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|  | **Medical Terminology** |
|  | **Suffixes with Definitions** |
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| **SUFFIX** | **MEANING** |
| -ac, -al, -ic, -ary, -ar | pertaining to, related to, located in |
| -agra | excessive pain |
| -algia | pain |
| -apheresis | removal |
| -asthenia | weakness |
| -ase | enzyme |
| -ate | use, subject to |
| -atresia | absence of normal body opening |
| -capnia | carbon dioxide |
| -cele | protrusion, hernia |
| -centesis | surgical puncture to remove fluid |
| -cidal | killing |
| -clasia, clast | break |
| -cle, -cule, -ole | small |
| --clysis | irrigation, washing |
| -coccus, -coccis | berry-shaped |
| -crit | to separate |
| -crine | separate, secrete |
| -cyte | cell |
| -desis | surgical fixation |
| -drome | run, running |
| -dynia | pain |
| -ectasis | dilation, expansion |
| -ectomy | surgical removal |
| -ectopic | displacement |
| -emesis | vomit |
| -emia | blood condition |
| -ent, -er | person or agent |
| -ia | abnormal state |
| -esis, -ia, -a | state or condition, disease |
| -ism, -ity, -y |  |
| -osis, -tion, -sis |  |
| -iasis, -sia |  |
| -form, -oid | resembling, shaped like |
| -gen, -genic | producing, causing |
| -genesis | beginning, origin |
| -gram | record |
| -graph | instrument that records |
| graphy |  | process of recording |  |
| -iac |  | person afflicted with |  |
| -ible, -ile |  | capable, able |  |
| -ician |  | one who |  |
| -ictal |  | seizure, attack |  |
| -ist, -ologist |  | a specialist in |  |
| -ites, -itis |  | inflammation |  |
| -ium |  | membrane |  |
| -ize |  | use, subject to |  |
| -logy |  | science, study of |  |
| -lysis, -lytic |  | destroy, dissolution, separation |  |
| -ma, -mat |  | disease, condition |  |
| -malacia |  | softening |  |
| -mania |  | madness |  |
| -megaly |  | enlargement |  |
| -metor |  | instrument used to measure |  |
| -metry |  | measurement |  |
| -morph |  | form, shape |  |
| -oma |  | tumor |  |
| -opsy |  | to view |  |
| -oxia |  | oxygen |  |
| -paresis |  | slight paralysis |  |
| -pathy |  | disease |  |
| -penia |  | deficient, lack of |  |
| -pepsia |  | digestion |  |
| -pexy, -pexis |  | fixation, storing |  |
| -phagia, -phagy |  | eating, swallowing |  |
| -philia, -phily |  | love |  |
| -phobia |  | abnormal fear, intolerance |  |
| -phonia |  | pertaining to sound |  |
| -phoria |  | feeling |  |
| -physis |  | growth |  |
| -plasia, -plasm |  | formation, development |  |
| -plasty |  | surgical repair |  |
| -plegia |  | paralysis |  |
| -pnea |  | breathing |  |
| -poiesis |  | formation |  |
| -porosis |  | passage |  |
| -prandial |  | meal |  |
| -praxia |  | in front of, before |  |
| -ptosis |  | drooping, downward displacement |  |
| -rrhage, -rrhagia |  | excessive flow |  |
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| -rrhaphy | suturing in place |
| -rrhea | flow or discharge |
| -rrhexis | rupture |
| -sarcoma | malignant tumor |
| -schisis | split, fissure |
| -sclerosis | hardening |
| -scope | instrument for examining |
| -scopy | visual examination |
| -sepsis | infection |
| -spasm | sudden involuntary muscle contraction |
| -stasis | control, stop |
| -stenosis | narrowing |
| -stomy | surgical opening |
| -tome | instrument for |
| -tomy | cutting, incision |
| -tripsy | surgical crushing |
| -trophy | nourishment, development |
| -ule | little |