



Al-Maarif University College Nursing Department Medical Terminology

Stage -1- Review of Prefixes and Suffixes (Appendix)

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In this presentation we will learn:

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- List of Prefixes and Their Meanings
- List of Suffixes and Their Meanings

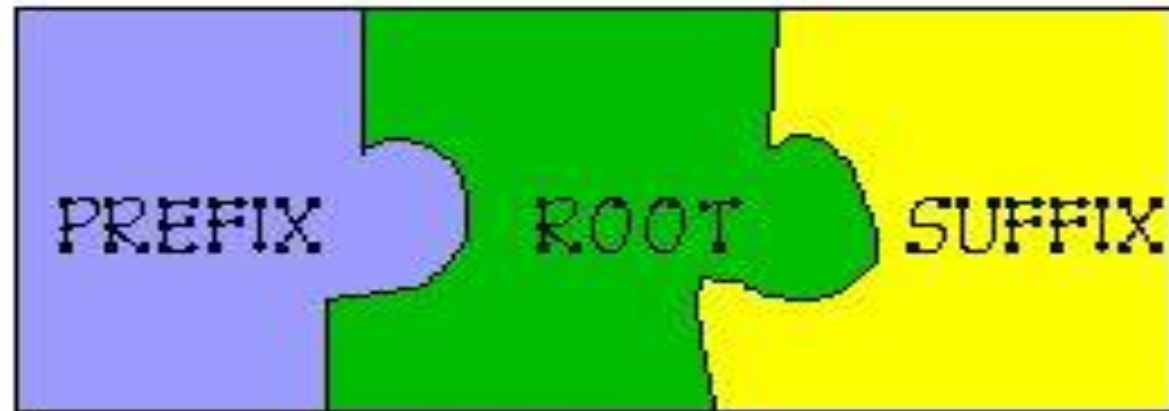


Prefixes

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- The next two slides contain prefixes that are used for the medical terminology of most human systems.
- Prefixes are used at the beginning of a word to modify or vary the meaning of the word.
- When the prefixes are detached from a term, it is followed by a hyphen (-).

WORD PARTS ARE
LIKE PARTS OF A PUZZLE!



Prefixes	Definition/Meaning
a-, an-	no, not, without, away
aut-	self
end-, endo-	within, inside
exo-	outside of, without
epi-	above
hyper-	excessive
hypo-	insufficient

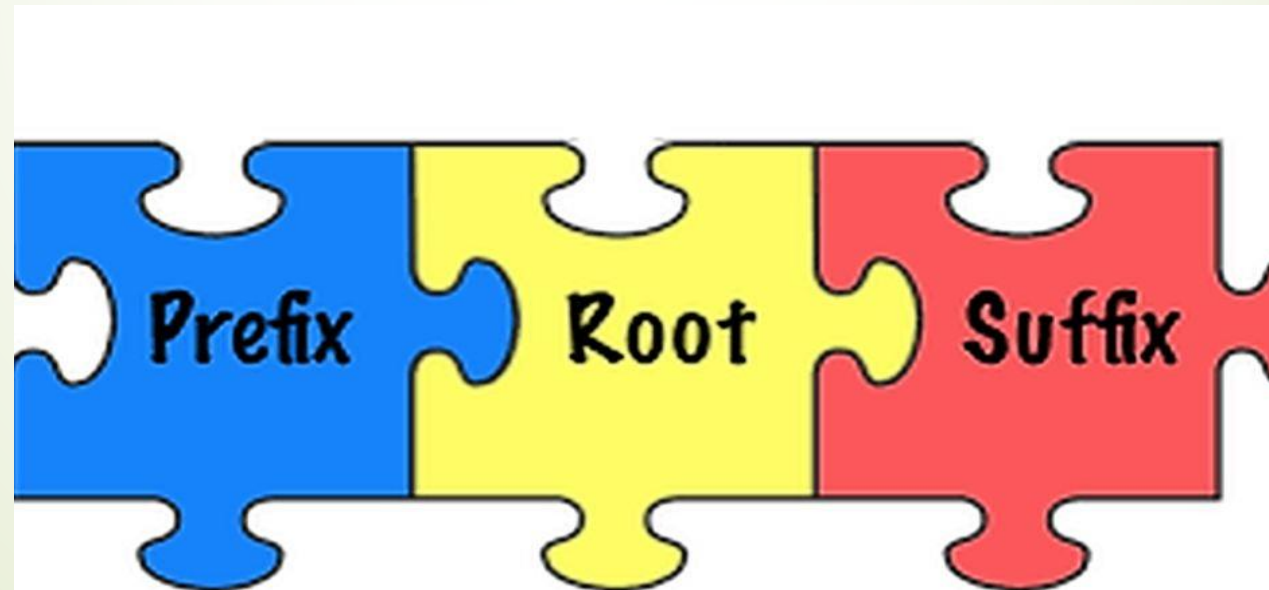
Prefixes	Definition/Meaning
media-	medium
medial-	situated or pertaining to the middle
medi-	middle
medio-	within
per-	through
peri-	around
physio-, physi-	related to nature or physiology

Prefixes	Definition/Meaning
tachy-	fast
trans-	across, through, beyond, over
sub-	under, below, beneath, in small quantity, less than normal

Suffixes

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- The next two slides contain suffixes that can be used for the medical terminology of most human systems.
- Suffixes are placed at the end of a word root or word part to modify or vary the meaning.
- Suffixes can indicate a condition, disease or procedure.
- When a suffix is written detached it is preceded by a hyphen (-).



Suffixes	Definition/Meaning
-centesis	surgical puncture as to aspirate or remove fluid
-cision	process of cutting
-ectomy	excision (surgical removal or cutting out)
-gram	a drawing or a written record
-graph	product of a drawing, writing or recording

Suffixes	Definition/Meaning
-graphy	the process of recording
-itis	inflammation
-ologist	one who studies
-ology	study of
-lysis	process of loosening, freeing, or destroying
-osis	condition, status process

Suffixes	Definition/Meaning
-otomy	cutting into
-ostomy	formation of an opening
-plasty	surgical repair
-pathy	disease
-sclerosis	hardening
-scope	instrument for viewing
-scopy	visual examination with a lighted instrument

Suffixes	Definition/Meaning
-stenosis	narrowing
-tension	pressure
-therapy	treatment

Thanks & good Luck

