

Introduction: Medical Terminology

PREFIXES	MEANING IN ENGLISH	MEANING IN SPANISH	
a - / an -	not or decreased		
anti -	against		
bi (s) -			dos
brady -		bradi -	lento
contra -			opuesto a
dys -		dis -	difícil / doloroso
end (o) -	in or inside		
erythro -		eritro -	rojo
ex (o) -	out, away from		
hemi -	half		
hetero -			diferente
homo - / homeo -	same, similar, like		
hydr (o) -		hidr (o) -	
hyper -		hiper -	alto / superior
hypo -	below or under	hipo -	
leuk (o) -		leuc (o) -	blanco
melan -			oscuro, negro
meso -	middle		
neo -			nuevo
para -			cerca
peri -	around		
poly -	too much or many	poli -	
post -			
pre -			antes
scler -		escler -	duro
sub -	under		
tachy -		taqui -	rápido
tox (o) -	poison		
trans -	across		
tri - / tetra -			tres / cuatro
xer (o) -	dry		

ROOT WORDS	MEANING IN ENGLISH	EQUIVALENT IN SPANISH	
aden (o) -			glándulas
angi (o) -	blood vessels		
arthr (o) -	joints	arthr (o) -	
bio -			vida
cardi (o) -			
cephal (o) -		cefal (o) -	
cholecyst -	gallbladder	colecist -	
cyst - / - cyst	bladder / bag	cist - / - cisto	
cyt (o) -	cell	cit (o) -	
derm (o) -			
encephal (o) -		encefal (o) -	cerebro
enter (o) -			intestinal
gastr (o) -			

glyc -		gluc -	glucosa, azúcar
gloss (o)	tongue		
hem (o) - / hemat (o) -			sangre
hepat (o) -			
hyster (o) -		hister (o) -	útero
men (o) -	menstruation, period		
myc (o) -		mic (o) -	hongo
my (o) -		mi (o) -	músculo
nas (o) -			
nephr (o) -		nefr (o) -	riñón
neur (o) -	nerve		
onco -			
opthalm (o) -		oftalm (o) -	ojo
oste (o) -			hueso
ot (o) -	ear		
phag (o) - / - phagia	eat	fag (o) -	
phleb (o) -		fleb (o) -	vena
phon (o) -		fon (o) -	sonido, habla
pneum (o) - / pulmon -			
psych (o) -	mind	psic (o) -	
py (o) -	pus	pi (o) -	
spleno-	spleen	esplen (o) -	
rhin (o) -		rin (o) -	
thorac -	chest	torac -	
thromb -	clot	tromb (o) -	

SUFFIXES	MEANING IN ENGLISH	EQUIVALENT IN SPANISH	
- algia			dolor
- cyte		- cito	célula
- dyspsia	excessive thirst / drinking	- dipsia	
- ectomy	removal of a part	- ectomía	
- emia			sangre
- gen / - genic		-geno / - génico	que produce
- gram	drawing / written record	- grama	
- itis			
- megaly	enlargement	- megalia	
- meter		- metro	medida
- ologist / - (o) logy		- ólogo / ía	especialista/ estudio
- oma			tumor
- osis	abnormal condition		
- otomy / - ostomy	cutting into / make a hole	- o (s) tomía	
- path (y)	abnormal or disease	- patía	
- philia / - phile	loving / fond of	- filia / -filo	
- phobia / - phobe		- fobia / -fobo	
- plegia	paralysis	- plejia	
- plasty		- plastia	reparación
- pnea	breathing / respiration	- (p) nea	
- rrhea		- rrea	flujo, descarga
- scope	instrument for looking	- scopio	
- uria			en la orina