



Medical Terminology: A+P Terminology

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- **Abnormal**- pertaining to away from the norm or rule
 - Ab- away from
 - Norm- rule
 - Al- pertaining to

- **Paracentesis**- surgical puncture of the body cavity for fluid removal
 - Para- besides
 - Centesis- surgical puncture

- **Malformation**- a process of being badly shaped
 - Mal- bad
 - Format- a shaping
 - Ion- process

(FOR MALFORMATION IN THE VIDEO, IT IS HIGHLIGHTED IN GREEN, PLEASE IGNORE, LOOK AT THE WORD PARTS IN COLOR INSTEAD)



Medical Terminology: A+P Terminology: Endocrinology

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- SOME COMMON WORDS IN THE ENDOCRINE SYSTEM
 - ADENECTOMY

- ADENOMA
- ADENOSIS
- ADENOHYPOPHYSIS (anterior pituitary gland, responsible for ACTH, PRL, GHRH)

ECTOMY- surgical excision

OMA- tumor

OSIS- condition



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Terminology: Nervous System

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 - APRAXIA
 - A- lack of
 - PRAXIA- action
 - ASTHENIA
 - A- lack of
 - STHENIA- strength
 - ATAXIA
 - A- lack of
 - TAXIA- order coordination
 - AMNESIA
 - A- lack of
 - MNES- memory
 - IA- condition
 - ANALGESIA
 - AN- lack of
 - ALGESIA- condition of pain
 - AKINESIA
 - A- lack of
 - KINESIA- motion, movement



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Terminology: Prefixes

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- Prefixes Overview

PREFIX	SUFFIX	WORD	MEANING
a- (lack of)	-pnea (breathing)	apnea	Temporary lack of breathing
brady- (slow)	-pnea (breathing)	bradypnea	Slow breathing
dys- (difficult)	-pnea (breathing)	dyspnea	Difficult Breathing
eu- (good, normal)	-pnea (breathing)	eupnea	Good or normal breathing
tachy- (rapid)	-pnea (breathing)	Tachypnea	Rapid Breathing