CNA READY CHECKS · TERMS CHECK

Medical terminology *basics.*

Study these word parts and abbreviations before you take the Medical Terminology Test. Many medical words are built from a prefix, a root and a suffix, so once you know the parts, you can figure out new words.

Common prefixes

brady-	slow
tachy-	fast
hyper-	above normal, excessive
hypo-	below normal, deficient
peri-	around
sub-	under, below

Common root words

cardio	heart
neuro	nerve
derm / derma	skin
hemo / hemat	blood
osteo	bone
pulmo / pneumo	lungs

Common suffixes

-itis	inflammation arthritis = inflammation of a joint
-ectomy	surgical removal appendectomy = removal of the appendix
-ology	study of cardiology = study of the heart
-algia	pain neuralgia = nerve pain
-megaly	enlargement cardiomegaly = enlarged heart

Common abbreviations

BP	Blood pressure
HR	Heart rate
PRN	As needed
NPO	Nothing by mouth
BID	Twice a day
TID	Three times a day
QID	Four times a day

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