

## Chapter 2: Suffixes and Prefixes

### Exercises

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A.

1. T
2. F
3. T
4. T
5. Every medical term does not have a prefix.

B.

1. -um, structure
2. the stomach

### Exercises

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A.

1. surgery
2. on the skin
3. after delivery
4. tilted backward
5. supra

B.

1. *There are 4 pairs that may be accepted as correct.*
  - a. ante and retro; pre and post; endo and exo; hypo and hyper
  - b. hypo and hyper; ante and retro; pre and post; endo and exo
2. a. T  
b. T  
c. F  
d. T  
e. T

## Chapter 2 Review

A.

Ans 1: combining form  
Ans 2: heart  
Ans 3: cardiology  
Ans 4: prefix  
Ans 5: many  
Ans 6: multipara  
Ans 7: root  
Ans 8: skin  
Ans 9: dermatitis  
Ans 10: suffix  
Ans 11: study of  
Ans 12: dermatology  
Ans 13: prefix  
Ans 14: one  
Ans 15: monocyte  
Ans 16: suffix  
Ans 17: visual examination  
Ans 18: arthroscopy  
Ans 19: suffix  
Ans 20: inflammation  
Ans 21: dermatitis  
Ans 22: prefix  
Ans 23: two  
Ans 24: bilateral  
Ans 25: suffix  
Ans 26: one who studies  
Ans 27: dermatologist

B

Ans 1: upon  
Ans 2: below  
Ans 3: inside  
Ans 4: prefix  
Ans 5: location

C

Ans 1: arthroplasty  
Ans 2: microcyte  
Ans 3: pancytopenia  
Ans 4: polyuria  
Ans 5: eupnea

D

Ans 1: b. visual examination  
Ans 2: c. surgical fixation  
Ans 3: a. surgical repair  
Ans 4: arthroscopy  
Ans 5: arthrodesis  
Ans 6: arthroplasty

E

Ans 1: study of the stomach  
Ans 2: pertaining to the stomach  
Ans 3: specialist who treats disorders of the stomach  
Ans 4: inflammation of the stomach  
Ans 5: visual examination of the stomach  
Ans 6: gastr, gastr/o, stomach

F

Ans 1: c. gynecologist  
Ans 2: e. dermatitis  
Ans 3: b. cardiomyopathy  
Ans 4: a. arthrodesis  
Ans 5: d. pericardium

G

Ans 1: endocardium

H

Ans 1: T  
Ans 2: T  
Ans 3: F  
Ans 4: T  
Ans 5: T  
Ans 6: A suffix attaches to the end of a root or combining form

I

Ans 1: inside, into  
Ans 2: around, around  
Ans 3: above, above  
Ans 4: below normal, below normal  
Ans 5: excessive, excessive

J

Ans 1: gastroscopy  
Ans 2: repair  
Ans 3: within the stomach  
Ans 4: joints  
Ans 5: rhinoplasty

## K

Ans 1: dermat/it is, inflammation of the skin  
Ans 2: peri/card/i/um, pertaining to a membrane around the heart  
Ans 3: arthr/o/plasty, surgical repair of a joint  
Ans 4: epi/gastr/ic, pertaining to above the stomach  
Ans 5: arthr/o/scopy, visual examination of a joint

## L (*possible answers include*)

Ans 1: The patient was diagnosed with dermatitis, an inflammation of the skin.  
Ans 2: The patient is being referred to the gastroenterologist because of her stomach pain and nausea.  
Ans 3: The patient will undergo arthroscopy today to determine the extent of her knee injury.  
Ans 4: Joe underwent arthrodesis of vertebrae C3 through C5 to stabilize his spine and prevent paralysis.  
Ans 5: Mrs. Smith's chest pain indicates that her cardiopathy is worsening.  
Ans 6: The endogastric mucosa appeared ulcerated on the endoscopic images.  
Ans 7: The surgeon made an incision in the pericardium to expose the heart.  
Ans 8: The gastrologist at the university recommended Mrs. Jones get a consultation by the gastroenterologist.  
Ans 9: Jill's shoulder arthropathy causes pain in her shoulder and down her arm to her elbow.  
Ans. 10: Her gynecologist recommends further imaging studies of the uterus to rule out endometrial cancer.  
Ans 11: Due to the severity of his arthritis, Mr. Davis will undergo a total knee replacement procedure next week.  
Ans 12: The patient's productive cough was due to a bacterial lower respiratory infection.

