

Week 18 List of Prefixes, Suffixes and Roots

Suffix, Root, Prefix	Definition	Example
Ather(o)	Fatty	Atheroma, atheromatosis
Carcin(o)	Cancer	Carcinogen, carcinoma
Contra-	Against	Contraindication, contraceptive
Cyan(o)	Blue	Cyanosis, cyanobacteria
Diplo-	Double, twofold	Diplomyelia, diploid
-ectomy	Excision, excise, to cut out	Appendectomy, thrombectomy
Ger(o)	Old age	Geriatric, gerontology
Gingiv(o)	Gum ,gums,	Gingivitis, gingivoplasty
Hepat(o)	Liver	Hepatitis, hepatomegaly
Infra-	Below, beneath	Inframammary, infracardiac
Lact(o)	Milk	Lactose, lactase
Lingu(o)	Tongue	Sublingual, linguiform
Lith(o)	Stone, calculus	Lithosphere, nephrolithiasis
-lysis	Destruction, dissolution, breakdown	Urinalysis, histolysis
Men(o)	Menstruation, menses	Menopause, menorrhagia
-oma	Tumor, abnormal growth	Carcinoma, osteosarcoma
Onc(o)	Tumor	Oncology
Orch(o)	Testes, testis, testicle	Cryptorchidism, orchiectomy
-penia	Deficiency, low number	Eosinopenia, thrombocytopenia