

# UNIT 1 – BODY PLAN AND ORGANIZATION

## TERMINOLOGY

### Prefixes/Suffixes and Root Words

abdomin/o \_\_\_\_\_  
-ac \_\_\_\_\_  
-al \_\_\_\_\_  
ana \_\_\_\_\_  
andr/o \_\_\_\_\_  
ante \_\_\_\_\_  
anti \_\_\_\_\_  
ax \_\_\_\_\_  
bi \_\_\_\_\_  
brachi/o \_\_\_\_\_  
bucc/o \_\_\_\_\_  
cardi/o \_\_\_\_\_  
caud \_\_\_\_\_  
cephal/o \_\_\_\_\_  
cervic/o \_\_\_\_\_  
chrom/o \_\_\_\_\_  
cost/o \_\_\_\_\_  
crani/o \_\_\_\_\_  
cubit/o \_\_\_\_\_  
cyan/o \_\_\_\_\_  
cyt/o \_\_\_\_\_  
-cyte \_\_\_\_\_  
dia \_\_\_\_\_  
dist \_\_\_\_\_  
dors \_\_\_\_\_  
femor/o \_\_\_\_\_  
gen \_\_\_\_\_  
-genesis \_\_\_\_\_  
-genic \_\_\_\_\_  
gynec/o \_\_\_\_\_  
hist/o \_\_\_\_\_  
home/o \_\_\_\_\_  
hyper \_\_\_\_\_  
hypo \_\_\_\_\_  
-ic \_\_\_\_\_  
ili/o \_\_\_\_\_  
later/o \_\_\_\_\_  
-lemma \_\_\_\_\_  
medi \_\_\_\_\_  
my/o \_\_\_\_\_  
neur/o \_\_\_\_\_  
-oid \_\_\_\_\_  
-ologist \_\_\_\_\_  
-ology \_\_\_\_\_  
-oma \_\_\_\_\_  
organ \_\_\_\_\_

or/o \_\_\_\_\_  
orb \_\_\_\_\_  
-osis \_\_\_\_\_  
-ous \_\_\_\_\_  
pariet/o \_\_\_\_\_  
path/o \_\_\_\_\_  
-pathy \_\_\_\_\_  
pelvis \_\_\_\_\_  
peritone/o \_\_\_\_\_  
physi/o \_\_\_\_\_  
pleur/o \_\_\_\_\_  
pro \_\_\_\_\_  
proxim/o \_\_\_\_\_  
pub/o \_\_\_\_\_  
retr/o \_\_\_\_\_  
sarc/o \_\_\_\_\_  
-sis \_\_\_\_\_  
spin/o \_\_\_\_\_  
-stasis \_\_\_\_\_  
system/o \_\_\_\_\_  
thorac/o \_\_\_\_\_  
-tomy \_\_\_\_\_  
umbilic/o \_\_\_\_\_  
ventr/o \_\_\_\_\_  
viscer/o \_\_\_\_\_

### Medical Terms

abdominal \_\_\_\_\_  
abdominopelvic \_\_\_\_\_  
anatomy \_\_\_\_\_  
androgen \_\_\_\_\_  
android \_\_\_\_\_  
antecubital \_\_\_\_\_  
anterior \_\_\_\_\_  
axillary \_\_\_\_\_  
bilateral \_\_\_\_\_  
brachial \_\_\_\_\_  
buccal \_\_\_\_\_  
caudal \_\_\_\_\_  
cephalic \_\_\_\_\_  
cervical \_\_\_\_\_  
costal \_\_\_\_\_  
cranial \_\_\_\_\_  
cytology \_\_\_\_\_  
distal \_\_\_\_\_  
dorsal \_\_\_\_\_  
femoral \_\_\_\_\_

gynecology \_\_\_\_\_  
histogenesis \_\_\_\_\_  
homeostasis \_\_\_\_\_  
iliac \_\_\_\_\_  
inferior \_\_\_\_\_  
lateral \_\_\_\_\_  
medial \_\_\_\_\_  
myology \_\_\_\_\_  
neuron \_\_\_\_\_  
oral \_\_\_\_\_  
orbital \_\_\_\_\_  
organ \_\_\_\_\_  
parietal \_\_\_\_\_  
pathophysiology \_\_\_\_\_  
pelvic \_\_\_\_\_  
peritoneal \_\_\_\_\_  
physiology \_\_\_\_\_  
pleural \_\_\_\_\_  
posterior \_\_\_\_\_  
proximal \_\_\_\_\_  
pubic \_\_\_\_\_  
retroperitoneal \_\_\_\_\_  
sarcolemma \_\_\_\_\_  
spinal \_\_\_\_\_  
superior \_\_\_\_\_  
thoracic \_\_\_\_\_  
umbilical \_\_\_\_\_  
ventral \_\_\_\_\_  
visceral \_\_\_\_\_

ICU \_\_\_\_\_  
L \_\_\_\_\_  
lb. \_\_\_\_\_  
N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
neg \_\_\_\_\_  
O2 \_\_\_\_\_  
OR \_\_\_\_\_  
OV \_\_\_\_\_  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
per \_\_\_\_\_  
pt. \_\_\_\_\_  
R \_\_\_\_\_  
reg \_\_\_\_\_  
r/o \_\_\_\_\_  
s \_\_\_\_\_  
sm. \_\_\_\_\_  
SOAP \_\_\_\_\_  
S&S \_\_\_\_\_  
unk \_\_\_\_\_  
w/a \_\_\_\_\_  
w/c \_\_\_\_\_  
wk. \_\_\_\_\_  
WNL \_\_\_\_\_  
wt. \_\_\_\_\_  
YOB \_\_\_\_\_  
yr. \_\_\_\_\_  
> \_\_\_\_\_  
< \_\_\_\_\_  
+ \_\_\_\_\_  
% \_\_\_\_\_  
~ \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Abbreviations**

