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|  | **Medical Terminology** |
|  | **Prefixes with Definitions** |
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| **PREFIX** | **MEANING** |
| a-, an- | without, lacking, deficient, not |
| ab- | away from |
| ad-, af- | toward, to, near |
| ambi-, ampho-, amphi- | both, double |
| ana- | up, toward, apart |
| andro- | man |
| ante- | before, in front of, forward |
| anti-, ant- | against, opposing, preventing |
| ap-, apo- | separation from, derived from |
| aut-, auto- | self |
| brachy- | short |
| brady- | slow |
| cata- | down, under, lower, against |
| circum-. | around |
| co-, com-, con- | with, together |
| contra- | against, opposed |
| de- | down, from |
| dextro- | to the right |
| dia- | through, between, apart, across |
| dis- | apart, free from |
| dorso- | to the back |
| dys- | difficult, bad, painful, abnormal |
| e-, ec-, ef-, ex- | out of, from, away from |
| ect-, ecto-, exo- | outside of |
| em-, en-, eso- | in, into, within |
| end-, endo-, ent-, ento- | within, inside |
| ep-, epi- | upon, on, over |
| eu- | normal, good, healthy |
| extra-, extro- | outside of, beyond, outward |
| gyn-, gyno- | woman, female |
| hemi- | half, partial |
| hetero- | different, other |
| hyper- | excessive, above, beyond |
| hyp-, hypo- | under, beneath, deficient |
| im-, in- | in, into, within, not |
| infra- | below, beneath |
| inter- | between |
| intra-, intro- |  | within, into |  |
| mal- |  | bad, abnormal |  |
| mega-, megalo- |  | large, big |  |
| mes-, meso- |  | middle |  |
| meta- |  | change |  |
| micr-, micro- |  | small |  |
| mult-, multi- |  | many |  |
| neo- |  | new, recent |  |
| noso- |  | disease |  |
| oligo- |  | little, few |  |
| pan- |  | all, entire |  |
| para- |  | beside, beyond, after |  |
| per- |  | through, excessive |  |
| peri- |  | around, surrounding |  |
| poly- |  | many, much, excessive |  |
| post- |  | after, behind |  |
| pre-, pro- |  | before, in front of |  |
| pseud-, pseudo- |  | false |  |
| pyo- |  | pus |  |
| pyro- |  | fire |  |
| re-, retro- |  | backward, behind, again |  |
| semi- |  | half |  |
| steno- |  | narrow |  |
| sub- |  | under, below, beneath |  |
| super-, supra- |  | above, excess, superior |  |
| sym-, syn- |  | together, with |  |
| tachy- |  | fast |  |
| telo- |  | end |  |
| therm- |  | heat |  |
| trans- |  | across, through, beyond |  |
| ultra- |  | beyond, excess |  |
| xero- |  | dry |  |
| **COLORS** |  |  |  |
| albus- |  | white |  |
| chloro- |  | green |  |
| chromo- |  | color |  |
| cirrhos- |  | orange yellow |  |
| cyano- |  | blue |  |
| erythro- |  | red |  |
| leuko- |  | white |  |
| luteus- |  | yellow |  |

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| melano- | black |
| polio- | gray |
| porphyro- | purple |
| rhodo- | red |
| xantho- | yellow |
| **NUMBERS** |  |
| nulli- | none |
| haplo- | single |
| mon-, mono- | one |
| bi-, di-, dipl- | two, double, twice |
| tri- | three |
| quadri-, tetra | four |
| penta- | five |
| hex-, sex- | six |
| octo-, octa- | eight |
| nona- | nine |
| deci- | ten |