

**Chapter 01: Introduction to Medical Terminology**

*Match each definition with the correct word part.*

- a. abnormal condition
- b. deficient
- c. excessive
- d. pain, suffering
- e. surgical removal

1. *-algia*

ANSWER: d

2. *-ectomy*

ANSWER: e

3. *hyper-*

ANSWER: c

4. *hypo-*

ANSWER: b

5. *-osis*

ANSWER: a

*Match each definition with the correct word part.*

- a. excessive bleeding
- b. flow or discharge
- c. rupture
- d. surgical repair
- e. surgical suturing

6. *-plasty*

ANSWER: d

7. *-rrhage*

ANSWER: a

8. *-rrhaphy*

ANSWER: e

9. *-rrhea*

ANSWER: b

10. *-rrhexis*

ANSWER: c

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*Match each definition with the correct word part.*

- a. abnormal hardening
- b. surgical incision
- c. bad, difficult, painful
- d. creation of an artificial opening
- e. inflammation

11. *dys-*

ANSWER: c

12. *-itis*

ANSWER: e

13. *-ostomy*

ANSWER: d

14. *-otomy*

ANSWER: b

15. *-sclerosis*

ANSWER: a

*Match each definition with the correct term.*

- a. subjective evidence of disease
- b. objective evidence of disease
- c. signs and symptoms that occur together
- d. sudden onset of a disease
- e. temporary disappearance of symptoms

16. acute

ANSWER: d

17. remission

ANSWER: e

18. sign

ANSWER: b

19. symptom

ANSWER: a

20. syndrome

ANSWER: c

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*Match each definition with the correct term.*

- a. any disease of the stomach
  - b. frequent watery stools
  - c. pertaining to the lining of an artery
  - d. swelling
  - e. formation of pus
21. diarrhea

**ANSWER: b**

22. edema

**ANSWER: d**

23. endarterial

**ANSWER: c**

24. gastrosis

**ANSWER: a**

25. suppuration

**ANSWER: e**

*Match each definition with the correct term.*

- a. torn and jagged wound
  - b. higher-than-normal blood pressure
  - c. localized response to a tissue injury
  - d. lower-than-normal blood pressure
  - e. pathologic tissue change caused by disease or injury
26. hypertension

**ANSWER: b**

27. hypotension

**ANSWER: d**

28. inflammation

**ANSWER: c**

29. laceration

**ANSWER: a**

30. lesion

**ANSWER: e**

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*Match each definition with the correct term.*

- a. abnormal passage between organs
  - b. crack-like sore of the skin
  - c. identification of a disease
  - d. prediction of a disease outcome
  - e. the study of all aspects of diseases
31. diagnosis

**ANSWER:** c

32. fissure

**ANSWER:** b

33. fistula

**ANSWER:** a

34. pathology

**ANSWER:** e

35. prognosis

**ANSWER:** d

36. A pathologic change or disease of muscle tissue is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

**ANSWER:** myopathy

37. The term \_\_\_\_\_ means pain in a joint or joints.

**ANSWER:** arthralgia

38. A/An \_\_\_\_\_ is a mature red blood cell.

**ANSWER:** erythrocyte

39. A/An \_\_\_\_\_, such as *laser*, is a word formed from the initial letter or letters of the major parts of a compound term.

**ANSWER:** acronym

40. The term \_\_\_\_\_ means between, but not within, the parts of a tissue.

**ANSWER:** interstitial

41. The surgical puncture of the abdominal cavity to remove fluid is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

**ANSWER:** abdominocentesis

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42. The term \_\_\_\_\_ is used to describe any acute, inflammatory, pus-forming bacterial skin infection, such as impetigo.

**ANSWER:** pyoderma

43. The blue discoloration of the skin caused by a lack of adequate oxygen in the blood is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

**ANSWER:** cyanosis

44. The process of producing a radiographic study of blood vessels after the injection of a contrast medium is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

**ANSWER:** angiography

45. The term \_\_\_\_\_ means pertaining to a virus.

**ANSWER:** viral

46. A/An \_\_\_\_\_ is the surgical removal of the appendix.

**ANSWER:** appendectomy

47. The term \_\_\_\_\_ describes a pounding or racing heart.

**ANSWER:** palpitation

48. The medical term meaning suturing together the ends of a severed nerve is \_\_\_\_\_.

**ANSWER:** neurorrhaphy

49. The term \_\_\_\_\_ describes a disease named for the person who first discovered it.

**ANSWER:** eponym

50. Greg was injured in an auto accident. The EMS team referred to his injuries as \_\_\_\_\_.

**ANSWER:** trauma

51. The abnormal hardening of the walls of an artery or arteries is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

**ANSWER:** arteriosclerosis

52. A feeling of general discomfort or uneasiness that is often the first indication of an infection is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

**ANSWER:** malaise

53. The \_\_\_\_\_ are the bones of the fingers and toes.

**ANSWER:** phalanges

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54. The term \_\_\_\_\_ means within the muscle.

**ANSWER:** intramuscular

55. The act of rotating the arm so that the palm of the hand is forward or upward is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

**ANSWER:** supination

56. A/An \_\_\_\_\_ is the surgical creation of an artificial excretory opening between the colon and the body surface.

**ANSWER:** colostomy

57. The medical term meaning an inflammation of the stomach is \_\_\_\_\_.

**ANSWER:** gastritis

58. The term \_\_\_\_\_ means pertaining to birth.

**ANSWER:** natal

59. The term \_\_\_\_\_ describes discomfort due to the regurgitation of stomach acid upward into the esophagus.

**ANSWER:** pyrosis

60. A/An \_\_\_\_\_ is a physician who specializes in diagnosing and treating disorders of the skin.

**ANSWER:** dermatologist

61. The term \_\_\_\_\_ means the medical screening of patients to determine their relative priority of need.

**ANSWER:** triage

62. The study of disorders of the newborn is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

**ANSWER:** neonatology

63. The study of the ears, nose, and throat is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

**ANSWER:** otorhinolaryngology

64. A/An \_\_\_\_\_ is the loss of a large amount of blood in a short time.

**ANSWER:** hemorrhage

65. The term \_\_\_\_\_ describes an examination technique using the examiner's hands.

**ANSWER:** palpation

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66. The term \_\_\_\_\_ describes any abnormal condition or disease caused by a fungus.

