

Common Suffixes

Suffix	Meaning	Suffix	Meaning
-algia	pertaining to pain	-ostomy	surgical creation of an opening
-asthen(o)	weakness	-pathy	disease or a system for treating disease
-blast	immature cell	-phagia	pertaining to eating or swallowing
-cele	pertaining to a tumor or swelling	-phasia	pertaining to speech
-centesis	pertaining to a procedure in which an organ or body cavity is punctured, often to drain excess fluid or obtain a sample for analysis	-phobia	pertaining to an irrational fear
-cyte	cell	-plasty	reconstruction
-ectomy	surgical removal of	-plegia	paralysis
-emia	pertaining to the presence of a substance in the blood	-pnea	pertaining to breathing
-esthesi(o)-	pertaining to sensation or perception	-ptosis	drooping
-genic	causing	-rrhage	abnormal or excessive flow or discharge
-gram	record	-rrhagia	abnormal or excessive flow or discharge
-graph	a record or the instrument used to create the record	-rrhaphy	suture of; repair of
-itis	inflammation	-rrhea	flow or discharge
-lysis	decline, disintegration, or destruction	-scope	instrument for examination
-megaly	enlargement of	-scopy	examination with an instrument
-ology	science of	-sis	a process, action, or condition
-oma	tumor	-taxis	order, arrangement of
-osis	pertaining to a disease process (see also -sis)	-trophic	pertaining to nutrition
		-uria	pertaining to a substance in the urine or the condition so indicated