

Introduction to Medical Terminology

DEFINITIONS

Select the correct answer and write it on the line provided.

The word part meaning plaque or fatty substance is _____.

-algia

arteri/o

ather/o

arthr/o

The prefix meaning surrounding is _____.

inter-

intra-

peri-

pre-

A _____ is always placed at the end of the term.

combining form

prefix

suffix

word root

The word part meaning white is _____.

cyan/o

erythr/o

leuk/o

poli/o

The suffix meaning abnormal softening is _____.

-malacia

-necrosis

-sclerosis

-stenosis

Pain, which can be observed only by the patient, is a _____.

prognosis

remission

sign

symptom

The prefix meaning deficient or decreased is _____.

hyper-

hypo-

peri-

supra-

A _____ is a prediction of the probable course and outcome of a disease.

diagnose

diagnosis

prognosis

syndrome

The suffix meaning to rupture is _____.

-rrhage

-rrhaphy

-rrhea

-rrhexis

The plural of the term appendix is _____.

appendexes

appendices

appendixes

appendizes

WHICH WORD?

Select the correct answer and write it on the line provided.

1. The body cavities are lined with specialized _____ membrane.
mucous mucus

- The formation of pus is called _____.
supination suppuration

3. The term meaning wound or injury is _____.
trauma triage

4. The term meaning possessing masculine traits is _____.
viral virile

5. The term describing part of the small intestine is _____.
ileum ilium

SPELLING COUNTS

Find the misspelled word in each sentence. Then write that word, spelled correctly, on the line provided.

1. A disease named for the person who discovered it is known as an enaponym. _____

2. A localized response to injury or tissue destruction is called inflimination.

3. The act of closing a wound by stitching is sutering. _____

- The medical term meaning the surgical repair of a nerve is neuriplasty. _____

5. The medical term meaning inflammation of the tonsils is tonsilitis. _____

SENTENCE COMPLETION

Write the correct term on the line provided.

1. Lower than normal blood pressure is called _____.

2. The process of recording a picture of an artery or arteries is called _____.

3. The term meaning above or outside the ribs is _____.

4. A strong dependence on a drug or substance is known as a/an _____.

5. The act of binding or tying off blood vessels or ducts is called _____.

TERM SELECTION

Select the correct answer and write it on the line provided.

1. The abnormal narrowing of an artery or arteries is called _____.

arteriosclerosis

arteriostenosis

arthrostenosis

atherosclerosis

2. Based on the word part that indicates color, the term _____ means blue skin coloration due to the lack of oxygen.

cyanosis

erythrocytes

leukocytes

melanosis

3. The term _____ contains a combining vowel between two word roots.

abdominocentesis

endoscopy

gastroenteritis

hemorrhage

4. The prefix _____ means bad, difficult, or painful.

-algia

-dynia

dys-

eu-

5. A _____ is a specialist in diagnosing and treating diseases, disorders, and problems associated with aging.

gerontologist

gerontology

neurologist

neurology

TRUE/FALSE

If the statement is true, write **T** on the line. If the statement is false, write **F** on the line.

1. _____ Arterionecrosis is the abnormal narrowing of an artery or arteries.

2. _____ Mucus is the substance secreted by the mucous membranes.

3. _____ Supination is the formation or discharging of pus.

4. _____ A suffix usually, but not always, indicates location, time, or number.

5. _____ A combining vowel is used when the suffix begins with a consonant.

6. _____ Ova is the plural of ovum.

7. _____ A disease that is in remission has been cured.

8. _____ The term phlegm begins with an F sound.

9. _____ To diagnose is the process of reaching a diagnosis.

10. _____ It is not necessary to use a combining vowel when joining two root words.

CLINICAL CONDITIONS

Write the correct answer on the line provided.

. Beverly Gaston suffers from higher than normal blood pressure. This is recorded on her chart as _____.

. Mrs. Tillson was treated for pulmonary _____. This condition is an excessive buildup of fluid in the lungs.

. Dr. Gusterson is trained in the treatment of the diseases and disorders associated with aging. His specialty is known as _____.

. In an accident, Felipe Valladares suffered a broken toe. The medical term for this is a fractured _____.

. Hal Jamison received emergency treatment for _____, which is an inflammation of the appendix.

Gina Manley told her friends that she has an enlarged liver. The medical term for this condition is _____.

. As she used her hands to examine the patient, Dr. Liu was using an examination technique called _____.

. Joan Randolph's medication was administered by an injection into the muscle. This is called an _____ or IM injection.

. Andy Lewis describes that uncomfortable feeling as heartburn. The medical term for this condition is _____.

. Max Greene's muscle wound required suturing. This procedure is called _____.

WHICH IS THE CORRECT MEDICAL TERM?

Select the correct answer and write it on the line provided.

. The term _____ means an inflammation of a nerve or nerves.

neuralgia

neuritis

neurology

neuroplasty

The term _____ means loss of a large amount of blood in a short time.

diarrhea

hemorrhage

hepatorrhagia

otorrhagia

The term _____ means the tissue death of an artery or arteries.

arteriomalacia

arterionecrosis

arteriosclerosis

arteriostenosis

. The term _____ describes the time and events before birth.

neonatal

perinatal

postnatal

prenatal

. The term _____ means enlargement of the liver.

hepatitis

hepatomegaly

nephromegaly

nephritis