

## Medical Terminology: Roots

- **abdomi**: referring to abdomen
- **acou**: hear
- **adip**: fat
- **adeno**: referring to gland
- **alb**: white
- **alges**: pain
- **andr**: male
- **angi**: referring to vessel
- **aqua**: water
- **arterio**: referring to artery
- **arthro**: joint
- **asphixia**: lack of oxygen or excess of carbon dioxide
- **asthen**: weak
- **audi**: to hear
- **auto**: self
- **blasto**: referring to germ or cell
- **blepharo**: referring to eyelid
- **brachii**: arm
- **bronch**: windpipe
- **bucc**: cheek
- **bursa**: pouch or sac
- **calc**: stone; heel
- **callus**: hard, thick skin; meshwork of connective tissue
- **capit**: head
- **carcin**: cancer
- **card**: heart
- **cardio**: of or relating to the heart
- **cardiologist**: heart specialist
- **carpus**: wrist
- **caud**: tail
- **cente**: to puncture (usually a body/cavity)
- **cephal**: head
- **cerebro**: brain
- **cervico**: neck or uterine cervix
- **chole**: referring to bile
- **chondro**: cartilage
- **cili**: eyelid
- **cleido**: clavicle
- **colo**: of or relating to the the colon
- **costo**: referring to rib
- **cranio**: skull
- **cubitus**: elbow
- **cut**: skin
- **cycl**: circle or cycle

- **cysto:** of or relating to the bladder
- **cyto:** pertaining to a cell
- **dento:** of or relating to the teeth
- **dermo/dermato:** of or relating to the skin
- **digi:** finger or toe
- **dors:** back
- **ede:** swelling
- **encephalo:** of or relating to the brain
- **end:** inside
- **entero:** of or relating to the intestines
- **esthesio:** sensation or perception
- **febre:** fever
- **flex:** bend
- **foramen:** opening or hole
- **fract:** break
- **gastro:** of or relating to the stomach
- **gest:** carry, produce, congestion
- **gingivo:** of or relating to the gums
- **glosso, linguo:** of or relating to the tongue
- **gno:** know
- **gyn/gyne:** female, woman
- **hem, hemat, hemo, emia:** of or relating to blood
- **hepato:** of or relating to the liver
- **hystero, metro:** of or relating to the uterus
- **idi:** separate, distinct
- **ilio:** ilium
- **iodo:** iodine
- **lachry, lacri:** tears
- **lact:** milk
- **lingu:** tongue
- **lipo:** fat
- **lympho:** lymph
- **masto, mammo:** of or relating to the breast
- **men:** month
- **meningo:** membrane
- **metric:** length
- **myelo:** spinal cord
- **myo:** muscle
- **myopathy:** damage to the muscle
- **naso:** nose
- **neuro:** nerve
- **nephro nephrene:** of or relating to the kidney
- **oculo:** eye
- **odonto:** tooth
- **oophoro:** of or relating to the ovaries
- **ophthalmo:** eye

- **orchido:** of or relating to the testes
- **oss, osteo:** of or relating to the bones
- **oto:** ear
- **ov:** egg
- **ped:** child or foot
- **percuss:** to examine by tapping/striking gently
- **phago:** related to eating, ingesting, or engulfing
- **pharyngo:** related to the throat or pharynx
- **phlebo, veno:** of or relating to the veins
- **phot, photo:** light
- **pleur:** rib, side
- **pneuo, pulmo:** of or relating to the lungs
- **pod:** foot
- **procto:** of or relating to the the anus/rectum
- **psycho:** pertaining to the mind
- **pto:** fall
- **ptyal:** saliva
- **pulmo:** referring to the lung
- **pur, pyo:** pertaining to pus
- **pyelo:** relating to kidney or pelvis
- **pyr, pyro:** fire
- **ren:** kidney
- **rhino:** of or relating to the nose
- **salpingo:** of or relating to the fallopian tubes
- **sangui, sanguin:** blood
- **sect:** cut
- **sepsis:** presence of microorganisms/toxins in the blood; or the toxic condition caused by
- **sept:** wall, divider; seven
- **sinus:** cavity, channel, hollow space
- **soma, somat:** body
- **spas:** draw, pull
- **spir:** coil
- **stasis:** slowing/stopping of the normal flow of fluid
- **sterno:** sternum
- **stoma:** any small opening on the surface of the body; opening created in the abdominal wall
- **stomato:** of or relating to the mouth
- **tact:** touch
- **tetra:** four
- **therm:** heat
- **thoraco:** referring to the chest
- **tom:** cut
- **trich:** hair
- **ur:** urine
- **varic:** varicose vein
- **vaso:** referring to vessel

- **viscer:** organ
- **xen:** foreign [material]
- **xer:** dry

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