

Anatomy & Physiology Prefixes, Root Words, and Suffixes

Common Prefixes

PREFIX	Meaning	Example
A- An-	Not, without	Acellular
Exo-	Outside of	Exoskeleton
Extra-	Outside of	Extracellular fluid
Hyper-	Excessive	Hypertension
Hypo-	Low	Hypotension
Inter-	Outside or between	Interstitial fluid
Intra-	Within	Intramuscular
Media-	Middle	Mediastinum
Meta-	After	Metacarpals
Peri-	Around	Pericardium
Pre-	Before	Prenatal period
Pro-	Before	Prophase
Supra-	Above	Suprascapular
Trans-	Across	Transverse plane

Common Root Words

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Arthr	Joint	Arthritis
Broncho	Airway (lung)	Bronchitis
Cardi	Heart	Pericardium
Enceph	Brain	Encephalopathy
Erythro	Red	Erythrocyte
Gastr	Stomach	Gastritis
Hem	Blood	Hematuria
Myo	Muscle	Myocardium
Nephro	Kidney	Nephrolithiasis
Neuro	Neuron	Neurolemma

