

# English Prefixes

abdomen	lapar-
above	supra-
above; excessive	hyper-
after	post-
after; beyond	meta-
against	contra-
against	anti-
all; total	pan-
arm	bracchio-
around	circum-
artery	arterio-
back	re-
back	dors-
back; behind	retro-
bad	mal-
band (fibrous)	fascia-
before	ante-
before, forward	pro-
before; in front of	pre-
below; incomplete;	hypo-
beside; beyond	para-
between	inter-
beyond; excess	ultra-
bile	chole-
birth	natus-
birth, labour	part-
black	melan-
bladder, sac	vesic-
bladder, sac	cysto-
blood	haemo-
body	soma-
bone	osteo-
bone marrow	myelo-
bowl of kidney	pyelo-
brain	cerebro-
brain	encephal-
breast	mamm-, mast-
bronchial	bronchio-
cancer	carcin-
cartilage	chondro-
cell	cyt-, cyte-

cheek	buccal-
cheek	buccal-
child	paed-
clot	thrombo-
colon	col-
cornea; scaly	kerat-
covering	cort-
crooked, looped	ankyl-
diaphragm	phrenic-
difficult; labored;	dys-
double	diplo-
down	cata-
ear, hearing	oto-
ear, hearing	aud-, aur-
egg	ovi-
elbow, forearm	cubitus-
eye	ophthal-
eye	ocul-
facies, face	faci-
FALSE	pseudo-
fast; rapid	tachy-
fat	lip-
finger, toe nail	onych-
fluid	lymph-
foot	ped-, pod-
four	tetra-
from; away from	ab-
from; down from	de-
gallbladder	cholecyst-
gland	aden-
gums	gingiva-
half	semi-
half	hemi-
hand	chiro-
head	cephalo-
heart	cardio-
heat	therm-
hip	coax-
hip bone	ili-
in; into; not	in-
inside, within	endo-

intestine	entero-
intestine	ile-
inward	eso-
iris (eye)	iri-
joint	arthro-
kidney	ren-
kidney	nephro-
knee	genu-
larynx	laryng-
like; similar	al-
lip	labia-
liver	hepato-
lung	pneumo-
lung	pulm-
many	multi-
many; much	poly-
membrane	mening-
menstruate	meno-, mens-
middle	meso-
milk	lacto-
mind, soul	psycho-
mouth	stoma-
mouth, bone	or-
mucus	myx-
muscle	myo-
narrowing	stric-
neck	cervic-
neck	trachel-
nerve	neuro-
new	neo-
nipple	thel-
none	nulli-
normal; good	eu-
nose	rhin-
nose, nostrils	nares-, nes-
on; upon; over	epi-
one	uni-
organ	viscera-
outside of; beyond	extra-
outside; outer	ecto-
outside; outward	ex-

outside; outward	exo-
ovary	oopphoro-
ovary	ovario-
over; above	super-
pharynx	pharyng-
pleura of lung	pleur-
pregnant	gravid-
pregnant	gravid-
pus	pyo-
pus	pyo-
rectum	procto-
red	erythro-
ribs	costo-
saliva	sial-
scaly	squam-
seed	semin-
skin	derma-
skin	cut-
skull	cranio-
slow	brady-
small	micro-
spine	spondyl-
spleen	splen-
starch	amyl-
stomach	gastro-
stone	lith-
straight	ortho-
surrounding, outer	peri
swelling (fluid)	edem-
tail	caud-
testes	orchid-
thorax	thorac-
thorough; complete	dia-
three	tri-
through	per-

through; across	trans-
to undo; free from	dis-
to; toward	ad-
together	con-
together; joined	sym-
together; joined	syn-
tongue	gloss-
tongue	lingua-
tooth	dent-
tooth	odont-
trachea	trache-
tube	salpingo-
two	bi-
two	bin-
under; below	infra-
under; below	sub-
up; again	ana-
upon	apo-
uterus, womb	hyster-
uterus, womb	metro-
vagina	colp-
vein	phleb-
vessel	vas-
vessel (blood)	angio-
water	hydro-
wax, suet	sebum-
weakness, lack	asthen-
weight	bar-
white	leuko-
within	intro-
within	endo
without, absence of	an-
without, absence of	a-
woman	gyne-
wrist	carpo-

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<http://ec.hku.hk/mt/wordlist/>

<http://www.telusplanet.net/me/patientsguide/medterms.htm>