

Suffixes



Chapter 3

Learning Objectives



- 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



-algia pain

-emia blood condition

-ia condition

Diagnostic Suffixes (Cont.)

-itis	inflammation
-megaly	enlargement
-oma	tumor, mass

Diagnostic Suffixes (Cont.)

-osis	condition, abnormal condition
-pathy	disease condition

Diagnostic Suffixes (Cont.)

- rrhea flow, discharge
- rrhage excessive
- rrhagia discharge of blood

Diagnostic Suffixes (Cont.)

-sclerosis	hardening
-uria	condition of urine

Diagnostic Suffixes

– Adjective Suffixes

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

Procedural Suffixes



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

Procedural Suffixes (Cont.)

-gram record

-graphy process of recording

Procedural Suffixes

(Cont.)

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

Procedural Suffixes

(Cont.)

-scopy	process of visual examination
-stomy	opening

Procedural Suffixes

(Cont.)

-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.)

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

(Cont.)

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

Y L M O A M E



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PDVq6KwtHCE>



Questions?
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