**ANSWER:** mycosis

67. Abnormal enlargement of the liver is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

**ANSWER:** hepatomegaly

68. The term \_\_\_\_\_ means above or outside the ribs.

**ANSWER:** supracostal

69. The term \_\_\_\_\_ means pain in the stomach.

**ANSWER:** gastralgia

70. Commonly known as polio, \_\_\_\_\_ is a viral infection of the gray matter of the spinal cord.

**ANSWER:** poliomyelitis

71. The term \_\_\_\_\_ describes an inflammation of the stomach and small intestine.

**ANSWER:** gastroenteritis

72. The rupture of a muscle is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

**ANSWER:** myorrhexis

73. The medical term for an inflammation of the tonsils is \_\_\_\_\_.

**ANSWER:** tonsillitis

74. The term \_\_\_\_\_ describes any pathologic change or disease in the spinal cord.

**ANSWER:** myelopathy

75. A/An \_\_\_\_\_ is the invasion of the body by a disease-producing organism.

**ANSWER:** infection

76. Which combining form means white?

- a. *cyan/o*
- b. *erythr/o*
- c. *leuk/o*
- d. *melan/o*

**ANSWER:** c

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77. Which prefix means between or among?

- a. *inter-*
- b. *intra-*
- c. *sub-*
- d. *supra-*

**ANSWER: a**

78. Which term describes the time and events surrounding birth?

- a. prenatal
- b. perinatal
- c. postnatal
- d. virile

**ANSWER: b**

79. In the term *otorhinolaryngology*, which word part means ear?

- a. *laryng/o*
- b. *-ology*
- c. *ot/o*
- d. *rhin/o*

**ANSWER: c**

80. Which word part means abnormal softening?

- a. *-megaly*
- b. *-malacia*
- c. *-stenosis*
- d. *-necrosis*

**ANSWER: b**

81. The medical term for surgical repair of a muscle is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. myorrhaphy
- b. neuroplasty
- c. myoplasty
- d. mucous

**ANSWER: c**



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82. The abnormal narrowing of an artery or arteries is known as \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. arteriostenosis  
b. arterionecrosis  
c. arteriomalacia  
d. arteriosclerosis

**ANSWER: a**

83. \_\_\_\_\_ means an organ or body part that is not working properly.  
a. Abnormal  
b. Eupnea  
c. Dysfunctional  
d. Exudate

**ANSWER: c**

84. This word part means plaque or fatty substance.  
a. *arteri/o*  
b. *ather/o*  
c. *arthr/o*  
d. *ab-*

**ANSWER: b**

85. This term means a surgical incision for the removal of a stone.  
a. colotomy  
b. lithotomy  
c. subcostal  
d. arthroscopy

**ANSWER: b**

86. Inflammation of the appendix is known as \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. pyelitis  
b. tonsillectomy  
c. appendicitis  
d. gastrodynia

**ANSWER: c**

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87. \_\_\_\_\_ is any condition of unusual deposits of black pigment in body tissues or organs

- a. Melanosis
- b. Leukocyte
- c. Ileum
- d. Ilium

**ANSWER: a**

88. A condition in which one or more body parts are not functioning normally.

- a. chronic
- b. differential diagnosis
- c. addiction
- d. disease

**ANSWER: d**

89. This term is an adjective that means pertaining to the heart.

- a. cranium
- b. cardiac
- c. otolaryngology
- d. mucus

**ANSWER: b**

90. A word part meaning large, abnormal size, or long.

- a. *micr/o*
- b. *megal/o*
- c. *macro-*
- d. *hyper-*

**ANSWER: c**

91. This word part means either bone marrow or spinal cord.

- a. *myel/o*
- b. *myc/o*
- c. *my/o*
- d. *poli/o*

**ANSWER: a**

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92. The word part \_\_\_\_\_ refers to the renal pelvis, which is part of the kidney.

- a. *py/o*
- b. *pyr/o*
- c. *pyel/o*
- d. *pre-*

**ANSWER: c**

93. The part of the term which contains the basic meaning of the term is the \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. combining form
- b. word root
- c. prefix
- d. suffix

**ANSWER: b**

94. The suffix \_\_\_\_\_ means the process of producing a picture or record.

- a. *-gram*
- b. *-graphy*
- c. *-scopy*
- d. *-ology*

**ANSWER: b**

95. A word part meaning a surgical puncture to remove fluid for diagnostic purposes.

- a. *-rrhagia*
- b. *olig/o*
- c. *-dynia*
- d. *-centesis*

**ANSWER: d**

96. A prefix meaning toward, or in the direction of.

- a. *ex-*
- b. *ad-*
- c. *in-*
- d. *post-*

**ANSWER: b**

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97. This word part means right side.

- a. *dextr/o*
- b. *sinistr/o*
- c. *eu-*
- d. *-ologist*

**ANSWER: a**

98. Which combining form means nerve?

- a. *gastr/o*
- b. *hepat/o*
- c. *arthr/o*
- d. *neur/o*

**ANSWER: d**

99. The resulting film created by angiography is known as a/an \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. lithotomy
- b. angiogram
- c. appendicitis
- d. diagnosis

**ANSWER: b**