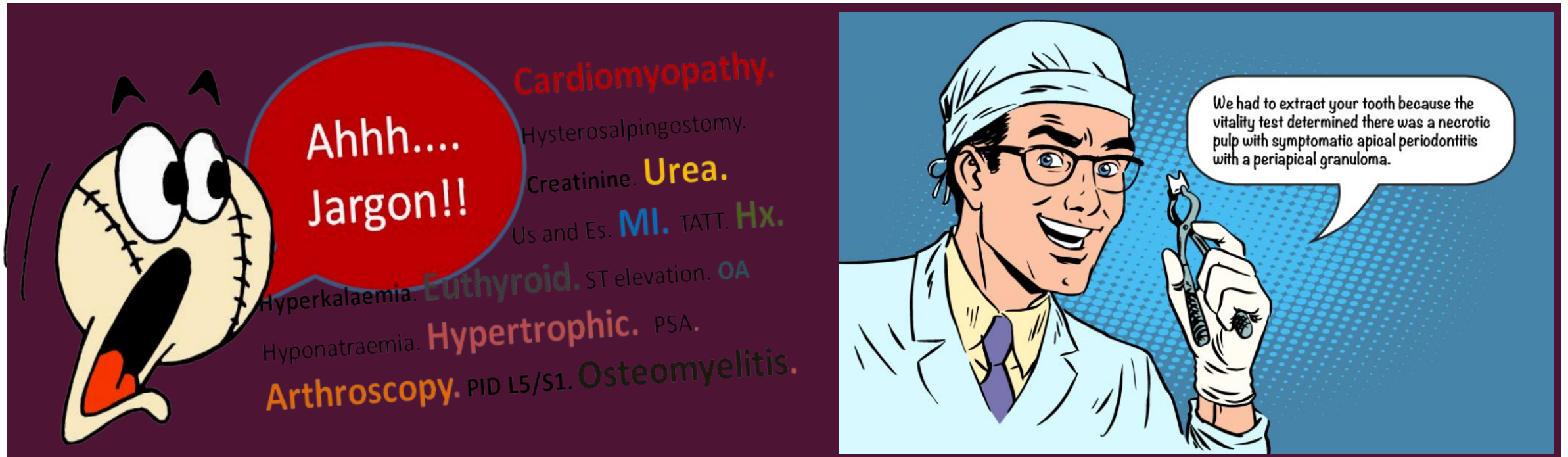


# MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

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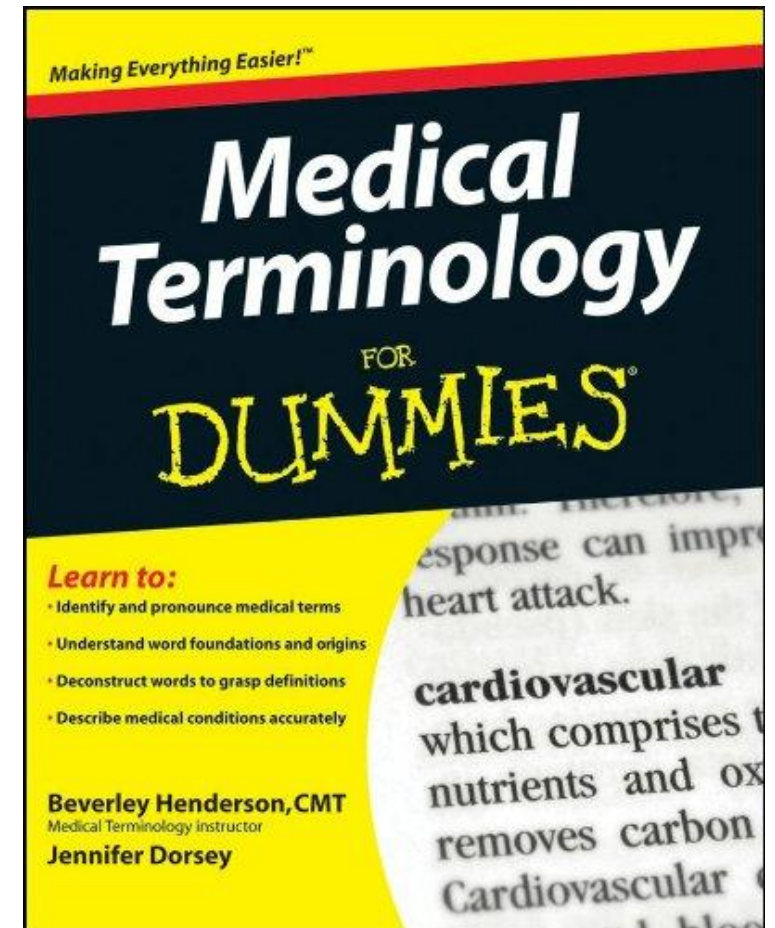


**Medical terminology is language used to precisely describe the human body including its components, processes, conditions affecting it, and procedures performed upon in. It is to be used in the field of medicine. Medical Terminology often uses words created using prefixes and suffixes in Latin and Ancient Greek.**

If you can familiarize yourself with some prefixes, suffixes, and roots, you'll be well on your way to mastering the official medical language of the body.

