

GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
EMT Program
Medical Terminology

<u>PREFIX</u>	<u>MEANING</u>		
a, an	without/ not	para, par	beside/ around/ near/ beyond/ accessory to/ abnormal
ab	away from/away		through
ad	toward/to	per	around
amb, ambi	both	peri	too many/ too much
ana	upward/ backward/	poly	behind/ after
excessive, or gain		post	before/ in front of
ante	before	pre	before/ in front of
anti	against/counteracting,	pro	four
effective, against		quad	back/ again/ contrary
bi	two	re	backward/ in back of/ behind
brachi	arm	retro	hard
brachy	short		half
brady	slow	sclero	below/ under/ beneath
circum	around	semi	above/ in excess of
co, con	with/together	sub	together/ joined with/ along/ beside
contra	against/opposing	super, supra	fast
de	down/ from/ down from	sym, syn	four
di	two/ twice		across/ over
dis	away from/ separated	tachy	three
from/ apart		tetra	one/ single
dys	painful/ bad/difficult	trans	
e, ec	out from/ out of	tri	
ecto	outer/ outside	uni	
endo	within/ inside/ inner		
epi	upon/ over/ on/ in addition	<u>ROOT</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
to		abdomin-o	abdomen
ex, exo	away from/ outside/	acr-o	extremity/ peak
without/ to remove		aden	gland
extra	outside of/ beyond/ in	adip	fat
addition		agra	seizure of acute pain
hemi	half	alb	white
hetero	other	alg-(e) (o)	relating to pain
homo	the same/ common	andr-o	relating to man
hyper	above/ excessive/	angi-o	vessel
beyond/ extreme		anter-o	toward the front/ in front of/ before
hypo	less than/ below/ under/		appendix
deficient		appendic-o	vessel
in	not/ in	arterti-o	joint
infra	below/ under/ beneath	arthr-o	ear
inter	between	aur	self
intra	within	auto	increase
macro	large	aux	life
mal	bad	bi-o	germ or embryonic cell
mega, megal	large	blast-o	eyelid
micro	small	blephar-o	bronchus
mono	one/ single	bronch-o	heel
multi	many	calcane-o	cancer
ob, oc	against/ in front of/	carcin-o	heart
towards (closed)		cardi-o	

carp-o	wrist	gen-o	produce/ form
caud-o	toward the tail/ inferior in position	gest	bear/ carry
cavity	hollow space	gingiv-o	gums
cente	puncture	gloss-o	tongue
cephal-o	toward the head/ superior in position	glyc-o	sugar/ sweet
cerebr-o	cerebrum	gynec	woman/ female
cervic	neck	hem-o, hemato	blood
cheil-o	lip	hepat-o	liver
chol-o	bile	hesi-o	to stick
chlor-o	green	hist-o	tissue
chondr-o	cartilage	hydr-ous	water
chrom-o	color	hyster-o	uterus
circum	around	idi	peculiar/ separate/ distinct
col-o	colon	kerat-o	cornea
colp-o	vagina	labi	lip
cor-e, core-o	pupil	lacrim-o	tears
corp- (or)	body	lapar-o	abdominal wall
cortic-o	cortex/ bark/ rind/ outer layer	laryng-o	larynx
cost-o	rib	later-o	side
crani-o	skull	leuk-o	white
cyan-o	blue	lingu	tongue
cyst-o	bladder/ sac	lip-o	fat
cyt-o	cell	lith-o	stone/ calculus
dactyl-o	fingers/ toes	lumb-o	loin/ lower/ back
dent-o	tooth	lys-o	destruction/ breakdown
derm-o, dermat	skin	medi-o	middle
dipl-o	double	megal-o	enlarged/ large
dors-o	near the back/ on the back	melan-o	black
duct	lead/ conduct	mes-o	middle/ mesentery
dur	hard	my-o	muscle
em	blood	myc-o	fungus
encephal-o	brain	myel-o	spinal cord/ bone marrow
enter-o	intestines	narc	numbness/ stupor
ersthe-o	perceive/ feel	nas-o	nose
erythr-o	red	necr-o	death
esophag-o	esophagus	nephr-o	kidney
esthesi-o	feeling/ sensation	neur-o	nerve
estr-o	periodic changes in female reproductive organs	o-o	egg/ ovum
faci-o	face	onych-o	nail
fasci	band	oophor-o	ovary
febr	fever	ophthalm-o	eye
femor-o	femur	orchid-o	testicle
fibr	fiber	oste-o	bone
fil	thread	ot-o	ear
flex	bent	par-a	near/ beside/ beyond
flux, flu	flow	parietal	wall of structure
for	opening	path-o	disease
fract	break	peps-o	digestion
gangli	swelling/ plexus	phag-o	eat
gastr-o	stomach	pharyng-o	pharynx
		phas-o	speech
		phleb-o	vein
		phob-o	fear/ dread
		phren-o	mind/ diaphragm
		plasm-o	growth/ formation
		plast-o	surgical/ repair

