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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 |