Medical Terminology

Prefixes

a/an- without
adipo- fat\*
anti- against
auto- self
bi- double/two
brady- slow
circum- round
contra- against
dys- painful/bad/difficult
ecto- outside
endo- inside\*
epi- upon/outside
ex- out, from
hemi- half\*
hyper- excessive
hypo- deficient/low/less than
inter- between
intra- inside/within\*
later- side
leuk- white
lipo- fat\*
macro- large
medi/o- middle
micro- small
mono- one
neo- new
peri- around
poly- many/much
post- after, behind
pre- before
pro- forward
pseudo-false
semi- half\*
sub- below
tachy- fast
tele- distant/far
toxico- poisonous
trans- across

Suffixes

-al pertaining to\*
-algia pain
-ase enzyme
-centesis surgical puncture
-cide causing death/destruction\*
-ectomy surgical removal
-emisis vomit
-emia blood
-esthesio sensation
-genic origin/source
-gram/-graphy picture/record\*
-ic pertaining to\*
-ism state
-itis inflammation
-malacia softening
-megaly enlarged
-ologist specialist
-ology study of
-oma tumor
-orrhea flow
-osis condition of
-ostomy surgical opening
-otomy cut into
-pathy disease
-penia deficiency
-phobia fear
-plasty surgical repair
-plegia paralysis
-sclerosis hardening
-scope picture\*
-spasm contraction
-stasis stoppage/stop/control
-uria urine

Root Words

Aden gland
angio blood vessel
arter artery
arthro joint
bio life
bronch bronchial tube
carcin cancer
cardio heart
cephal head
cerebr cerebrum
chem drug/chemical
chole bile/gall
cost ribs
cysto cyst/urinary/bladder/fluid sac
cyt cell
derm skin
enter intestines
erythro red
gastr stomach
gingiv gum
gloss/glott tongue
gluco/glycol
hemo/hemato blood
hepat liver
hydro water
hyster uterus/womb
lingua tongue
mamm/mast breast
myo muscle
nephr kidney\*
ocul eye
odont tooth
oophor ovary
osteo bone
oto ear
pneumo lung/air/gas
psych mind
ren kidney
rhin nose
splen spleen
thorac/thoraco chest/thorax
trachea trachea