pleg-o	paralysis	-cele	tumor/ hernia
pne-o	breathe/ breathing	-centesis	surgical puncture
pneumo	lung/ air	-desis	a binding
-itis	inflammation	-ectasis	expansion/ dilation
-lithotomy	incision to remove stones from the body	-ectomy	excision of
-logy	study of/ science of	-em	blood
-lysis	loosening/ breaking down/ dissolving	-form	shape
-malacia	softening	-genic	origin
-megaly	enlarged	-gram, -graph	a written record
-oid	like/ resembling	-ia	a state or condition
-oma	tumor/ swelling	-iasis	condition/ formation of/ presence of
-opia	vision	-penia	abnormal deficiency/ decrease
-osis	condition/ abnormal increase of a disease	-pexy	fix/ make fast
-(o) stomy	forming an opening	-plasty	mold/ shape
-(o) tomy	incision into	-ptosis	falling
-pathy	referring to disease	-rhaphy	suture
pod-o	foot	-rrhage	excessive flow/ excessive discharge
poster-o	behind/ toward the back	-rhexis	rupture
proct-o	anus/ rectum	-sect	cut
pseud-o	false	-scopy	look at/ observe
pto	fall/ drop	-spasm	involuntary contraction
pulmo (n)	lung	-statis	stopping, slowing or controlling the flow of fluids
py-o	pus	-tripsy	a crushing or friction
pyel-o	renal pelvis		
ren-o	kidney		
retr-o	behind/ backward		
rhin-o	nose	<u>ABBREVIATION</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
salping-o	fallopian tubes	Hx	history
sanguin	blood	IC	intracardiac
sarc	flesh	ICU	intensive care unit
scop-o	examine	I & O	intake and output
sept	fence/ wall off	IM	intramuscular
ser	watery substance	IV	intravenous
spas	draw/ pull	IPPB	intermittent positive pressure breathing
splen-o	spleen	L	liter
stalsis	contraction	LOC	level of consciousness
stomat-o	mouth	MAE	moves all extremities
therap-o	treatment	MEq	milliequivalent
therm-o	temperature/ heat	Mg	milligram
thorac-o	thorax/ chest	Mcg	microgram
thromb-o	clot/ lump	MI	myocardial infarction
tox	poison	MS	multiple sclerosis, morphine sulfate
trache-o	trachea	NPO	nothing by mouth
troph-o	development	NaHCO3	sodium bicarbonate
tympan-o	eardrum	NTG	nitroglycerin
vas-o	vessel	O ₂	oxygen
ventr-o	front side/ belly side	OB	obstetrics
vit	life	OD	overdose
xanth-o	yellow	OR	operating room
zyg (o)	union/ join	OT	occupational room
<u>SUFFIX</u>	<u>MEANING</u>		
-algia	pain		

PERL	pupils equal and react to light
PERLA	pupils equal and reactive to light and accommodation
PERRLA	pupils equal, round, and reactive to light and accommodation
P	after
p.c.	after meals
PE	physical exam
p.o.	by mouth
pt.	patient
PT	physical therapy
q	every
q.h.	every hour
q.i.d.	four times a day
RBC	red blood cells
R/O	rule out
Rx	take/ treatment
ROM	range of motion
RR	recovery room
RT	respiratory therapy
S	without
s.c., s.q. subq	subcutaneous
S.L.	sublingual
SOB	shortness of breath
Ss	half
Stat	immediately
t.i.d.	three times a day
TPR	temperature, pulse, respiration

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Documentation Abbreviations

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a	before	MI	myocardial infarction (heart attack, AMI- acute MI)
abd	abdomen		
ASA	aspirin	ml	milliliter (equal to cc)
A/O	alert & oriented	NKA	no known allergies
BP	blood pressure	O ₂	oxygen
CA	cancer	OB	obstetrics
—		OD	overdose
c	with	—	
cc	cubic centimeter (equal to ml)	P	after
C/C	chief complaint	pt	patient
CHF	congestive heart failure	PERRLA	pupils equal round reactive to light and accommodation
c/o	complains of	PERL	pupils equal reactive to light
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	PMH	past medical history
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	(R)	patient's right
CVA	cerebrovascular accident (stroke)	R/O	rule out
DC	discontinue, disconnect	ROM	range of motion
Dx	diagnosis	—	
ECG/EKG	electrocardiogram	s	without
ER/ED	emergency room / department	SNT	soft, non-tender
ETOH	ethyl alcohol (or ethanol- used in alcoholic beverages)	SQ	subcutaneous
Fx	fracture	tx	treatment
GI	gastrointestinal	901-H	deceased person
gm	gram	918	crazy person
HBP/HTN	high blood pressure / hypertension	961	accident without injuries
Hg	mercury	962	accident with injuries
Hx	history	963	accident with fatality
HPI	history of present illness		
IM	intramuscular		
IV	intravenous		
kg	kilogram (2.2 lbs)		
(L)	patient's left		
LOC	loss of consciousness, level of consciousness		
MAE	moves all extremities		
mg	milligram		

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