

MEDICAL SUFFIXES

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Suffixes of measurement AND examination

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- TERM: -GRAM
- MEANING: writing, record
- EXAMPLE: an electromyogram (EMG) is a graphic representation of the electric currents associated with muscular action.
- [G. *gramma*, character, mark]

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- TERM: -GRAPH
- MEANING: Instrument for recording.
- EXAMPLE: the electromyograph is an instrument for recording electrical currents generated in an active muscle.
- [G. *graphō*, to write]

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- TERM: -GRAPHY
- MEANING: process of recording; y at the end of a word indicates the action of the verb.
- EXAMPLE: Electromyography is the recording of electrical activity generated in muscle for diagnostic purposes.

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- TERM: -METER
- MEANING: measure, instrument to measure.
- EXAMPLE: The spirometer measures air volume by using a cylindrical bell immersed in water.

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- TERM: -METRY
- MEANING: act of measuring, to measure.
- EXAMPLE: Spirometry is an important evaluation for monitoring the air volume available to those with lung disease.
- [L. *spiro*, to breathe + Fr. *metre*; G. *metron*, measure]

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- TERM: -SCOPE
- MEANING: instrument to view or examine.
- EXAMPLE: A camera was attached to the endoscope in order to get a detailed image of the intestine.
- [G. *endon*, within+ G. *skopeō*, to examine]

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- TERM: -SCOPY
- MEANING: visual examination
- EXAMPLE: The endoscopy revealed a cyst [sist] on the small intestine.

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- TERM: -TOME
- MEANING: instrument to cut.
- EXAMPLE: An osteotome is an instrument for use in cutting bone.
- [G. *osteon-* bone + G. *tomé*, incision]

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- TERM: -TOMY
- MEANING: incision, section.
- EXAMPLE: In a linear osteotomy, the bone is cut in a lengthwise manner.