

Medical Terminology
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Digestive System, Word Parts

Prefixes	Definitions	Combining Forms	Definitions	Suffixes	Definitions
anti-	<i>against</i>	aer/o	<i>air</i>	-al	<i>pertaining to</i>
dia-	<i>through</i>	an/o	<i>anus</i>	-ectomy	<i>surgical removal</i>
dys-	<i>difficult, painful, or bad</i>	cheil/o	<i>lips of the mouth</i>	-emesis	<i>vomiting</i>
endo-	<i>within</i>	chole	<i>bile</i>	-graphy	<i>produce picture or sound</i>
hyper-	<i>excessive</i>	cholecyst/o	<i>gall bladder</i>	-ic	<i>pertaining to</i>
peri-	<i>surrounding</i>	choledoch/o	<i>common bile duct</i>	-ism	<i>condition</i>
		cirrh	<i>yellow or orange</i>	-ist	<i>specialist</i>
		col/o	<i>colon</i>	-itis	<i>inflammation</i>
		colon/o	<i>colon</i>	-lithiasis	<i>presence of stones</i>
		diverticul/o	<i>diverticulum</i>	-megaly	<i>abnormal enlargement</i>
		duoden/o	<i>duodenum</i>	-ocult	<i>hidden</i>
		emet	<i>vomiting</i>	-ologist	<i>specialist</i>
		enter/o	<i>small intestine</i>	-osis	<i>abnormal condition</i>
		esophag/o	<i>esophagus</i>	-ostomy	<i>surgically create an opening</i>
		gastr/o	<i>stomach</i>	-pepsia	<i>digestion</i>
		gingiv	<i>gums</i>	-pexy	<i>surgical fixation</i>
		gingiv	<i>gingival</i>	-phagia	<i>swallowing</i>
		halit	<i>breath</i>	-plasty	<i>surgical repair</i>
		hemat/o	<i>blood</i>	-rrhaphy	<i>surgical suturing</i>
		hepat/o	<i>liver</i>	-rrhea	<i>flow or discharge</i>
		hiat	<i>opening</i>	-scopy	<i>visual examination</i>
		ile	<i>ileum</i>	-stoma	<i>mouth</i>
		ile	<i>small intestine</i>	-um	<i>noun ending</i>
		lith/o	<i>stone</i>		
		metabol	<i>change</i>		
		odont	<i>teeth</i>		
		odonti	<i>teeth</i>		
		orth/o	<i>straight or normal</i>		
		palat/o	<i>palate</i>		
		pept	<i>digestion</i>		
		proct/o	<i>anus and rectum</i>		
		pyr/o	<i>fever or fire</i>		
		rect/o	<i>rectum</i>		
		sigmoid/o	<i>sigmoid colon</i>		
		tom/o	<i>slice or cut</i>		
		xer/o	<i>dry</i>		