

EMS Medical Terminology 1 Cheat Sheet

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Word Roots	
cardi	heart
hepat	liver
nephr	kidney
neur	nerves
psych	mind
thorac	chest
not including examples and definitions of examples	

Wood Root Colors	
cyan/o	blue
leuk/o	white
erythr/o	red
cirrh/o	yellow-orange
melan/o	black
poli/o	grey
alb	white
chlor/o	green

Common Prefixes (in EMS)		
hyper	over, excessive, high	
hypo	under, below, normal	
tachy-	rapid, fast	
brady-	slow	
pre-	before	
post-	after, behind	

Number Prefix	es
uni-	one
dipl-	two, double
null-	none
primi-	first
multi-	many
bi-	two
tri-	three
quad-	four
tetra-	four
quint-	five
sext-	six
sept-	seven
oct-	eight
nona-	nine
deca-	ten
semi-	half, partial
hemi-	half, one sided
ambi-	both
pan-	all, entire

Prefixes	That Describe Position - To/From	
ab-	away from	
ad-	to, forward	
Common suffixes		
-al	pertaining to	
-algia	pertaining to pain	
- ectomy	surgical removal of	
-ic	pertainging to	
-itis	inflammation	
-logy	study of	
-logist	specialist	
- megaly	enlargement	
-meter	measuring instrument	
-oma	tumor (usually referring to cancer)	
-pathy	disease	



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