

Unit B: Client Communications
Terminology List - Prefixes and Suffixes

<u>Prefixes</u>		<u>Suffixes</u>	
a, an	without	ac, ic	pertaining to
ab	away from	able	capable of
acr, acro	extremities (arms & legs)	al	like, similar, pertaining
to			
ad	toward	algia	pain
ambi	both, both sides	ase	enzyme
ante	before	centre	puncture
anti	against	cide	causing death
aut	self	cente	puncture
bi	both, two	crine	secrete
brady	slow	ectomy	surgical removal
circum	round	emesis	vomit
contra	against	emia	blood
di	two	esthesia	sensation
diplo	double	genesis, genic	origin, source
dys	painful, difficult	gram, graph	pictures, record
ecto	outside	ia	a disease
endo	inside	iasis	abnormal condition
epi	upper, above	ic, cial, is	pertaining to
ex	out, from	ism	state of
hemi	half	itis	inflammation
hyper	excessive, , above, more than	lysis	destruction
hypo	deficient, below, less than	malacia	softening
inter	between	megaly	enlarged
intra	inside, within	oid	like, similar
macro	large	ologist	specialist
mega	large	ology	study of
meta	between	oma	tumor
micro	small	orrhagia	hemorrhage
mono	one, single	orrhea	flow
neo	new	osis	condition of
para	beside, beyond	ostomy	surgical opening
peri	around,	pathy	disease
poly	many, much	penia	deficiency
post	behind, after	phobia	fear
pre	before, in front of	plasty	surgical repair
pro	forward	plegia	stroke, paralysis
pseudo	false	ptosis	drooping down
retro	backward, behind	rhagia	bursting forth
semi	half	sclerosis	hardening
sub	below	scope	picture, inspection
tachy	fast	spasm	contraction
tele	distant, far	stasis	stoppage
trans	across	trophy	development, growth
ultra	beyond, excess	uria	urine