

Chapter 1 - Intro to Medical Terms

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Identifying Word Parts in Medical Terms

If you would like to review the textbook chapter content, please visit **Chapter 1: Introduction to Medical Terms** [New Tab] (<https://ecampusontario.pressbooks.pub/medicalterminology2/part/ch-1-introduction-to-medical-terms/>).

Learning Objectives

- Outline the elements used to build medical terms
- Analyze, identify, and construct medical words using applicable medical language component parts
- Explore medical language rules

Defining Words

Apply the rules of medical language to pronounce, break into word parts, and define the following words.

1. intravenous (in-tră-VĒ-nūs)
2. osteoarthritis (ă-stē-ō-ăr-'thrī-təs)
3. osteoarthropathy (ă-stē-ō-ăr-THROP-ă-thē)

Label each word part by using the following abbreviations:

- P = Prefix
- WR = Word Root
- CV = Combining Vowel
- S = Suffix
- CF = Combining Form

Word Parts

Word Parts (Text Version)

Make sure you understand key parts of medical terminology. Fill in the blanks using the following words:

- Suffix
- Prefix
- Combining Form
- Word Root

1. _____[Blank 1] word part at the beginning of the term that changes meaning
2. _____[Blank 2] word part at the end of the term that changes meaning
3. _____ [Blank 3] foundational meaning of a word
4. _____ [Blank 4] used to join word parts to ease pronunciation

Check your answers: ¹

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Notes

1. 1. Prefix, 2. Suffix, 3. Word Root, 4. Combining Form



Introduction to Medical Terms Chapter 1: Identifying Word Parts in Medical Terms, Medical Language Rules, Prefix and Suffix Worksheet

Instructions

Work through the chapters to find the meaning for the following word parts listed on this table. The first column lists the word part. Add the meaning of the word part in the second column until the entire table is filled. These word parts were introduced in our chapter 1 to 4 learning.

Prefix	Meaning	Suffix	Meaning
a-, an-		-ac	
ab-		-algia	
ad-		-ar	
ante-		-cele	
anti-		-crine	
bi-, bin-		-cyte	
brady-		-drome	
de-		-ectasis	
dia-		-ectomy	
endo-		-gram	
epi-		-graph	
hyper-		-graphy	
hypo-		-iasis	
intra-		-ic	
inter-		-itis	
macro-		-ism	
micro-		-logy	
neo-		-logist	
nulli-		-megaly	
pan-		-meter	
para-		-oid	
peri-		-pathy	
sub-		-rrhage	
tachy-		-scope	

Review of Word Parts

Describe each part listed below from our learning this week:

1. **Word root –**
2. **Combining form vowel –**
3. **Combining form –**
4. **Prefix –**

Review of rules

Describe what happens with the combining form vowel when:

1. **Combining form + combining form =**
2. **Combining form + suffix that begins with a vowel =**
3. **Combining form + suffix that begins with a consonant =**
4. **Prefix + combining form =**