superficial  
**Supra-** above, over; Supraventricular  
**Sym-, Syn-** with, together; Symphysis, syndrome  
**Tachy-** rapid; Tachycardia  
**Trans-** across, through, beyond; Transverse colon  
**Tri-** three; Trigone

## Suffixes

**-ac, -al** pertaining to; Cardiac, myocardial  
**-algia** painful condition; Myalgia  
**-asis, -asia, -esis, -osis** condition or state of; Hemostasis  
**-ectomy** cut out; Appendectomy  
**-fer** carry; Efferent ducts  
**-gen** agent that produces or originates; Pathogen  
**-genic** producing; Carcinogenic  
**-gram** record; Electrocardiogram  
**-ia** state, condition; Hypertonia  
**-ician** person associated with; Pediatrician  
**-itis** inflammation; Neuritis  
**-logy, -ology** the study or science of; Neurology  
**-lysis** a loosening; Hemolysis  
**-malacia** softening; Osteomalacia  
**-megaly** enlarged; Cardiomegaly  
**-mers, -meres** parts; Polymers, blastomeres  
**-oma** tumor; Hematoma  
**-penia** deficiency; Thrombocytopenia  
**-pnea** breath; Eupnea  
**-poiesis** making; Hematopoiesis  
**-trophy** relating to nutrition or growth; Atrophy  
**-uria** urine; Polyuria