

Medical Terminology
Body and Directional Terms

Root	What it Means	Example term	What it Means
Cyt/o		Cytology	
Epitheli/o		Epithelioma	
Fibr/o		Fibrosis	
Hist/o		Histologist	
Lip/o		Liposuction	
Myo		Myositis	
Neur/o		Neuropathy	
Organ/o		Organomegaly	
Viscer/o		Viscera	

Root word	What it means
Anter/o	
Caud/o	
Cephal/o	
Dist/o	
Dors/o	
Infer/o	
Later/o	
Medi/o	
Poster/o	
Proxim/o	
Super/o	
Ventr/o	

Suffix	What it Means	Example term	What it Means
-cyte		Erythrocyte	
-gen		Carcinogen	
-genic		Carcinogenic	
-oma		Myoma	
-osis		Cytosis	
-pathy		Neuropathy	
-plasm		Neoplasm	
-sarcoma		Myosarcoma	

Division	Abbreviation	Location
Cervical	C	
Thoracic	T or D (D = dorsal)	
Lumbar	L	
Sacral	D	

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Region	Where it is
Auricular region	
Axillary	
Buccal	
Clavicular	
Infraorbital	
Infrascapular	
Lumbar	
Mammary	
Mental	
Orbital	
Pubic	
Sacral	
Sternal	
Submental	
Supraclavicular	

afferent	
efferent	
anterior	
posterior	
central	
deep	
superficial	
distal	
proximal	

inferior	
superior	
lateral	
medial	
supine	
prone	

Frontal plane	
Sagittal plane	
Transverse plane	