**Glossary**

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BSBMED301 – Apply and Interpret Medical Terminology

**Common Prefixes**

a, an without

ante before

brady slow

contra against

dys difficult

endo in, within, inside

epi upon, above, on

hyper above, high

hypo below, low

inter between

intra into

pan whole

poly many

pre before

sub below

tachy fast

trans across, between

**Common Suffixes**

ac, al, ar, ary,

ic, ive, tic referring to

algia pain

constriction narrowing

dilation widening

ectormy surgical removal

gram image or recording

graph the instrument used to record

ia condition of

itis inflammation

logist specialist

logy study of

megaly enlargement

odema swelling

oma mass or tumor

osis abnormal condition of

pathy disease

plasty surgical repair

scope instrument used to view

scopy viewing

stenosis narrowing

stomy create a surgical opening

tomy incision

**Root words relating to the integumentary system**

Dermat/o Skin

Hindr/o Sweat

Kerat/o Epidermis

Onych/o Nail

Melan/o Melanin (pigment)

Pil/o Hair

Seb/o Sebum

Trich/o Hair

**Root words relating to the skeletal system**

Ankyl/o fusion/adhesion/bent

Arthr/o joint

Chondr/o cartilage

Cost/o rib

Disc/o intervertebral disc

Kyph/o crooked/humped

Lord/o bend forward

Myel/o bone marrow

Oste/o bone

Osse/o bone

Scoli/o twisted/crooked

Spondyl/o vertebra

Synovi/o synovial fluid/membrane

**Root words relating to the muscular system**

Fibr/o fibre

Muscul/o muscle

My/o muscle

Orth/o straight

Kinesi/o movement

Tendin/o tendon

Ten/o tendon

Tend/o tendon

Ton/o tone

**Root words relating to the cardiovascular system**

Angi/o vessel

Vas/o vessel

Vascul/o vessel

Arteri/o artery

Ather/o atheroma (fatty plaque)

Cardi/o heart

Embol/o embolism (arterial clot)

Phleb/o vein

Ven/o vein

Sphygm/o pulse

Steth/o breast

Thromb/o thrombus

Haem/o/at blood

**Root words relating to the respiratory system**

Alveol/o alveolus

Bronch/o bronchus

Bronchiol/o bronchiole

Laryng/o larynx

Nas/o nose

Rhin/o nose

Pharyng/o pharynx

Phren/o diaphragm

Pneumon/o lung/gas/air

Pulmon/o lung

Trache/o/i trachea

**Root words relating to the nervous system and the senses**

Aesthesi/o sensation

Alges/i sense of pain

Cephal/o head

Cerebr/o cerebrum/brain

Crani/o cranuim

Encephal/o brain

Motor/o moving

Myel/o marrow/spinal cord

Narc/o numbness

Neur/o nerve

Plex/o network of nerves

Radicul/o nerve root

Somat/o body

Ocul/o eye

Opthalm/o eye

Opt/o/i sight

Ot/o ear/hearing

**Root words relating to the digestive system**

Or/o mouth

Stomat/o mouth

Bil/o bile

Chol/o bile

Cholangi/o bile duct

Cholecyst/o gall bladder

Colon/o colon (large intestine)

Duoden/o duodenum (small intestine)

Entero/o intestine

Gastr/o stomach

Hepat/o liver

Ile/o Ileum (small intestine)

Jejun/o J ejunum (small intestine)

Oesophag/o Oesophagus

Pancreat/o Pancreas

Recto/o Rectum/anus

**Root words relating to the urinary system**

Cyst/o bladder

Nephr/o kidney

Ren/o kidney

Pyel/o pelvis or kidney

Urethr/o urethra

Urin/o urine/urinary tract

Ur/o urine/urinary tract

**Root words relating to the endocrine system**

Aden/o gland

Adren/o adrenal gland

Crin/o secrete

Oestr/o oestrogen

Endocrin/o endocrine glands

Glyc/o sugar

Pancreat/o pancreas

Thyr/o thyroid gland

Thym/o thymus gland

**Root words relating to the lymphatic system and immunity**

Immune/o immune

Lymph/o lymph

Lymphaden/o lymph node

Phag/o eating

Py/o pus

Splen/o spleen

Spleen/o spleen

Tonsil/o tonsils

**Time periods**

1/24 one hour

1/7 one day

1/52 one week

1/12 one month

**Staff**

HSA Health services assistant: A worker who provides assistance to health professional staff for the care of clients

RN Registered Nurse: A nurse that has passed a licensing exam and provides patient care

EN Enrolled Nurse: A nurse that works under the direction of a registered nurse to provide patient care

Consultant A senior doctor: a specialist in an particular area of medicine

RMO Resident Medical Officer: A doctor who has completed an internship and is able to practice independently

PT Physiotherapist: A health care worker that provides management and treatment of physical conditions

OT Occupational Therapist: A health care worker that provides management around improving a client’s independence of life activities

Psychologist A health care worker that provides management around emotional/mental health

SP Speech Pathologist: A health care worker that provides management and treatment of speech, language and swallowing conditions

Dietician A health care worker that provides management around food and nutrition

SW Social Worker:A health care worker that provides conselling, emotional support and practical support

AHP Allied Health Professional

AHA Allied Health Assistant:A health care worker that works under the direction and supervision of an AHP

**Other common hospital terms**

pt patient

IP inpatient

OP outpatient

Ad admission

d/c discharge

Ax assessment

Rx treatment

Hx history

SHx social history

PMHX past medical history

CHx current history

Dx diagnosis

c/o complained of

r/v review

LL lower limbs

UL upper limbs

ADLs activities of daily living

**Levels of independence**

I independent

s/v supervision

A assistance (min, mod or max)

NWB non weight bearing

PWB partial weight bearing

WBAT weight bearing as tolerated

**Equipment**

SPS single point stick

4WF 4 wheeled frame

PUF pick up frame

2WF 2 wheeled frame

GF gutter frame

EC elbow crutch

AC axillary crutch

WC wheelchair

OTF over toilet frame