

Suffixes

- ❑ Word element placed at the end of a word or word root that changes the meaning of the word.
- ❑ *Usually an indication of a pathology, condition, symptom, therapeutic or diagnostic procedure, or part of speech.*
- ❑ *Suffixes are divided in to two groups, those that describe diagnosis and those that describe a procedures.*

Examples of Suffixes

Combining Form	Suffix	Medical word	Meaning
Gastr/o (stomach)	-itis (inflammation)	Gastritis	Inflammation of the stomach
	-megaly (enlargement)	Gastromegaly	Enlargement of the stomach
	-oma (tumor of)	Gastroma	Tumor of the stomach

_megaly enlargement gasteromegaly _____

_Therapy treatment radiotherapy _____

_Lysis separation
breakdown
destruction haemodialysis _____

_tension pressure hypertension _____

Prefixes

- Word element attached to the beginning of a word or word root.

- Usually an indication of a number, time, position, measurement, direction, or negation.*

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Prefix	Word Root	Suffix	Medical Word	Meaning
Hyper- (above normal)	Therm (heat)	-ia (condition)	Hyperthermia	Condition of excessive heat
Intra- (in, within)	Muscul (muscle)	-ar (relating to)	Intramuscular	Within the muscle

retro-	behind	<u>retrogastric</u> _____
Sub-	below , under	<u>subhepatic</u> _____
trans-	across, through	<u>transdermal</u> _____
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ab-	away from	<u>abnormal</u> _____
ad-	toward, near	<u>adrenal glands</u> _____
ana-	up , apart	<u>analysis</u> _____
ante-	before , forward	<u>antepartum</u> _____
anti-	against	<u>antibody</u> _____
epi-	above, upon	<u>epidermis</u> _____
hemi-	half	<u>hemigasterctomy</u> _____
inter-	between	<u>intervertebral</u> _____
intra-	within	<u>intravenous</u> _____

mal-	bad	<u>malignant</u> _____
peri-	surrounding	<u>perianal</u> _____
poly-	many , much	<u>polyuria</u> _____
post-	after , behind	<u>postpartum</u> _____
tachy-	fast	<u>tachycardia</u> _____
Brady-	slow	<u>Bradycardia</u> _____