

Suffixes

Suffixes	Meaning
-al	Pertaining to
-asthenia	weakness
--capnia	Pertaining to CO ₂
-centesis	Aspirate fluid
-ectomy	Excision or surgical removal
-emia	Blood condition
-genesis	Origin, cause
-itis	inflammation
-megaly	enlargement
--ologist	One who studies, specialist
--ology	Study of
--oma	Tumor, swelling
--opsy	To view
--orrhaphy	Suture, repair
--orrhoea	Flow, excessive discharge
-ostomy	Creation of an artificial opening
--otomy	Cut into or incision
--paresis	Weakness
-pathy	disease
--penia	Reduction in number
-pepsia	digestion
-phobia	fear
-poesis	formation
-plasty	Surgical repair of
--pnea	breathing
-ptosis	Droop, sag
-sclerosis	hardening
--stenosis	narrowing
-thorax	chest

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