

GENERAL MEDICAL TERMS

Abbreviations

A	Hx	pm/PM
ac	ICU	PRN/prn
ad lib	I & D	Pt/pt
am/AM	IP	q
amt	K	qd
bid	Kg	qid
Bx	L/I	R/O, r/o
C	lb/#	ROS
CC	mg	Rx
cc	ml	sig
cm	mm	SO
c/o	MRI	SOAP
CT	N/A	S & S
d	Na	stat
dc/DC/D/C	neg	T
DOB	NKA	tab(s)
Dx	NKDA	Tbsp
ER	noct	temp
ETA	OD-overdose	tid
F	oint	TPR
FUO	OP	tsp
g/gm	OR	Tx
gtt/gtts	OTC	UNK
h	OV	VS
Hg	oz	w/a
H2O2	per	wk
H2O	PE (Physical Exam)	WNL
H & P/HxPx	PET	Wt
Ht	PK	
>	T	△
<	↑	@
+	↓	°
-	←	♀
~	→	♂
%		
—	—	—
a	c	p
—		
s	(B)	(L)
(R)		

Prefixes, Roots, and Suffixes

a, an	semi	-logist
ante	sym	-logy
anti	syn	-lysis
circum	trans	-malacia
con	uni	-megaly
contra	hydr/o	-meter
de	kal/i	-metry
dia	py/o	-oid
dys	scler/o	-oma
e	sten/o	-osis
ecto	toxic	-penia
endo	troph/y/o	-pexy
epi	-ac, -al, -ar, -ary, -eal, -ic, , -	-plasty
eu	ium, -tic, -ous	-phagia, -phage
ex, extra, exo	-algia	-ptosis
hemi	-cele	-rrhagia
hyper	-centesis	-rrhaphy
hypo	-cyte	-rrhea
inter	-desis	-rrhexis
intra	-dynia	-scope
macro	-ectomy	-scopy
micro	-genesis	-stomy
mono	-gram	-tomy
multi	-graph	-y
oligio	-graphy	bio
pan	-ia	cyt/o
peri	-iasis	eti/o
poly	-iapist	deca
pre	-iatic	chem/o
pro	-ism	febrile
re	-ist	
retro	-itis	

ANATOMICAL TERMS

Anatomical Terms

Acromial	Crural	Otic
Antebrachial	Cubital	Palmar
Antecubital	Digital	Patellar
Axillary	Femoral	Pectoral
Brachial	Genital	Perineal
Buccal	Gluteal	Plantar
Carpal	Inguinal	Popliteal
Cephalic	Mental	Sternal
Cervical	Nasal	Sural
Coxal	Occipital	Tarsal
Cranial	Orbital	Thoracic

Body Planes

Sagittal
Midsagittal
Frontal (Coronal)
Transverse (Horizontal)

MOVEMENT TERMS

Movement

Abduction
Adduction
Depression
Elevation
Plantar flexion
Dorsiflexion
Eversion

Inversion
External rotation
Internal rotation
Extension
Flexion
Hyperextension
Pronation

Supination
Protraction
Retraction
Circumduction
Rotation

Directions

Superior
Inferior
Anterior
Posterior
Dorsal
Ventral

Medial
Lateral
Proximal
Distal
Bilateral
Unilateral

Deep
Superficial
Parietal
Visceral
Supine
Prone

INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM

Abbreviations

CA

sq/subcu/subq

Prefixes, Root Words, Suffixes

erythro

leuko

cyano

melano

albino

xantho

adip/o

cutane/o

dermat/o

derm/o

carcin/o

hidr/o

ichthy/o

hist/o

lip/o

kerat/o

onych/o

myc/o

pil/o

rhytid/o

seb/o

squam/o

trich/o

xer/o

sub

hom/o

heter/o

cry/o

aut/o

xen/o

chem/o

SKELETAL

Abbreviations

amb	L	RA
Fx	B	RICE
R	OA	ROM

Prefixes, Root Words, Suffixes

blast	Cubit/o	Patell/o
clast	Dactyl/o	Ped
cyt/o	Femer/o	Pelv/i
-centesis	Fibul/o	Phalang/o
-desis	Humer/o	Physi/o
-malacia	Hy/o	Por/o
ankyl/o	Ili/o	Pub/o
-physis	Kinesi/o	Scoli/o
-poeisis	Kyph/o	Spondyl/o
Arthr/o	Lamin/o	Stern/o
Articul/o	Ligament/o	Styl/o
Burs/o	Lord/o	Synovi/o
Calcane/o	Lumb/o	Tars/o
Carp/o	Mandibul/o	Thorac/o
Cervic/o	Menisc/o	Tibi/o
Chondr/o	Myel/o	Uln/o
Cost/o	Orth/o	Vertebr/o
Crani/o	Oste/o	

MUSCULAR SYSTEM

Abbreviations

ADL
AP
EMG
IM

PT
ACL
MCL
PCL

LCL
NSAID

Prefixes, Root Words, Suffixes

-asthenia
Amb/i
Ambul/o
Dextr/o
Fasci/o
Fibr/o

Kinesi/o
Lei/o
My/o
Taxi/a
Ten/o
Tend/o

Tendin/o
Cry/o
Therm/o
-spasm

NERVOUS SYSTEM

Abbreviations

ASA
CNS
CSF
CVA

EEG
HA
ICP
LOC

LP
TIA

Prefixes, Root Words, Suffixes

af-
ef-
-ferent
-glia
-lepsy
-mania
-mentia
-paresis
-phasia
-phobia
-plegia
Polio-

