Key: Skeletal System Medical Terminology

Prefixes, Suffixes, Root Words

| -al | pertaining to or expressing relationship |
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| alges/i | oversensitivity to pain |
| -algia | pain |
| ambi | both |
| ankyl/o | stiff, crooked, bent |
| ante | before |
| -ar | pertaining to |
| arthr/o | joint |
| -blast | precursor, developing cell |
| brachi/o | arm |
| burs/o | bursa (serous sac) |
| calcane/o | calcaneous |
| carp/o | carpals (wrist bone) |
| -centesis | surgical puncture to remove or aspirate fluid |
| cervic/o | cervical (neck) |
| chondr/o | cartilage |
| -clasis | to break down |
| -clysis | to wash |
| -clast | cell to break down |
| clavic/o | clavicle (collarbone) |
| cost/o | rib |
| crani/o | cranium, helmet, skull |
| crista | ridge |
| -cyte | cell |
| -desis | surgical union |
| dextr/o | right |
| disk | intervertebral disk |
| -ectomy | removal of |
| femor/o | femur |
| fibul/o | fibula |
| -gen | producing |
| -graphy | the process of making a picture |
| hemat/o | blood |
| humer/o | humerus |
| hy/o | u-shaped |
| -ic | pertaining to |
| ili/o | ilium (hipbone) |
| inter | between |
| ischi/o | ischium |

| -itis | inflammation of |
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| kyph/o | hump |
| lamin/o | lamina (layer) |
| ligament/o | ligament (liga = bind) |
| lordosis | curvature of the lumbar spine |
| -malacia | softening |
| mandibul/o | mandible |
| maxill/o | maxilla (maxillary) |
| menisc/o | meniscus |
| meta | beyond, change |
| myel/o | bone marrow |
| -oma | tumor |
| orth/o | straight |
| -osis | condition of |
| osse/o | bone |
| oste/o | bone |
| patell/o | patellar (knee cap) |
| ped | foot |
| peri | around |
| phalang/o | phalanges (fingers and toes) |
| -physis | growth |
| -poiesis | making or production of |
| -porosis | porous condtion |
| pub/o | pubis |
| scapul/o | scapula (shoulder blade) |
| scoli/o | crooked, curve |
| -scope | instrument to view or examine |
| -scopy | to visualize or view |
| spondyl/o | vertebra or vertebral column |
| stern/o | sternum (breast bone) |
| supra | above |
| syn | with, together |
| synovi/o | synovial |
| tars/o | tarsals (ankle bones) |
| tibi/o | tibial |
| -um | pertaining to |
| uln/o | ulna |
| vertebr/o | vertebral |

Medical Terms

| ambidextrous able to use both hands ankylosis condition of being crooked, bent, or stiff arthralgia joint pain arthritis inflammation of the joints arthrocentesis surgical puncture to remove fluid from the joint arthrodesis surgical union of the joint arthroplasty repair of the joints arthroscope instrument to view a joint arthroscope instrument to view a joint brachial pertaining to the arms bursitis inflammation of the bursa calcaneal pertaining to the calcaneous (heel bone) carpals wrist bones cervical pertaining to the neck chondrectomy removal of cartilage chondromalcia softening of the cartilage collagen glue forming (literal translation; refers to a protein found in the matrix of connective tissue) cranitomy incision into the cranium cranium pertaining to the femur hematopoiesis pertaining to the femur hematopoiesis pertaining to the influence kyphosis condition of having a hump (hipbone) infraorbital pertaining to below the eye intercostal pertaining to below the eye intercostal pertaining to below the eye lingament ligament (to bind) lordosis condition of being bent forward mental foramen chin openings or holes metacarpal beyond the wrist metastarsal beyond the wrist costeolast cell that develops the bone costeoclast | Medical Terms | |
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| osteoclast cell that breaks down the bone | osteoblast | |
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| osteocyte | bone cell |
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| osteoma | bone tumor |
| osteomalacia | softening of the bone |
| osteomyelitis | inflammation of the bone and bone marrow |
| osteoporosis | pertaining to the porous condition of bones |
| patellar | pertaining to the patella or kneecap |
| periosteum | pertaining to around the bone |
| polydactylism | many fingers or toes |
| scoliosis | condition of being bent |
| spondylosis | condition of the vertebral column |
| sternum | pertaining to the sternum (breastbone) |
| styloid | resembling a pole or stake |
| synovial | pertaining to the synovial membrane |
| vertebral | pertaining to the vertebral column |

Medical

Abbreviations:

| amb | ambulate |
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| CXR | chest x-ray |
| Fx | fractures |
| Tx | treatment or traction |