

Medical Terminology Handout

Combining Form	Meaning	Example
Aden/o		Adenoma Adenitis
Arthr/o		Arthritis Arthroscopy Arthrogram
Bi/o		Biology Biologist
Cardi/o		Cardiology Cardiogram Cardiologist
Cerebr/o		Cerebral
Dermat/o Derm/o Derm/a		Dermatitis Dermis Dermal Dermatologist Dermatology
Enter/o		Enteritis Enteral
Gastr/o		Gastroscopy Gastroenteritis
Hemat/o Hem/o		Hematoma Hematologist Hematology Hemoglobin
Hepat/o		Hepatitis Hepatic

Suffix	Meaning	Example
-al		Cerebral, dermal
-algia -algesia		Arthralgia Analgesia
-gram		Arthrogram, cardiogram
-ia		Phobia, pneumonia
-ic		Gastric, hepatic Hematic:
-itis		Adenitis, dermatitis, enteritis, gastroenteritis
-logist		Biologist, cardiologist
-logy		Biology, cardiology
-oma		Adenoma, hematoma
-scopy		Gastroscopy, arthroscopy
-scope		Gastroscope, arthroscope
Prefix		
a- / an-		Apnea, asymptomatic, asocial, asymmetrical, anaerobic, anarchy, anonymous
dia-		Diagram: Diagnosis, diarrhea,
dys- mal-		Dysentery, dyslexia, dysfunction, Malodorous, malfunction
hyper-		Hyperactive, hypertension, hypersensitive
hypo-		Hypothermia, hypotension, hypothalamus

* The **bold** examples are medical terms that you should know (based on combining forms, suffix' and prefix's provided thus far in this course).