

Medical prefixes and their meaning

<u>Prefix</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Example</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
a, an	without	afebrile	without fever
ab	away from	abduct	take away
ad	toward	adduct	bring towards
aden	gland	adenopathy	gland disease
angio	blood vessel	angioedema	swelling of the vessel
ankyl	crooked	ankylosing	stiffness
ante	before	ante partum	before birth
anti	against	antiemetic	not vomiting
arterio	artery	arteriostenosis	hardening of artery
arthr	joint	arthroscopy	scoping of the joint
aud, aur	hearing, ear	audiology	study of the ear
bi	both, two	bilateral	both sides
brady	slow	brachycardia	slow heart
bronchi, broncho	bronchial	bronchitis	bronchial infection
carcin	cancer	carcinoma	cancer tumor
cardio	heart	cardiomegaly	large heart
cephalo	head	cephalomegaly	large head
cerebro	brain	cerebroma	brain tumor
cervic	neck	cervicotomy	incision to the cervix
chol	bile	cholangioscopy	visualize bile duct
cholecyst	gallbladder	cholecystectomy	remove gallbladder
chondro	cartilage	chondromalacia	softening of cartilage
col	colon	colitis	infection in colon
contra	against, opposite	contralateral	to the opposite side
costo	ribs	costogenic	arising from rib
cranio	skull	craniofacial	face and skull related
cut	skin	cutaneous	skin related
cysto	bladder, sac	cystoscopy	visualize bladder
cyt, cyte	cell	cytology	study of cells
dent	tooth	dentalgia	toothache
derma	skin	dermatitis	skin inflammation
dys	painful, abnormal	dysphagia	painful swallowing
ecto	outside	ectoderm	outer layer
endo	inside, within	endoskeletal	inner skeleton
entero	intestine	enterocyst	intestinal cyst
erythro	red	erythrocyte	red blood cell
gastro	stomach	gastrospasm	stomach spasm
gingiva	gums	gingivitis	gum inflammation
gloss	tongue	glossoplasty	tongue plastic surgery
gyne	female	gynecology	study female organs
hemi	half	hemidiaphragm	half of diaphragm
hemo	blood	hemostasis	stop bleeding