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Prefixes

a- or an-	without or lacking (ex: anorexia)
ab-	away from (ex: abduct)
ad-	toward or adjacent to (ex: adduct)
anti-	against, opposed, or inhibitive (ex: antihistamine)
arthr-	joint (ex: arthroscopy)
auto-	self (ex: autoimmune disease)
bi-	two (ex: biceps)
bio-	life (ex: biology)
carcin-	cancer or tumor (ex: carcinogen)
cardio-	heart (ex: cardiology)
cephal-	head (ex: encephalitis)
cerebro-	brain (ex: CVA or cerebrovascular accident)
chondr-	cartilage (ex: chondrogenesis)
circum-	around or round about (ex: circumcision)
co-	with or together (ex: cofactor)

contra-	against or in opposition to (ex: contraindication)
derm-	skin (ex: dermatologist)
di-	two (ex: disaccharide)
dys-	difficult or abnormal (ex: dyslexia)
ecto-	outside or external (ex: ectopic)
endo-	inside or within (ex: endocardium)
epi-	upon or above (ex: epidermis)
erythro-	red (ex: erythrocyte)
eu-	well, good, or true (ex: eukaryote)
ex-	out of or outside (ex: excretion)
glyco-	sweet or sugar (ex: glycogenolysis)
hemi-	half (ex: hemipalegia)
hepat-	liver (ex: hepatocyte)
hist-	tissue (ex: histology)
hydro-	water or liquid (ex: hydrocele)
hyper-	in excess (ex: hyperglycemia)
hypo-	below normal or under (ex: hypoglycemia)
infra-	beneath or underneath (ex: infrapatellar)
inter-	between (ex: interosseous)
intra-	within or inside of (ex: intramuscular)
iso-	equal (ex: isotope)

leuko-	white (ex: leukocytosis)
macro-	large (ex: macrophage)
melano-	black (ex: melanoma)
micro-	small (ex: microscope)
mono-	one (ex: monosaccharide)
multi-	many or multiple (ex: multicellular)
myo-	muscle (ex: myocardial infarction)
neo-	new (ex: neovascularization)
nephro-	kidney (ex: cystic nephron)
neuro-	nerve (ex: neuroglia)
oculo-	eye (ex: ocular)
odonto-	tooth (ex: orthodontist)
oligo-	deficient or few (ex: oligochromemia)
ophthalm-	eye (ex: ophthalmology)
osteo-	bone (ex: osteoporosis)
oto-	ear (ex: otology)
para-	alongside or beyond (ex: parathyroid glands)
peri-	around (ex: pericardium)
physio-	related to nature, physical or physics (ex: physiologic)
pneumo-	air or gas; pertaining to the lungs (ex: pneumonia)
pod-	foot (ex: podiatrist)

poly-	many or much (ex: polysaccharide)
post-	behind or after (ex: post-traumatic)
pre- or pro-	prior to or in front of (ex: prehypertension)
pseudo-	false (ex: pseudostratified epithelium)
sarco	flesh (ex: sarcomere)
semi-	half or partially (ex: semi-permeable)
sclero-	Hard (ex: scleroderma)
somato-	body (ex: somatic)
steno-	narrow or close (ex: aortic stenosis)
sub-	below or under (ex: subclavian)
sym- or syn-	with or together (ex: symphysis pubis and synchondrosis)
tachy-	fast or rapid (ex: tachycardia)
trans-	across or through (ex: transcutaneous)
viscer-	pertaining to internal organs (ex: visceral fat)



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