



Medical Terms Made Easy

When we see medical terms they seem intimidating... but guess what? They are easier than you would imagine and I'm going to show you just how easy they are.

Most medical terms are usually broken up in three parts: the prefix, the root, and the suffix. The main part of the word is the root.

The **PREFIX** is the beginning of the word and it tells the story of the circumstance surrounding the word.

The **ROOT** specifies the body part.

The **SUFFIX** is always at the end of the word and it indicates a procedure, condition, or a disease.

Prefix

Root

Suffix

Hemi-

(Half)

Gastr/o

(Stomach)

-ectomy

(Surgical removal of)

Hemigastrectomy (Surgical removal of half of the stomach)

Hyper

(Above normal)

Cholester/o

(Cholesterol)

-emia

(Blood condition)

Hypercholesteremia (Excessive amount of cholesterol in the blood)

Peri-

(Around)

Neur/o

(Nerves)

-itis

(Inflammation of)

Perineuritis (Inflammation around the nerve)