

# Suffixes



## Chapter 3

# Learning Objectives

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- To identify and define useful diagnostic and procedural suffixes.
- To analyze, spell, and pronounce medical terms that contain diagnostic and procedural suffixes.
- To apply medical terms in real-life situations.

# Suffixes



- Suffixes are divided into **two groups**:
  - **Diagnostic suffixes** describe disease conditions or their symptoms
  - **Procedural suffixes** describe procedures used in patient care

# Diagnostic Suffixes

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- algia pain
- emia blood condition
- ia condition

# Diagnostic Suffixes (Cont.)

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- itis** inflammation
- megaly** enlargement
- oma** tumor, mass

# Diagnostic Suffixes

## (Cont.)

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- osis**      condition, abnormal condition
- pathy**    disease condition

# Diagnostic Suffixes

## (Cont.)

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**-rrhea** flow, discharge

**-rrhage** excessive

**-rrhagia** discharge of blood

# Diagnostic Suffixes

## (Cont.)

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**-sclerosis** hardening

**-uria** condition of urine



# Diagnostic Suffixes

## - Adjective Suffixes

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- Each of these means “pertaining to”
  - -al or -eal
  - -ar
  - -ary
  - -ic

# Procedural Suffixes



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- centesis** surgical puncture to remove fluid
  - ectomy** removal, resection, excision

# Procedural Suffixes (Cont.)

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**-gram** record

**-graphy** process of recording

# Procedural Suffixes

## (Cont.)

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- lysis**      separation, breakdown, destruction
- plasty**     surgical repair or surgical correction

# Procedural Suffixes

## (Cont.)

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- scopy**      process of visual examination
- stomy**     opening

# Procedural Suffixes

## (Cont.)

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**-therapy** treatment

**-tomy** incision, to cut into

# Medical Scramble



1. Suffix meaning enlargement  
-G A Y M L E
2. Suffix meaning separation, breakdown  
-S Y S I L
3. Holding back blood from an area of the body  
H A S E I M I C

# Medical Scramble

## (Cont.)

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4. Ear pain

T A I L O G A

5. Benign tumor of muscle

Y M O A M

6. Sharp, sudden, severe

T U E C A



# Medical Scramble

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Bonus Term: Tumor of bone marrow (Hint: It affects MULTIPLE areas of bone marrow tissue.)

Y L M O A M E



Questions?