**Medical Terminology Word List**

**Roots:**

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| **Abdomin/o:** | Abdomen |
| **Aden/o** | Gland |
| **Audi/o** | Hearing |
| **Bio** | Life |
| **Brachi/o** | Arm |
| **Bronch/i, bronch/o** | Bronchus |
| **Carcin/o** | Cancer |
| **Cardi/o** | Heart |
| **Cephal/o** | Head |
| **Col/o** | Colon |
| **Cyt/o** | Cell |
| **Dent/i, dent/o** | Teeth |
| **Derm/a, derm/o, dermat/o:** | Skin |
| **Encephal/o** | Brain |
| **Gastr/o** | Stomach |
| **Gynec/o** | Female |
| **Hemat/o** | Blood |
| **Hist/o, histi/o** | Tissue |
| **Intestin/o** | Intestine |
| **Lapar/o** | Abdomen, loin or flank |
| **Lymph/o** | Lymph vessels |
| **Mamm/a, mamm/o** | Mammary gland |
| **Nas/o** | Nose |
| **Ophthalm/o** | Eye |
| **Ot/o** | Ear |
| **Steth/o** | Chest |
| **Thorac/o** | Thorax |
| **Trache/o** | Trachea |

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| **Prefix** | **Definition** |
| **Epi** | Upper |
| **Extra** | Outside |
| **Hyper** | Above, increased, or more than normal |
| **Hypo** | Below, under, or decreased |
| **Infra** | Below or beneath |
| **Inter** | Between |
| **Intra** | Within |
| **Meta** | Beyond |
| **Per** | Throughout |
| **Sub** | Below, under, or decreased |
| **Super** | Above, increased, or more than normal |
| **Supra** | Above, increased, or more than normal |
| **Trans** | Across |
| **Ultra** | Above, increased, or more than normal |

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| **Suffix** | **Definition** | **Example** |
| **-cyte** | Cell | Erythrocyte: red blood cell |
| **-ectomy** | To surgically remove | Lobectomy: to surgically remove a lobe |
| **-pnea** | Breathing | Tachypnea: abnormally fast breathing |
| **-itis** | Inflammation | Arthritis: inflammation of the joints |
| **-logy** | Study of | Biology: the study of life |
| **-oma** | Tumor | Carcinoma: cancerous tumor |
| **-penia** | Deficiency of | Leukopenia: deficiency of white blood cells |
| **-scope** | Instrument for examining | Microscope: instrument for examining minute objects |
| **-tomy** | Cutting, incision | Cystotomy: cutting into the urinary bladder |
| **-iasis** | Infestation or infection |
| **-ism** | State or condition |
| **-graphy** | Recording of |
| **-ist** | One who studies |
| **-lysis** | Destruction of |
| **-megaly** | Abnormally large |
| **-natal** | Birth |
| **-osis** | Abnormal condition |
| **-oxia** | Oxygen |
| **-phagia** | Eating, swallowing |
| **-spasm** | Involuntary contraction |
| **-toxin** | Poison |