**Medical Terms List as of 1-21-14**

**Common Medical Root Terms:**

Acro extremities

Abdomin/o: Abdomen

Aden/o: Gland

Angio vessel (blood)

Anter/o: Front

Arteri/o: Artery

Arthr/o: Joint

Audi/o: Hearing

Bio: Life

Brachi/o: Arm

Bronch/i, bronch/o: Bronchus

Bucca cheek

Carcin/o: Cancer

Cardi/o: Heart

Caud tail

Cephal/o: Head

Cervic/o: Neck

Chole bile

Cholecyst gallbladder

Chondr/o: Cartilage

Coccus round

Col/o: colon

Costo ribs

Crani/o: Skull

Cut skin

Cysto bladder, sac

Cyt/o: Cell

Dactyl fingers, toes

Dent tooth

Derm/a, derm/o, dermat/o: Skin

Dors/i, dors/o: Back or Posterior

Edema swelling

Electr electic

Emesis vomit

Encephal/o: Brain

Enter intestine

Esphag esophagus

Esthesi feeling

Faci face

Fascia band, fibrous

Gastr/o: Stomach

Gynec/o: Female

Hemat/o: Blood

Hepat/o: Liver

Hist/o, histi/o: Tissue

Intestin/o: Intestine

Kary/o, nucle/o: Nucleus

Gingiva gum

Gloss tongue

Gyne woman

Hemo blood

Hepat liver

Hydro water

Hystero uterus, womb

Iri iris (eye)

Labia lip

Lacrim tear

Lacto milk

Lapar/o: Abdomen, loin or flank

Laryng larynx

Lingua tongue

Lip fat

Lith stone

Lymph/o: fluid, Lymph vessels

Mamm, mast breast

Mening membrane (pertaining to the covering o the brain or spinal cord)

Meno, mens menstruate

My/o: Muscle

Nares nose, nostrils

Necr death

Nephr/o, ren/o: Kidney

Neur/o: Nerve

Ocul/o: Eye

Ophthalm/o: Eyes

Odont tooth

Oophoro ovary

Ophthal eye

Optic/o, opt/o: seeing, sight

Orchis testes

Or/o: Mouth

Oste/o: Bone

Ot/o: ear, hearing

Ovary/o ovary

Ovi egg

Path/o: disease

Part birth, labor

Ped, pod foot

Ped child

Pelv/o, pelvi/o: hip, pelvic cavity

Phalgia swallow

Pharmac/o: drug

Pharyng pharynx

Phasia speak

Phleb/o: vein

Pneumo lung

Procto rectum

Psycho mind, soul

Pulm lung

Pyo pus

Pysch/o: mind

Pulmon/o: Lungs

Ren kidney

Rhin/o: nose

Sept/o: Infection

Soma body

Splen spleen

Spin/o: spin, backbone

Stoma mouth

Stric narrowing

Therm heat

Thorac/o: Chest/thorax

Thrombo clot

Thryr/o: thyroid gland

Trachi trachea

Trachel/o: Neck or necklike

Trich/o: Hair or hairlike

Vas vessel

Ventr/i, ventr/o: Front of body

Vertebr/o: vertebrae, backbones

Vesic bladder, sac

Viscer/o: viscera (internal organs)

