

Medical Terminology – Word Parts

PIC1		PIC2	
a-, an-	without, lack of	cent- (i)	hundred
ab-	from, away	-centesis	surgical puncture to remove fluid
-able	capable of	cephal- (o)	head, pertaining to head
-ac, -ic	pertaining to	cerebro-	brain
acr- (o)	extremities (arms and legs)	cerv- (ic)	neck, neck of the uterus
ad-	to, toward, near	cheil- (o)	lip
aden- (o)	gland, glandular	chem- (o)	drug, chemical
adren- (o)	adrenal gland	chir- (o)	hand
aer-(o)	air	chlor- (o)	green
-al	like, similar, pertaining to	chol- (e, o)	bile, gallbladder
alba-	white	chond- (i, r, ri)	cartilage
algas- (i, a)	pain	chrom- (o)	color
-algia	pain	-cide	causing death
ambi-	both, both sides	circum-	around, about
an- (o, us)	anus (opening to rectum)	-cise	cut
angi- (o)	vessel	-clysis	washing, irrigation
ankyl-	crooked, looped, immovable, fixed	co- (n)	with, together
ante- (ro)	before, in front of, ahead	-coccus	round
anti-	against	-coele	chamber, enlarged space
append- (i, o)	appendix	col- (in, o)	colon, bowel, large intestine
arter- (io)	artery	colp- (i, o)	vagina
arthr- (o)	joint	contra-	against, counter
-ase	enzyme	cost- (a, i, o)	rib
-asthenia	weakness, lack of strength	crani- (o)	pertaining to the skull
ather- (o)	fatty, lipid	-crine	secrete
audi- (o)	sound, hearing	cryo-	cold
aur-	ear	crypt-	hidden
auto-	self	cut-	skin
bi- (s)	twice, double, both	cyan- (o)	blue
bio-	life	cyst- (i, o)	bladder, bag, sac
-blast	germ/embryonic cell	cyt- (e, o)	cell
blephar- (o)	eyelid	dacry-	tear duct, tear
brachi-	arm	dactyl- (o)	finger, toe
brachy-	short	dec- (a, i)	ten
brady-	slow	demi-	half
bronch- (i, o)	air tubes in lungs	dent- (i, o)	tooth
bucc- (a)	cheek	derm- (a, at, o)	pertaining to skin
calc- (u, ulus)	stone	-desis	surgical union or fixation
carcin- (o)	cancer, malignancy	dextr- (li o)	to the right
cardi- (a, o)	pertaining to the heart	di- (plo)	double, twice
carp- (o)	wrist	dia-	through, between, part
-cele	swelling, tumor, cavity, hernia	dis- (ti, to)	separation, away from