

### MEDICAL PREFIXES AND SUFFIXES

Laymen's Term	Medical Prefix	Example
abdomen	lapar-	laparoscopy
above	super -	
above	supra -	supraspinatus m.
across	trans -	
against	anti -	
against	contra -	
all	pan -	
arm	brachio -	
around	circum -	
around	peri -	
artery	arterio -	
away from	ab -	
back	dors -	
backward	retro -	
band (fibrous)	fascia -	
before	pre -	
before	ante -	
behind	post -	
below	sub -	
beside	para -	
between	inter -	
bile	chole -	
birth	natus -	
birth, labor	part -	parturition
black	melan -	melanocyte
bladder, sac	cysto -	cystocele
bladder, sac	vesic -	
blood	haemo -	
body	soma -	
bone	osteo -	
bone marrow,	myelo -	
both, two	bi -	biceps brachii m.
bowl of kidney	pyelo -	pyelonephritis
brain	cerebro -	cerebrospinal
brain	encephal -	encephalitis
breast	mamm-, mast-	mammary gland
bronchial	bronchi- ; broncho -	Bronchiectasis
cancer	carcin -	carcinoma
cartilage	chondro -	chondrocyte
cell	cyt -, cyte -	