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 Respiratory System, Word Parts

Prefixes	Definitions	Combining Forms	Definitions	Suffixes	Definitions
a-	<i>without</i>	anthrac	<i>coal dust</i>	-al	<i>pertaining to</i>
anti-	<i>against</i>	asbest	<i>asbestos</i>	-centesis	<i>surgical puncture</i>
brady-	<i>slow</i>	bronch/o	<i>bronchi</i>	-dynia	<i>pain</i>
dys-	<i>difficult, painful, or bad</i>	byssin	<i>cotton dust</i>	-ectasis	<i>enlargement</i>
endo-	<i>within</i>	coni	<i>dust</i>	-ectomy	<i>surgical removal</i>
eu-	<i>good</i>	cyan/o	<i>blue</i>	-emia	<i>blood condition</i>
hyper-	<i>excessive</i>	laryng/o	<i>larynx</i>	-graph	<i>recording</i>
hypo-	<i>decreased</i>	nas/o	<i>nose</i>	-graphy	<i>produce recording or picture</i>
inter-	<i>between</i>	or/o	<i>mouth</i>	-ia	<i>abnormal condition</i>
para-	<i>near</i>	ox, ox/i, ox/o, oxy	<i>oxygen</i>	-ic	<i>pertaining to</i>
poly-	<i>many</i>	phon/o	<i>voice or sound</i>	-isy	<i>noun ending</i>
tachy-	<i>rapid, fast</i>	phren/o	<i>diaphragm</i>	-itis	<i>inflammation</i>
		pleur/o	<i>pleura</i>	-ive	<i>perform</i>
		pneum/o, pneumon/o	<i>lung</i>	-meter	<i>measure</i>
		pulmon/o	<i>lung</i>	-metry	<i>measure</i>
		rhin/o	<i>nose</i>	-ologist	<i>specialist</i>
		silic	<i>glass</i>	-osis	<i>abnormal condition</i>
		somn/o	<i>sleep</i>	-ostomy	<i>surgically create an opening</i>
		spir/o	<i>breathe</i>	-otomy	<i>surgical incision</i>
		trache/o	<i>trachea</i>	-pharynx	<i>throat</i>
		tuss	<i>cough</i>	-plasty	<i>surgical repair</i>
				-plegia	<i>paralysis</i>
				-pnea	<i>breathing</i>
				-rrhagia	<i>abnormal bleeding</i>
				-rrhea	<i>abnormal discharge</i>
				-scopy	<i>visual examination</i>
				-spasm	<i>sudden involuntary contraction</i>