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MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY THE BASICS

FOUNDATION OF MEDICAL WORDS

A. Structure

- Most medical words are composed of two or more terms. To define medical words:
 - *Define the word into its elements*
 - *analyze the terms*
 - *define the words*

Examples

Perforated
 per- = around, cut, pierce, etc. | foratus = inflammation
 inflammation around the heart

Onomancy

onom- = name, meaning | -logy = study of
 Study of the name

B. Terms

Term = Term(s) = a medical word

There are two categories of terms:

1. Prefix = beginning of a word

per- = *per-* | -fect = *-fect*
 Designated by a "p" before the term.

2. Suffix = ending of a word

-ful = *-ful* | -ity = *-ity*
 Designated by a "p" before the term

3. Root = foundation of a word(s); **signify** = *signify*

4. Combining form = word element "to" added to a root (no -ing)

Use combining form when joining

• Root to another part (ex. **gastric/epididymis**)

• Root to a suffix beginning with a consonant (ex. **cardiopathy**)

5. Combining form = root + vowel (ex. **hepatocyst**)

Designated by a "p" between the root and the vowel

Examples

Hypothalamic

hypo- (under) + thalamia

under (underlying) brain = *under* + *brain*

under (under) = *under*

brain (brain) = *brain*

Definition: under the brain of exocrine while blood cells

Homonyms

Acute (sudden fever) = *acute*

sharp (point) = *acute*

as (acute) = *acute*

Definition: pertaining to blood poisoning

TIPS:

1. Some words have both a root and a suffix. To determine the correct definition in a particular medical word, analyze the root term in the word.

Examples

Polysplenic

poly- = *poly* (many)

splenic = *splenic* (spleen)

many spleens = *many* + *spleen*

Definition: before the root of the spleen (spleen) of the spleen

1. Some terms may function as a combining form (ex. in one word and a suffix in another word)

2. Some terms depend upon the specific medical word

Examples

Cardiology

cardio- (pertaining to heart) = *cardio*

-logy (study of) = *-logy*

Definition: study of the heart

Epididymitis

epididym- (pertaining to testis) = *epididym*

-itis (inflammation) = *-itis*

Definition: Red blood cell

THE HUMAN BODY

A. Development

1. **Embryo** = fetus + embryo + embryo + embryo

2. **Fetus** = fetus + fetus + fetus + fetus

3. **Infant** = infant + infant + infant + infant

4. **Child** = child + child + child + child

5. **Adult** = adult + adult + adult + adult

6. **Senior** = senior + senior + senior + senior

7. **Geriatric** = geriatric + geriatric + geriatric + geriatric

8. **Neonatal** = neonatal + neonatal + neonatal + neonatal

9. **Neonate** = neonate + neonate + neonate + neonate

10. **Infantile** = infantile + infantile + infantile + infantile

11. **Childhood** = childhood + childhood + childhood + childhood

12. **Adolescence** = adolescence + adolescence + adolescence + adolescence

13. **Adulthood** = adulthood + adulthood + adulthood + adulthood

14. **Senescence** = senescence + senescence + senescence + senescence

15. **Geriatrics** = geriatrics + geriatrics + geriatrics + geriatrics

16. **Neonatology** = neonatology + neonatology + neonatology + neonatology

17. **Infantology** = infantology + infantology + infantology + infantology

18. **Childology** = childology + childology + childology + child



Synopsis

This 6-page chart covers every aspect of the structure of medical terminology and its use in the field. Chart includes detailed information on: • foundation of medical words • the human body • terminology sets • five senses • synonyms • glossary • •

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