Para-
Quad-
Alges/i
Cerebell/o
Cerebr/o
Crani/o
Dendr/o
Dur/o
Electr/o
Encephala/o
Esthesi/o
Gangli/o

Lob/o
Mening/o
Myel/o
Neur/o
Phrenia
Psych/o
Schiz/o
Spin/o
Vertebr/o
Soma

SPECIAL SENSES

Abbreviations

ENT	TM	AD
OD	VA	AS
OS	OM	AU
OU	LASIK	

Prefixes, Root Words, Suffixes

-opia	Dipl/o	Or/oo
-ptosis	Gloss/o	Ot/o
Acoust/o	Irid/o	Phon/o
Audi/o	Kerat/o	Phot/o
Aur/i	Lacrim/o	Presby
Blephar/o	Medi, media	Retin/o
Chrom/o, chromat/o	Myring/o	Rhin/o
Conjunctiv/o	Ocul/o	Ton/o
Core/o, cor/o	Olfact/o	Tympan/o
Corne/o	Ophthalm/o	Vitre/o
Dacry/o	Opt/o	

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM

Abbreviations

BS
DM

FBS
IDDM

NIDDM

Prefixes, Root Words, Suffixes

-crine
-tropic
Acr/o
Aden/o
Adren/o
Cortic/o

Dips/o
Endocrine/o
Ex/o
Gluc/o
Glyc/o
Hormon/o

Pancreat/o
Pineal/o
Pituit/o
Thry/o

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM

Abbreviations

av/AV	DOA	RBC
BP	DVT	WBC
CHF	ECG/EKG	SA
CABG	HR	MI
CBC	HTN	IV
CPR	Hct	P
DNR	Hgb	RRR

Prefixes, Root Words, Suffixes

brady	Angi/o	Sept/o
bi	Aort/o	Sphygm/o
tachy	Arteri/o	Steth/o
tri	Ather/o	Thromb/o
-aphresis	Atri/o	Vas/o
-crit	Cardi/o	Ven/o
-emia	Coron/o	Ventricul/o
-fuge	Ech/o	Hem/o
-philia	Kal/i	Hemat/o
-stasis	Phleb/o	Sanguin/o

LYMPHATIC

Abbreviations

AIDS
HIV

HIB
HBV

EBV
HPV

Prefixes, Root Words, Suffixes

-pathy
Aden/o
Immun/o

Lymph/o
Thym/o
Tonsill/a

Edema

RESPIRATORY

Abbreviations

ABG	O2	SOB
CO2	PE (Pulmonary Embolism)	TB
COPD	R (Respirations)	TCDB
CXR	SIDS	URI

Prefixes, Root Words, Suffixes

-capnia	Epigloo/o	Spir/o
-ectasis	Laryng/o	Stomat/o
-oxia	Pharyg/o	Nas/o
-pnea	Phren/o	Or/o
Aer/o	Pleur/o	Ox/i
Alevo/o	Pneum/o	Trache/o
Bronch/i	Pneumon/o	Sin/o
Bronchiol/o	Pulmon/o	

DIGESTIVE

Abbreviations

ac
BM
GERD
GI
GTT

Na
NPO/npo
N & V
R (Rectal)
RUQ

LUQ
RLQ
LLQ

Prefixes, Root Words, Suffixes

Aliment-
-ase
-dipsia
dont-
-emesis
-lith
-tripsy
Abdomen/o
An/o
Append/o
Cec/o
Celi/o
Cheil/o

Chol/o
Cholangi/o
Choledoch/o
Cholecyst/o
Col/o
Cyst/o
Dent/o
Dips/o
Duoden/o
Enter/o
Gastr/o
Gingiv/o
Hepat/o

Herni/o
Ile/o
Jejun/o
Lapar/o
Lingu/o
Odont/o
Pancreat/o
Proct/o
Pylor/o
Sial/o
Sigmoid/o

URINARY

Abbreviations

BUN
GU

I & O
UA

UTI

Prefixes, Root Words, Suffixes

-ectasia
-uria
Albumin/o
Azot/o
Glomerul/o

Glycos/o
Nephr/o
Noct/o
Olig/o
Pyel/o

Ren/o
Ur/o
Ureter/o
Urethr/o
Urin/o

REPRODUCTIVE

Abbreviations

DRE
GYN/gyn
L & D
LMP

NB
OB/ob
Peds
PMS

STD/STI
VBAC

Prefixes, Root Words, Suffixes

Ectop-
Meso-
-natal
-partum
-phylaxis
-tocia
Andr/o
Arch/e
Balan/o
Colp/o
Crypt/o
Derm/o
Epididym/o
Episi/o

Genit/o
Gonad/o
Gyn/o, gynec/o
Hymer/o
Hyster/o
Lact/o
Mamm/o
Mast/o
Men/o
Metr/o
o/o
oophor/o
orchi/o, orchid/o
ovari/o

perine/o
prostat/o
salping/o
sperm/o
spermat/o
test/o, testicul/o
uter/o
vagin/o
vesic/o
vulv/o
ova
sperm