

Medical Terminology: Suffixes

- **able**: capable of, having ability to
- **algia**: referring to pain
- **ac, al**: pertaining to
- **asis, asia, esis, osis**: condition or state
- **astheno**: weakness
- **blast**: immature cell
- **cel, cele**: swelling, enlarged space, tumor
- **centesis**: referring to an organ or body cavity being punctured (usually to drain excess fluid)
- **cid, cide, cis**: cut, kill, destroy
- **cyte**: cell
- **ectomy**: surgical removal of
- **emia**: referring to a substance in blood
- **ferent**: carry
- **form**: shape
- **genic**: causing
- **gram**: record
- **graph, graphy, gram**: image/imaging
- **ia**: state, condition; noun ending
- **ism**: condition, state
- **itis**: inflammation
- **logy, ology**: study of
- **lysis**: decline; disintegration of; destruction of
- **megaly**: enlargement of
- **malacia**: softening
- **ologist**: a specialist of
- **ology**: science of
- **oma**: tumor
- **ory**: pertaining to
- **osis**: abnormality; disease process
- **ostomy**: to make an opening or hole
- **otomy**: to cut into, incision
- **penia**: deficiency
- **path, pathy**: disease
- **phagia**: related to eating or swallowing
- **phasia**: relating to speech
- **phobia**: relating to fear
- **plasty**: plastic surgery
- **plegia**: paralysis
- **pnea**: to breathe
- **ptosis**: drooping
- **retro**: behind
- **rrhage, rrhagia**: abnormal/excessive flow/discharge
- **rrhaphy**: suture of; repair of

- **rrhea**: flow or discharge
- **scopy, scopic**: look into, examine
- **sis**: a process, action, or condition
- **sub**: below
- **taxis**: order, arrangement of
- **trophic**: nutrition
- **therm**: heat
- **uria**: referring to a substance in the urine
- **xantho**: yellow

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