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|  | | | **Medical Terminology** | |
|  | | | **Suffixes with Definitions** | |
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| **SUFFIX** | | | **MEANING** | |
| -ac, -al, -ic, -ary, -ar | | | pertaining to, related to, located in | |
| -agra | | | excessive pain | |
| -algia | | | pain | |
| -apheresis | | | removal | |
| -asthenia | | | weakness | |
| -ase | | | enzyme | |
| -ate | | | use, subject to | |
| -atresia | | | absence of normal body opening | |
| -capnia | | | carbon dioxide | |
| -cele | | | protrusion, hernia | |
| -centesis | | | surgical puncture to remove fluid | |
| -cidal | | | killing | |
| -clasia, clast | | | break | |
| -cle, -cule, -ole | | | small | |
| --clysis | | | irrigation, washing | |
| -coccus, -coccis | | | berry-shaped | |
| -crit | | | to separate | |
| -crine | | | separate, secrete | |
| -cyte | | | cell | |
| -desis | | | surgical fixation | |
| -drome | | | run, running | |
| -dynia | | | pain | |
| -ectasis | | | dilation, expansion | |
| -ectomy | | | surgical removal | |
| -ectopic | | | displacement | |
| -emesis | | | vomit | |
| -emia | | | blood condition | |
| -ent, -er | | | person or agent | |
| -ia | | | abnormal state | |
| -esis, -ia, -a | | | state or condition, disease | |
| -ism, -ity, -y | | |  | |
| -osis, -tion, -sis | | |  | |
| -iasis, -sia | | |  | |
| -form, -oid | | | resembling, shaped like | |
| -gen, -genic | | | producing, causing | |
| -genesis | | | beginning, origin | |
| -gram | | | record | |
| -graph | | | instrument that records | |
| graphy |  | | process of recording | |  |
| -iac |  | | person afflicted with | |  |
| -ible, -ile |  | | capable, able | |  |
| -ician |  | | one who | |  |
| -ictal |  | | seizure, attack | |  |
| -ist, -ologist |  | | a specialist in | |  |
| -ites, -itis |  | | inflammation | |  |
| -ium |  | | membrane | |  |
| -ize |  | | use, subject to | |  |
| -logy |  | | science, study of | |  |
| -lysis, -lytic |  | | destroy, dissolution, separation | |  |
| -ma, -mat |  | | disease, condition | |  |
| -malacia |  | | softening | |  |
| -mania |  | | madness | |  |
| -megaly |  | | enlargement | |  |
| -metor |  | | instrument used to measure | |  |
| -metry |  | | measurement | |  |
| -morph |  | | form, shape | |  |
| -oma |  | | tumor | |  |
| -opsy |  | | to view | |  |
| -oxia |  | | oxygen | |  |
| -paresis |  | | slight paralysis | |  |
| -pathy |  | | disease | |  |
| -penia |  | | deficient, lack of | |  |
| -pepsia |  | | digestion | |  |
| -pexy, -pexis |  | | fixation, storing | |  |
| -phagia, -phagy |  | | eating, swallowing | |  |
| -philia, -phily |  | | love | |  |
| -phobia |  | | abnormal fear, intolerance | |  |
| -phonia |  | | pertaining to sound | |  |
| -phoria |  | | feeling | |  |
| -physis |  | | growth | |  |
| -plasia, -plasm |  | | formation, development | |  |
| -plasty |  | | surgical repair | |  |
| -plegia |  | | paralysis | |  |
| -pnea |  | | breathing | |  |
| -poiesis |  | | formation | |  |
| -porosis |  | | passage | |  |
| -prandial |  | | meal | |  |
| -praxia |  | | in front of, before | |  |
| -ptosis |  | | drooping, downward displacement | |  |
| -rrhage, -rrhagia |  | | excessive flow | |  |
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| -rrhaphy | suturing in place |
| -rrhea | flow or discharge |
| -rrhexis | rupture |
| -sarcoma | malignant tumor |
| -schisis | split, fissure |
| -sclerosis | hardening |
| -scope | instrument for examining |
| -scopy | visual examination |
| -sepsis | infection |
| -spasm | sudden involuntary muscle contraction |
| -stasis | control, stop |
| -stenosis | narrowing |
| -stomy | surgical opening |
| -tome | instrument for |
| -tomy | cutting, incision |
| -tripsy | surgical crushing |
| -trophy | nourishment, development |
| -ule | little |