

Word Roots	
cardi	heart
hepat	liver
nephr	kidney
neur	nerves
psych	mind
thorac	chest
not including examples and definitions of examples	

Wood Root Colors	
cyan/o	blue
leuk/o	white
erythr/o	red
cirr/o	yellow-orange
melan/o	black
poli/o	grey
alb	white
chlor/o	green

Common Prefixes (in EMS)	
hyper	over, excessive, high
hypo	under, below, normal
tachy-	rapid, fast
brady-	slow
pre-	before
post-	after, behind

Number Prefixes	
uni-	one
dipl-	two, double
null-	none
primi-	first
multi-	many
bi-	two
tri-	three
quad-	four
tetra-	four

Number Prefixes (cont)	
quint-	five
sext-	six
sept-	seven
oct-	eight
nona-	nine
deca-	ten
semi-	half, partial
hemi-	half, one sided
ambi-	both
pan-	all, entire

Prefixes That Describe Position - To/From	
ab-	away from
ad-	to, forward
de-	down from, away
circum-	around, about
peri-	around
trans-	across, through, beyond
epi-	above, upon, on
supra-	above, over
retro-	behind
sub-	under, beneath
infra-	below, under
para-	near, beside, beyond, apart from
contra-	against, opposite
ecto-	out, outside
endo-	within
extra-	outside, in addition
intra-	inside, within
ipsi-	same

Common suffixes	
-al	pertaining to
-algia	pertaining to pain
-	surgical removal of
ectomy	
-ic	pertaining to
-itis	inflammation
-logy	study of
-logist	specialist
-	enlargement
megaly	
-meter	measuring instrument
-oma	tumor (usually referring to cancer)
-pathy	disease

Directional Terms	
front, back	anterior (ventral), posterior (dorsal)
right, left	right, left
top, bottom	superior, inferior
closest, farthest	proximal, distal
middle, side	medial, lateral
in, out	deep, superficial

Plural Endings	
a	ae
is	es
ex	ix
on/um	a
us	i



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