

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

Word Root Colors	
cyan/o	blue
leuk/o	white
erythr/o	red
cirr/o	yellow-orange
melan/o	black
poli/o	gray
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 Prefixes	
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
-	surgical removal of
ectomy	
-ic	pertaining to
-itis	inflammation
-logy	study of
-logist	specialist
-	enlargement
megaly	
-meter	measuring instrument
-oma	tumor (usually referring to cancer)
-pathy	disease



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