

Health science

Study guide

Medical terminology

Medical terminology is the language used by medical professionals. It is used so they can communicate easily with each other.

ROOT WORDS

Basic part of the word and provides the meaning

PREFIXES

Come before a root word, they give you more information about the root word

SUFFIXES

Can be added to the end of a root word

COMBINING VOWELS

Used when root words are joined to suffixes, makes the word easier to say

ROOT WORDS

Arthur
- Glyc
Cardi
Osteo
Psych

PREFIXES

Anti-
- Hyper-
Hypo-
Brady-
Epi-

SUFFIXES

-aemia
-logy
-itis
-genic
-pathy

It is important that you can spell and pronounce medical words correctly if you need to speak with a medical professional. This will make sure that you are giving them the correct information.

MEDICAL RECORD REPORTS

These keep a track of a patients treatment and progress, all information contained in a medical report must remain confidential.



Medical record reports

Personal information	Name, DOB, gender, ethnicity, contact information
Medical history	Medical conditions, medications, allergies
Medical complaint	The reason why the patient is visiting the hospital or surgery
Physical examination results	Height & weight, vital statistics, examination of the body
Test results and diagnosis	Will record the results of all tests the patient has had
Treatment plan and progress report	Any medication they must take, any surgery needed, recommended lifestyle changes. Progress reports.



Common medical terms



Acute	Short term, less than 3 months
Chronic	Long term, 3 months or more
Cure	Something that stops disease
Diagnosis	When a medical professional identifies the disease or illness
Infectious	A disease that can be spread to other people by germs
Prognosis	A doctors opinion about how someone will recover from an illness or injury
Remission	When the symptoms of the patients disease get better (but are not cured)
Sign	Evidence of an illness that can be seen by others, such as a skin rash or a cough
Symptom	A feeling or physical change experienced by a patient, such as pain
Terminal	Having an illness that cannot be cured
Treatment	Something that deals with a disease or injury to make someone feel better or become healthy again