

# Analyze and Define Words: Combining Form, Suffix and Prefix

- Divide the medical word into its prefix, combining form and suffix.
- Define each word part.

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- Put the word part meanings in this order: meaning of the suffix first, followed by the meaning of the prefix, followed by the meaning of the combining form.
- Add small connecting words, if needed, to make a correct and complete definition of the medical word.

# Building Medical Words: Suffix that Begins with a Consonant

- Select the suffix and combining form whose meanings match the definition of the medical word.
- Change the order of the word parts to put the suffix last.
- Delete the forward slash and hyphen from the combining form. Delete the hyphen from the suffix.
- Join the two word parts.

# Building Medical Words: Suffix that Begins with a Consonant

<b><i>Medical Word</i></b>	<b><i>Word Part</i></b>	<b><i>Word Part Meaning</i></b>
cardiology	suffix <u><i>-logy</i></u>	<u><i>the study of</i></u>

Combining Form

*cardi/o-*

*heart*

Medical Word Definition

*the study of the heart*

# Building Medical Words: Suffix that Begins with a Vowel

- Select the suffix and combining form whose meanings match the definition of the medical word.
- Change the order of the word parts to put the suffix last.
- Delete the forward slash, combining vowel, and hyphen from the combining form. Delete the hyphen from the suffix.
- Join the two word parts.

# Building Medical Words: Suffix that Begins with a Vowel

<b><i>Medical Word</i></b>	<b><i>Word Part</i></b>	<b><i>Word Part Meaning</i></b>
cardiac	suffix <u>-ac</u>	<u>pertaining to</u>

Combining Form

cardi/o-

heart

Medical Word Definition

pertaining to the heart

# Building Medical Words: Contains a Prefix

- Select the suffix, prefix and combining form whose meanings match the definition of the medical word.
- Change the order of the word parts to put the suffix last.

# Building Medical Words: Contains a Prefix

- Delete the hyphen from the prefix. Delete the forward slash, combining vowel, and hyphen from the combining form. Delete the hyphen from the suffix.
- Join the three word parts.

# Building Medical Words: Contains a Prefix

<b><i>Medical Word</i></b>	<b><i>Word Part</i></b>	<b><i>Word Part Meaning</i></b>
intracardiac	Suffix <u>-ac</u> Prefix <u>intra-</u>	<u>pertaining to</u> <u>within</u>

Combining Form                      cardi/o-                      heart

Medical Word Definition                      pertaining to within the heart

# Pronounce Medical Words

- Knowing the definition of a medical word is important.
- Being able to pronounce the medical word correctly is equally important.

# Pronouncing Medical Words

- Follow these simple directions for pronouncing medical words:
  - Say each syllable by following the “see-and-say” pronunciation guide.
  - Accented syllables are in all capital letters.
  - Secondary accented syllables are in smaller capital letters.
  - Practice pronouncing the word several times until you have mastered its pronunciation.

# Pronouncing Medical Words

## Examples

appendectomy	(AP-pen-DEK-toh-mee)
arthritis	(ar-THRY-tis)
gastric	(GAS-trik)
laryngitis	(LAIR-in-JY-tis)
mammography	(mah-MAWG-rah-fee)
pneumonia	(noo-MOH-nee-ah)
therapist	(THAIR-ah-pist)