

Greek and Latin Suffixes and Roots for Dental Terms:

Prefix/Suffix	Definition	Example
-algia	pain	odont ALGIA = tooth pain
-a	without	A cellular = having no cells
arth-	joint	ARTHO scope=an instrument to see inside a joint
dent, odont	tooth or teeth	ODONT oma = tumor composed of tooth structures
-ectomy	excision	append ECTOMY = excision of the appendix
-emia	blood	hyper EMIA = above normal amount of blood in an a tissue
endo-	within	ENDO dent =inside a tooth
-gen-	beginning, produce	patho GENic = disease producing
gingiv-	pertaining to the gums	GINGIV itis = inflammation of the gums
glyc-	sugar	GYL colysis = sugar dissolving
hyper-	over, excessive, above	HYPER mobility= more mobility than normal
hypo-	below, under, deficient	HYPO thermia = below normal temperature
-ia, -iasis	condition	odontalg IA = condition of tooth pain
infra-	below	INFRA orbital = below the eye
inter-	between	INTER cellular = between cells
intra-	within	INTRA oral = within the mouth
itis	inflammation	periodont ITIS = inflammation of supporting structures of teeth
lingu-	pertaining to the tongue	LINGU al surface = the surface closest to the tongue
-logy	study of	patho LOGY = study of disease
-lysis	destruction, dissolving	glyco LYSIS = dissolving sugar
muc-	mucous	MUC ositis = inflammation of mucous membrane
neo-	new	NEO plasm = new growth
-oid	resembling	word OID = resembling a word (this is not a real word)
-oma	tumor	odont OMA = tumor composed of tooth structures
-osis	condition, disease	periodont OSIS = condition of the periodontium

-path, -pathy	disease	PATHO logy = study of disease
peri-	around	PERI oral = around the mouth
perio-	supporting structures of the teeth	PERIO dental = involving the supporting structures of teeth
-phil-	love	acido PHIL ic = acid loving
-plast, -plasty	repair, form, grow	gingivo PLAST y = repair of the gingiva to functional form
post-	behind, after	
py	pus	PY ogenic= pus producing
-rrhea	burst forth, pour	sialo RRHEA = excessive flow of saliva
-scope	instrument used to view	artho SCOPE = an instrument to see inside a joint
sial-	saliva	SIAL orrhea = excessive flow of saliva
-stomia	mouth	xero STOMIA = dry mouth
super-	above, excessive	SUPER numerary = excessive number
supra-	above	SUPRA gingival = above the margin of the gums
xero-	dry	XERO stomia = dry mouth

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