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Chapter 25: Medical Terminology

Objectives

After reading this chapter, the learner should be able to do the following:

- Identify the word elements used in medical terms.
- Know the meanings of common Greek and Latin prefixes, roots, and suffixes on which most medical terms are based.
- Combine word elements into medical terms.
- Know the meanings of common medical terms.
- Identify the abdominal regions.
- Define the directional terms that describe the positions of the body in relation to other body parts.
- Identify and define some of the abbreviations used in health care.
- prefix
- root
- suffix
- word element
- combining element
- abbreviation
- anterior/ventral
- posterior/dorsal
- proximal/distal
- lateral/medial
- abbreviations/ hs/prn/bid/qid/tid/od/I&O/vs/brp//po//NPO//ac//pc//qh//q2h q3h q4h qhs//c/o//d/c//ADL/stat
- prefixes/a/brady/tachy/dys/oli/poly/hyper/hypo
- roots/cardi/nephr/cephal/gastr/arthr/derma/neur/rhin/stomat/
- suffixes/itis/algia/ectomy/logy/scopy/stomy/oma/pathy/plasty
- hysterosalpingoophorectomy