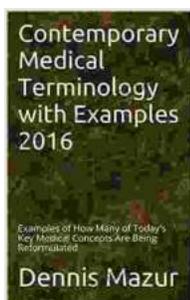


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Medical terminology is an ever-evolving field that plays a critical role in effective communication within the healthcare industry. With the continuous advancement of medical science and technology, new medical terms and abbreviations emerge regularly, making it essential for healthcare professionals and students to stay abreast of these developments. This article provides a comprehensive overview of contemporary medical terminology, including common prefixes, suffixes, and abbreviations, along with practical examples to enhance your understanding and application in real-world healthcare settings.



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Understanding Medical Prefixes

Medical prefixes are added to the beginning of root words to modify their meaning. Here are some commonly used prefixes:

- **Ante-** or **anti-**: Before
- **Brady-**: Slow
- **Bi-**: Two
- **Contra-**: Against
- **Hyper-**: Above or excessive
- **Hypo-**: Below or deficient
- **Intra-**: Within
- **Inter-**: Between
- **Multi-**: Many
- **Peri-**: Around
- **Post-**: After
- **Pre-**: Before
- **Retro-**: Backward
- **Sub-**: Below or under
- **Super-**: Above or over
- **Tachy-**: Fast
- **Trans-**: Across

Examples of Medical Prefixes:

- **Antepartum**: Before childbirth
- **Bradycardia**: Slow heart rate

- **Bilateral:** Affecting both sides
- **Contraindication:** A reason against a particular treatment
- **Hypertension:** High blood pressure
- **Hypothyroidism:** Underactive thyroid gland
- **Intracranial:** Within the skull
- **Intercostal:** Between the ribs
- **Multiparous:** Having given birth to multiple children
- **Pericarditis:** Inflammation of the sac around the heart
- **Postoperative:** After surgery
- **Prenatal:** Before birth
- **Retroperitoneal:** Behind the peritoneum (membrane lining the abdominal cavity)
- **Subcutaneous:** Beneath the skin
- **Superficial:** On or near the surface
- **Tachycardia:** Fast heart rate
- **Transfusion:** Transfer of blood or other fluids between individuals

Understanding Medical Suffixes

Medical suffixes are added to the end of root words to change their meaning. Some common suffixes include:

- **-al/-ar:** Relating to
- **-cyte:** Cell

- **-ectomy:** Surgical removal
- **-emia:** Presence of something in the blood
- **-itis:** Inflammation
- **-logy:** Study of
- **-oma:** Tumor
- **-opathy:** Disease
- **-osis:** Condition
- **-pathy:** Disease
- **-penia:** Deficiency
- **-rrhea:** Excessive discharge
- **-scope:** Instrument for examining
- **-stomy:** Surgical creation of an opening
- **-tomy:** Surgical incision

Examples of Medical Suffixes:

- **Cutaneous:** Relating to the skin
- **Leukocyte:** White blood cell
- **Appendectomy:** Surgical removal of the appendix
- **Anemia:** Deficiency of red blood cells
- **Dermatitis:** Inflammation of the skin
- **Neurology:** Study of the nervous system

- **Carcinoma:** Malignant tumor
- **Osteopathy:** Disease of the bones
- **Cirrhosis:** Chronic liver disease
- **Psychopathy:** Mental illness
- **Leukopenia:** Deficiency of white blood cells
- **Diarrhea:** Excessive discharge of feces
- **Endoscope:** Instrument for examining the inside of the body
- **Tracheostomy:** Surgical creation of an opening in the trachea
- **Biopsy:** Surgical removal of a tissue sample for examination

Understanding Medical Abbreviations

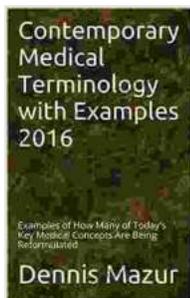
Medical abbreviations are widely used in healthcare settings to save time and space. Here are some common medical abbreviations:

- **BP:** Blood pressure
- **BMI:** Body mass index
- **CBC:** Complete blood count
- **CRP:** C-reactive protein
- **CT:** Computed tomography
- **ECG:** Electrocardiogram
- **EKG:** Electrocardiogram
- **GI:** Gastrointestinal

- **HbA1c:** Glycated hemoglobin
- **HIV:** Human immunodeficiency virus
- **MRI:** Magnetic resonance imaging
- **N/A:** Not applicable
- **NSAIDs:** Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
- **O₂:** Oxygen
- **PO:** By mouth
- **PRN:** As needed
- **PT:** Physical therapy
- **QID:** Four times a day
- **Rx:** Prescription
- **STAT:** Immediately
- **Sx:** Symptoms
- **TB:** Tuberculosis
- **UTI:** Urinary tract infection

Contemporary medical terminology is a dynamic and ever-expanding field that is essential for effective communication in healthcare settings. By understanding the common prefixes, suffixes, and abbreviations used in medical terminology, healthcare professionals and students can enhance their precision, clarity, and efficiency in documentation, communication, and patient care. As medical science and technology continue to advance, it is

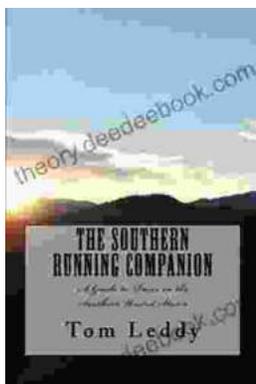
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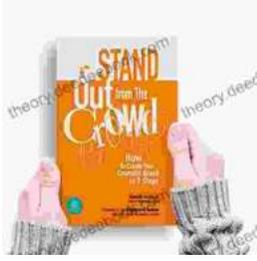
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