

Combining Form	Definition	Adjective
adeno	gland	
antero	front	anterior
cancero	cancer-adj.	cancerous
carcino	cancer-n.	
caudo	tail, downward	caudal
cephalo	head, upward	cephalic
cyto	cell	
disto	away from the point of attachment to the trunk	distal
dorso	back	dorsal
epithelio	top layer of skin or mucous membrane	epithelial
etio	cause-disease	
fibro	fibrous tissue, fibers	fibrous
histo	tissue	
iatro	medicine	
infero	below	inferior
karyo	nucleus	
latero	side	lateral
leio	smooth	
lipo	fat	
medio	middle	medial
myo	muscle	
onco	tumor	
organo	organ	organic
patho	disease	
postero	back, behind	posterior
proximo	near the point of attachment to the trunk	proximal
rhabdo	striated, rod-shaped	
sarco	flesh, connective tissue	
somato	body	somatic
supero	above	superior
systemo	system (a group of organs)	systemic
ventro	belly (front)	ventral
viscero	internal organ	visceral

Prefix	Definition
a-	without (in front of consonants)
an-	without (in front of vowels)
bi-	two
dys-	difficult, painful, abnormal
hyper-	above normal, excessive
hypo-	below normal, deficient, under
uni-	one

Suffix	Definition
-cyte	cell
-gen	substance or agent that produces
-genesis	production
-genic	pertaining to producing, originating, adj.
-ior	pertaining to
-logist	one who studies & practices
-logy	study of
-oid	resembling
-oma	tumor
-osis	abnormal condition
-plasia	condition of formation
-plasm	substance, growth
-sarcoma	fleshy connective tissue tumor; malignant tumor