

## Common Prefixes

a-(or an-)	absence of, deficiency	in-, intra-	in, inside
ab-	away from	inter-	between
ad-	toward	leuko-	white
algia-	painful condition	macro-	large
ambi-	both	mal-	disordered, bad
angio-	tube or blood vessel	mamm-	breast
ante-	before, front	meno-	monthly, menstrual
anti-	against	micro-	small
arthro-	joint	myelo-	spinal cord, bone marrow
bi-	two	myo-	muscle
brady-	slow	nephro-	kidney
cardio-	heart	neuro-	nerve
cephalo-	head	ocul(o)-	eye
cerebro-	brain	olig-	little
chole-	bile	ophthal-	pertaining to eye
circum-	around	osteo-	bone
co-	with	oto-	ear
contra-	against	para-	beside
cost-	pertaining to rib	ped-	child, or foot
cyt-	sac	per-	through
derma-	skin	peri-	surrounding
di-	twice, double	pharyngo-	throat, pharynx
dys-	disordered, painful, difficult	pneumo-	air, lung
en-	in	poly-	many
endo-	inner, inside	post-	after
enter-	pertaining to the intestines	pre-	before
entero-	intestine	pro-	before, in front of, forward
epi-	upon, on the outside	pseudo-	false
erythro-	red	psych-	pertaining to the mind
ex-	out, away from	pulmo-	lung
gastro-	stomach	pyelo-	kidney
glyco-	sugar	pyo-	pus
gynec-	pertaining to women	retro-	behind, backward
hem-, hema-	blood	rhino-	nose
hemi-	half	semi-	half
hepa-, hepato-	liver	sub-	under
hydro-	water	super-, supra-	above, greater
hyper-	above, excess	tachy-	fast
hypo-	below, deficient	thermo-	heat
hystero-	uterus	trans-	across

## Common Suffixes

-algia	pain	-paresis	weakness
-asthenia	weakness	-pathy	disease
-centesis	puncturing	-phasia	speech
-cyte	cell	-phobia	fear
-ectomy	surgical removal	-plasty	surgical repair
-emia	condition of the blood	-plegia	paralysis
-esthesia	feeling	-pnea	breathing
-genic	causing	-rhythmia	rhythm
-graph(y)	visualization machine	-rrhagia	bursting forth
-itis	inflammation	-scopy	see, looking into or through an instrument
-oma-	tumor, swelling	-stomy	surgical opening
-omy	to cut		creating a hole
-osis	condition of	-tomy	surgical incision
-ostomy	opening	-uria	urine
-otomy	incision, to cut		