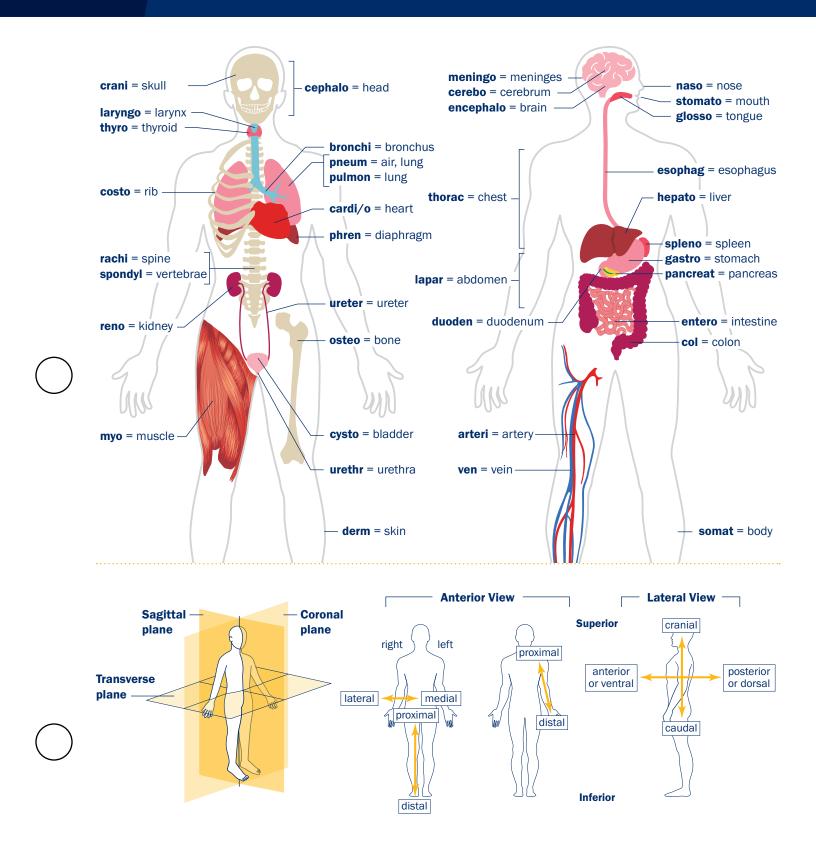
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## **HUMAN BODY ETYMOLOGY**



### Common prefixes

a-/n- = without adeno- = gland adipo- = fat aero- = air, gas allo- = other ambi- = both angio- = vessel ante- = before anti- = against arthro- = joint athero- = fatty or pasty auto- = self brady- = slow chol- = bile chondro- = cartilage circum- = around con- = with cryo- = cold cyto- = cell derm- = skin dia- = through dipso- = thirst dis- = apart dys- = bad, difficult ecto- = outside endo- = inner/within epi- = upon

esthesi- = sensation eu- = good ex- = out hemato- = blood **hemi-** = half **hemo-** = relating to blood **hepat-** = relating to the liver hydro- = water hyper- = excessive hypo- = less, under inter- = between intra- = within ipsi- = same isch- = slowed, blocked juxta- = near lipo- = fat litho- = stone macro- = large mal- = bad, poor micro- = small mid- = middle myelo- = bone marrow or spinal cord myo- = muscle necro- = death neuro- = nerve oligo- = little ortho- = straight

osteo- = bone oxo-/oxy- = oxygen pan- = all para- = near, beside peri- = around phlebo- = vein pneo- = breath, respiration pneumo- = air, lung, breath poly- = many post- = after pre- = before presby- = old age pseudo- = false reno- = kidney somat- = body **spiro-** = breathing stoma- = mouth/opening sub- = below supra- = above tachy- = fast thromb- = blood clot trans- = across uria- = urine, urination vaso- = duct, vessel vascu- = blood vessel veno- = vein

### **Common suffixes**

-algesia = sensitivity to pain -algia = pain -blast = immature

-carcinoma = cancer, epithelial

-centesis = puncture to withdraw fluid

-crine = secretion

-cyte = cell

-dipsia = thirst

-dynia = pain

-ectasis = dilated, stretched

-ectomy = cutting, removing

-edema = swelling

-emesis = vomiting

-emia = blood condition

-esthesia = feeling, sensation

-esis = condition of

-gnosia = knowing

-ia = condition

-iasis = presence of

-ism = condition

-itis = inflammation

-lepsy = seizure

-logy = study of

-malacia = softening

-megaly = enlargement

-oid = like

-oma = tumor

**-osis** = condition

-ostomy = surgically create an opening

-otomy = cutting into

-paresis = weakness

-pathy = disease

-penia = less, decrease

-pexy = surgical fixation

-phil/-philia = attracted to

-phagia = eating

-phylaxis = protection

-plasia = condition of formation

-plasty = surgical repair

-plegia = paralysis

-pnea = breathing

-poiesis = formation

-ptosis = drooping

-ptysis = coughing up

-rrhagia = excessive flow

-rrhaphy = suture

-rrhea = flow

-sarcoma = cancer, connective

-sclerolsis = hardening

-stalsis = contraction

-stasis = stopping

-stenosis = narrowing

-trophy = nourishment

-uria = urine



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