



Welcome to the World of Medical Terminology!

As a beginner, you are about to embark on a fascinating journey that will equip you with the skills to navigate the complex world of healthcare. In this welcome pack, we will introduce you to the fundamental concepts of Latin roots and prefixes in medical terminology.

Understanding Latin roots and prefixes is essential for communicating effectively with healthcare professionals and for making informed decisions about your own health.

What are Latin Roots and Prefixes?

Latin roots and prefixes are the building blocks of medical terminology. They are used to construct medical terms that describe body systems, diseases, and treatments.

Let's explore some common Latin roots and prefixes that you will encounter in medical terminology:

- Cardio- (heart)
- Neuro- (nerve)
- Gastro- (stomach)
- Dermato- (skin)
- Osteo- (bone)

Activities

Now it's time to put your knowledge into practice! Complete the following activities to reinforce your understanding of Latin roots and prefixes.

1. **Match the Root:** Match the following Latin roots with their meanings:

Root	Meaning
Cardio-	
Neuro-	
Gastro-	
Dermato-	
Osteo-	

2. **Prefix Puzzle:** Complete the following sentences with the correct prefix:

1. The prefix "hypo-" means _____
2. The prefix "hyper-" means _____

3. **Medical Term Scavenger Hunt:** Find and define the following medical terms:

- Cardiologist
- Neurology
- Gastroenteritis
- Dermatitis
- Osteoporosis

Quiz Time!

Test your knowledge of Latin roots and prefixes with the following quiz:

1. What is the meaning of the Latin root "cardio-"?
 - a) Heart
 - b) Nerve
 - c) Stomach
 - d) Skin
2. What is the meaning of the prefix "hypo-"?
 - a) Above
 - b) Below
 - c) Under
 - d) Over

Answers

Check your answers with the following solutions:

1. 1. a) Heart
2. 2. c) Under

Conclusion

Congratulations on completing the introduction to Latin roots and prefixes in medical terminology! You have taken the first step towards unlocking the secrets of medical language.

Remember to practice and review the material regularly to reinforce your understanding.

Next Steps

Now that you have completed this introduction, it's time to move on to the next steps:

- Learn about suffixes in medical terminology
- Practice combining roots, prefixes, and suffixes to construct and deconstruct medical terms
- Apply your knowledge of medical terminology to real-world medical scenarios