Ans 1: combining form: gastr/o, root: enter, suffix: itis  
Ans 2: gastroenteritis  
Ans 3: combining form: cost/o, root: vertebr, suffix: al  
Ans 4: costovertebral  
Ans 5: root: arthr, suffix: itis  
Ans 6: arthritis  
Ans 7: combining form: gastr/o, suffix: scopy  
Ans 8: gastroscopy  
Ans 9: Combining form: hem/o, suffix: rrhage  
Ans 10: hemorrhage  
Ans 11: prefix: epi, root: dermis

Ans 12: epidermis  
Ans 13: combining form: cardi/o, suffix: logist  
Ans 14: cardiologist  
Ans 15: prefix: endo, suffix: scopy  
Ans 16: endoscopy

## N

Ans 1: -pathy  
Ans 2: -logist  
Ans 3: -scopy  
Ans 4: -um  
Ans 5: -itis  
Ans 6: -logy

## O

Ans 1: s -logy  
Ans 2: s -scopy  
Ans 3: p peri-  
Ans 4: p epi-  
Ans 5: s -pathy

## P

Ans 1: -plasty  
Ans 2: epi-  
Ans 3: -logist  
Ans 4: gynec/o  
Ans 5: endo-

## Q

Ans 1: epigastric  
Ans 2: pericardium  
Ans 3: endocarditis  
Ans 4: gastric  
Ans 5: arthroplasty

## R

Ans 1: above the stomach  
Ans 2: below the stomach  
Ans 3: inside the stomach  
Ans 4: location  
Ans 5:a) epi, b) hypo, c) endo

S

Ans 1: structure around bone  
Ans 2: rhinoplasty  
Ans 3: gastroscopy  
Ans 4: endotracheal  
Ans 5: cardiologist

T

Ans 1: S  
Ans 2: P  
Ans 3: P  
Ans 4: P  
Ans 5: S

U

Ans 1: CF arthr/o/ S desis  
Ans 2: CF gastr/o/ S logist  
Ans 3: P endo/R cardi/ S um  
Ans 4: P hypo/R gastr/ S ic  
Ans 5: CF dermat/o/ S logy  
Ans 6: (*possible answers include*)  
Hypogastric = pertaining to below the stomach  
Arthrodesis = surgical fixation of a joint  
Gastrologist = one who studies the stomach  
Endocardium = pertaining to within the heart  
Dermatology = the study of the skin

V

Ans 1: urinary system  
Ans 2: female reproductive system  
Ans 3: digestive system  
Ans 4: blood  
Ans 5: heart  
Ans 6: skin

W

Ans 1: suffix  
Ans 2: surgical repain  
Ans 3: prefix  
Ans 4: inflammation  
Ans 5: suffix

Ans 6: the study of  
Ans 7: prefix  
Ans 8: below, low; deficient  
Ans 9: suffix  
Ans 10: pertaining to

X

Ans 6 corrected statements  
1: Patient has a bad rash. I referred her to a dermatologist.  
5: Patient will be scheduled for arthrodesis of her knee on Monday.

## Chapter 2 Summary Exercises

A

Ans 1: endogastric  
Ans 2: dermatologist  
Ans 3: arthroplasty  
Ans 4: pericardium  
Ans 5: hypogastric  
Ans 6: arthrodesis  
Ans 7: cardiopathy  
Ans 8: arthroscopy  
Ans 9: dermatitis  
Ans 10: epigastric

B

Ans 1: dermatologist  
Ans 2: arthroscopy  
Ans 3: arthroplasty  
Ans 4: hypogastric  
Ans 5: dermatitis  
Ans 6: endogastric  
Ans 7: arthrodesis  
Ans 8: pericardium  
Ans 9: cardiopathy  
Ans 10: epigastric

C

Ans 1: The patient was referred to a dermatologist.  
Ans 2: After a physical examination of the joint, an arthroscopy was scheduled.  
Ans 3: During the arthroscopy, the orthopedist performed an open arthroplasty of the knee.

Ans 4: A knife wound was discovered in the patient's hypogastric region.

Ans 5: The patient's dermatitis caused severe itching.

Ans 6: The internal medicine physician suspected ulcers because of the patient's endogastric symptoms.

Ans 7: The patient has severe arthritis and she will undergo arthrodesis on the joints in her fingers.

Ans 8: The patient has inflammation of the pericardium.

Ans 9: The 42 year old female was diagnosed with cardiopathy.

Ans 10: The patient had pain in the epigastric region.

## D

Ans 1: prefix, root, combining form, combining vowel, suffix

Ans 2:

- a. Prefix, first (not all terms have a prefix, and some terms can have more than one prefix)
- b. Root, first (if the term has no prefix), second (if the term has a prefix) or third (if there is more than one root in the term)
- c. combining form, first (if there is no prefix), second or third
- d. combining vowel after a root that ends with a consonant
- e. suffix, always last

Ans 3:

- a. epi, upon
- b. cardi, heart
- c. gastr/o, stomach,
- d. O, helps to make words easier to pronounce
- e. itis, inflammation

Ans 4: You should start at the root of the term when analyzing medical terms.

## E

Ans 1: You add a suffix onto the end of a word to modify the core of the root or combining form and give it a new meaning.

Ans 2:

- a. ic, pertaining to
- b. logist, specialist
- c. um, pertaining to

Ans 3:

- a. plasty, desis, cision
- b. surgical suffixes

Ans 4: Prefixes are added directly to the beginning of a root (or another prefix if more than one is needed)

Ans 5:

- a. epi, upon
- b. hypo, below
- c. endo, inside

Ans 6:

- a. macro, tachy, brady
- b. measurement

Ans 7:

- a. arthr/o/scopy
- b. gastr/itis
- c. cardi/o/logist

Ans 8:

- a. hypo/gastr/ic
- b. F
- c. F
- d. F
- e. T
- f. F