@ \_\_\_\_\_  
abd \_\_\_\_\_  
ADL \_\_\_\_\_  
ad lib \_\_\_\_\_  
am \_\_\_\_\_  
ASAP \_\_\_\_\_  
ax \_\_\_\_\_  
c \_\_\_\_\_  
c/o \_\_\_\_\_  
CO2 \_\_\_\_\_  
DOA \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
DRG \_\_\_\_\_  
H2O \_\_\_\_\_  
H2O2 \_\_\_\_\_  
H&P \_\_\_\_\_  
ht \_\_\_\_\_  
Hx \_\_\_\_\_  
HxPx \_\_\_\_\_

**Prefixes/Suffixes and Root Words KEY**

abdomin/o abdominal  
-ac pertaining to  
-al pertaining to  
ana up, back, or apart  
andr/o man  
ante before  
anti against  
ax axis, axillary  
bi two, double  
brachi/o arm  
bucc/o cheek  
cardi/o heart  
caud tail  
cephal/o brain, head  
cervic/o neck  
chrom/o color  
cost/o rib  
crani/o skull, cranium, helmet

cubital	elbow
cyan/o	blue
cyt/o	cell
-cyte	cell
dia	through, across, apart
dist	away from the point of origin
dors	back
femor/o	femur
-gen	to produce, origin
-genesis	to produce, origin
-genic	to produce, origin
gynec/o	female
hist/o	tissue(s)
home/o	constant changing state
hyper	above, more than normal
hypo	below, less than normal
-ic	pertaining to
ili/o	ilium (pelvis or hip bone)
later/o	side
lemma	membrane
med/i	middle
my/o	muscle
neur/o	nerve
-oid	resembling
-ologist	one who studies, specialist
-ology	study of
-oma	tumor
organ	organ
or/o	mouth
orb	circle, orbit, (eye)
-osis	condition of
-ous	pertaining to
pariet/o	wall
path/o	disease
-pathy	disease
pelvis	pelvis hip bones
peritone/o	peritoneum
physi/o	function
pleur/o	lungs
pro	before, for
proxim/o	near the point of origin
pub/o	pubis; a pelvic bone
retr/o	behind, backward
sarc/o	flesh, muscle
-sis	state of
spina	spine
-stasis	standing still
system/o	system
thorac/o	chest, thorax
-tomy	to cut into, incision
umbilic/o	umbilical, navel, belly button

ventr/o	front
viscer/o	internal organs

**Medical Terms**

abdominal	pertaining to the abdomen or the area below the diaphragm
abdominopelvic	pertaining to the abdomen and pelvis
anatomy	cutting apart (study of structure or form)
androgen	male producing
android	resembling man
antecubital	in front of the elbow
anterior	front
axillary	armpit
bilateral	two sides (refers to both)
brachial	pertaining to the arm
buccal	pertaining to the cheek
caudal	pertaining to the tail
cephalic	pertaining to the head
cervical	pertaining to the neck
costal	pertaining to ribs
cranial	pertaining to the skull
cytology	study of cells
distal	pertaining to a point away from the origin
dorsal	pertaining to the back
femoral	pertaining to the femur
gynecology	study of the female
histogenesis	production of tissues
homeostasis	pertaining to standing still or remaining the same
iliac	pertaining to the ilium
inferior	below
lateral	pertaining to the side
medial	pertaining to the middle
myology	study of muscles
neuron	pertaining to the nerve
oral	pertaining to the mouth
orbital	pertaining to the orbit (eye)
organ	body part having special function
parietal	pertaining to the wall (usually refers to the outer serous membrane).
Pathophysiology	the study of the effect of disease and disorders on function
pelvic	pertaining to the pelvis
peritoneal	pertaining to the peritoneum

physiology	study of function	reg	regular
pleural	pertaining to the lungs	r/o	rule out
posterior	back	s	without (line over the s)
proximal	pertaining to a point near the origin	sm	small
pubic	pertaining to the pubis	SOAP	subjective, objective, assessment, plan
retroperitoneal	pertaining to the region behind the peritoneum	S&S	signs and symptoms
sarcolemma	flesh or muscle membrane	unk	unknown
spinal	pertaining to the spine	w/a	while awake
superior	above	w/c	wheelchair
thoracic	pertaining to the chest	wk	week
umbilical	pertaining to the umbilicus	WNL	within normal limits
	navel, or belly button	wt	weight
ventral	pertaining to the front	YOB	year of birth
visceral	pertaining to the organs	yr	year

**Medical Abbreviations**

@	at
abd	abdomen
ADL	activities of daily living
ad lib	as desired
am	morning (between midnight and noon)
ASAP	as soon as possible
ax	axillary
c	with (line over the c)
c/o	complains of
CO <sub>2</sub>	carbon dioxide
DOA	dead on arrival
DOB	date of birth
DRG	Diagnostic Related Groupings
H <sub>2</sub> O	water
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	hydrogen peroxide
H&P	history and physical
ht	height
Hx	history
HxPx	history and physical exam
ICU	intensive care unit
L	left
lb	pound
N/A	not applicable
neg	negative
O <sub>2</sub>	oxygen
OR	operating room
OV	office visit
p	after
per	by
pt	patient
R	right

>	greater than
<	less than
+	positive
%	percent
~	approximately