**Frequently Used Prefixes:**

**Prefix** **Meaning**

a-, an: not, without

anti-, contra against

auto- self

bi- two, both

brady- slow

circum- around

con- with

dia- thorough

diplo- double

dys- abnormal, painful, difficult

ecto- outside

endo- inside, within

epi- above, upper

ex- out

hemi- half

hyper- excessive, above, more than

hypo- deficient, below, less than

inter- between

intra- inside, within

macro- large

mal- bad

micro- small

mono- one, single

neo- new

ortho- straight

pan- all

para- beside, deyond

peri- around

poly- many

post- behind, after

pre- before, in front of

pro- forward

pseudo- false

retro- backward

semi- half

sub- below

super- above

supra- above

trans- across

**Frequently used Suffixes**

**Suffixes** **Meaning**

-al, -eal, -iac pertaining to

-ic, -ical,

-ior, -is,

-um

-algia pain

-cele hernia

-cente puncture

-crine secrete

-desis surgical fixation

-ectomy excision, surgical removal

-emia blood

-genesis, genic source, origin

-gram, graph record, pictures

-ia a disease; an unhealthy state or condition

-itis inflammation

-logy study of

-lysis destruction

-malacia softening

-megaly enlarged

-oid like, resembling, similar

-oma tumor

-orrhea flow

-osis condition of

-ostomy surgical opening

-otomy incision into

-pathy disease condition

-penia deficiency

-phobia fear

-plasty surgical repair

-plegia paralysis

-ptosis drooping down

-sarcoma tumor, cancer

-sclerosis hardening

-scope instrument to visually examine

-scopy process of visually examining

-spasm contraction

-stasis stoppage

-tomy process of cutting, incision

-uria urine

-y the act of our result of an action

**Descriptive Terms**

**Term Meaning**

algia, dynia pain

ankly/o bent, crooked

brachy short

chrom/o color

cry/o cold

cyan/o blue

dys difficult

erythr/o red

eu good, normal

itis inflammation

leuk/o white

malacia softening

megaly enlargement

melan/o black, dark

quadra, quadri four

tachy fast

**Directional Terms**

**Term Meaning**

ab away from

ad toward

ante before

anter/o front

circum around

cist far, distant

end/o within

ex out of, away from

hemi half, one side

inter between

later/o side

medi/o, mes/o middle

poster/o back

**Word Parts for Colors**

**Term Meaning**

chrom/o color stain

cyan/o blue

erythr/o red

leuk/o white

melan/o black, dark

xanth/o yellow

**Medical Abbreviations**

**Abbreviation Meaning**

BP blood pressure

CABG coronary artery bypass graft

CCU coronary care unit

ECG, EKG electrocardiogram

MI myocardial infarction

ECHO echocardiogram

ASHD arteriosclerotic heart disease

CHD coronary heart disease

CHF congestive heart failure

\*Body Systems for Clinical

**Commonly Used Medical Abbreviations**

a.c. before meals, usually one-half hour preceding meals

AD, a.d. right ear

ad lib freely, as often as desired

am, AM morning

AS, a.s. left ear

AU, a.u. each ear

BE barium enema

BID, b.i.d., bid twice a day

BR bedrest

BRP bathroom privileges

BM bowel movement

Bx, Bx biopsy

c with

CA, Ca carcinoma (cancer)

cap. Capsule

cc cubic centimeter

disc, DC, d.c. discontinue

DNR Do not resuscitate

Dx, dx diagnosis

ED emergency department

ER emergency room

Fx, fx fracture

g, gm dram

gt, gtt drop, drops

h hour

h.s. hours of sleep (at bedtime)

Ht., ht. height

inj. Injection

I and O, I/O intake and output

IV intravenous (through a vein)

K+, K potassium

mcg microgram

mg milligram

N&V nausea and vomiting

Na, Na+ sodium

NPO nothing by mouth

NPO p MN nothing by mouth past midnight

oint., ung ointment

OOB out of bed

OTC over the counter

oz. ounce

P pulse

p.c. after meals, ½ hour after a meal

pH power of hydrogen concentration (degree of alkalinity or acidity)

PM, p.m. afternoon

PO, po, p.o. by mouth

PRN, prn repeat as needed

q.am. every morning

q.d. every day

q.h. every hour

q.i.d. four times a day

q.o.d. every other day

QNS quantity not sufficient

q.s. quantity sufficient

r, R rectal

Rx prescription

s without

SOB short of breath

ss, ss one-half

stat immediately

syr. Syrup

susp. Suspension

sup., supp. Suppository

T temperature

tab. Tablet

TB turberculosis

tbsp. tablespoon

TID, t.i.d. three times a day

TPR temperature, pulse, respiration

tsp. teaspoon

Tx treatment

VS vital signs

W/C, w/c wheelchair