For example, here are a few of the most common prefixes that describe numbers:

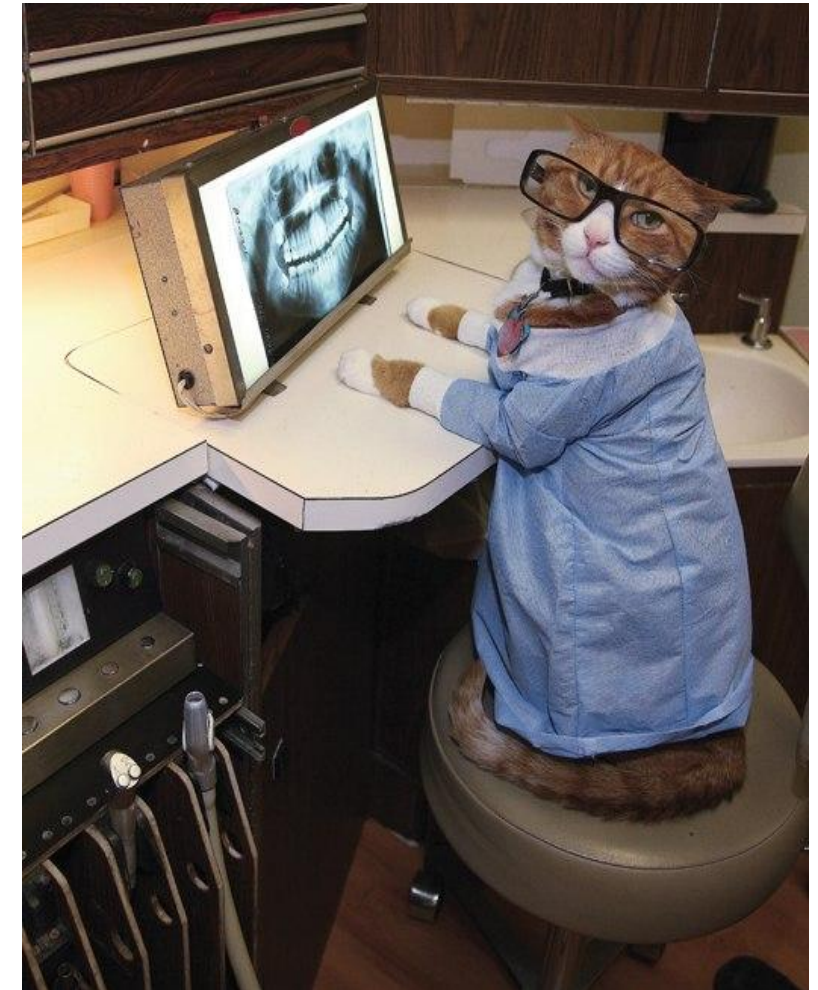
Prefix	Meaning	Example
Mono-, uni-	One	Unilateral
Bi-	Two	Bilateral
Tri-	Three	Triplicate





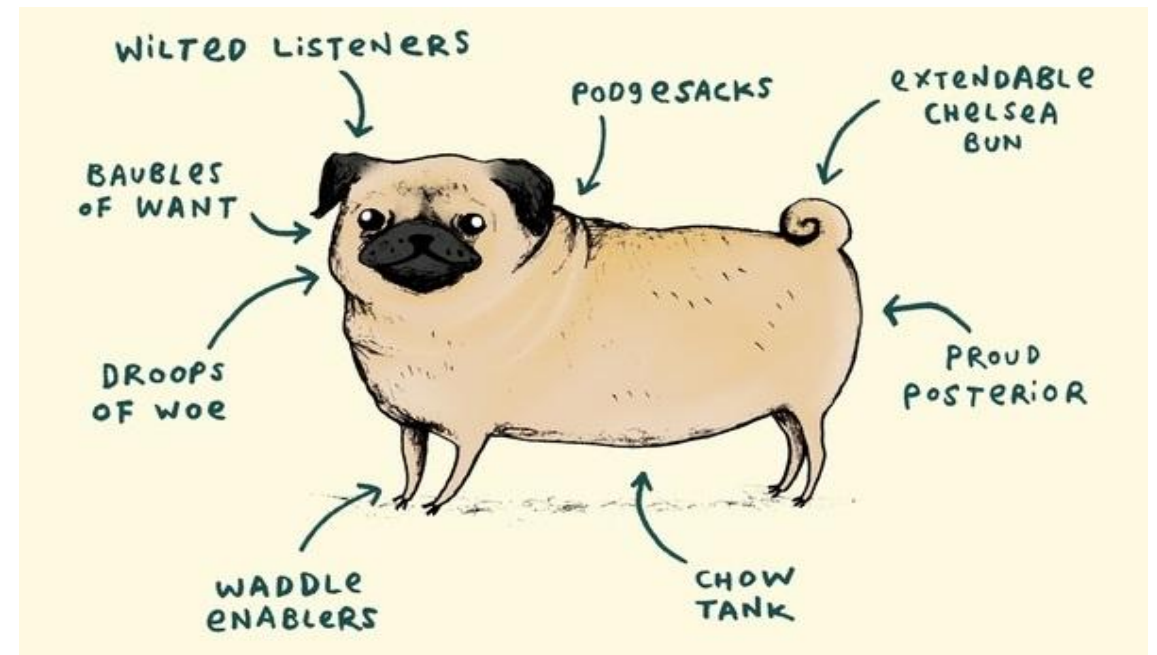
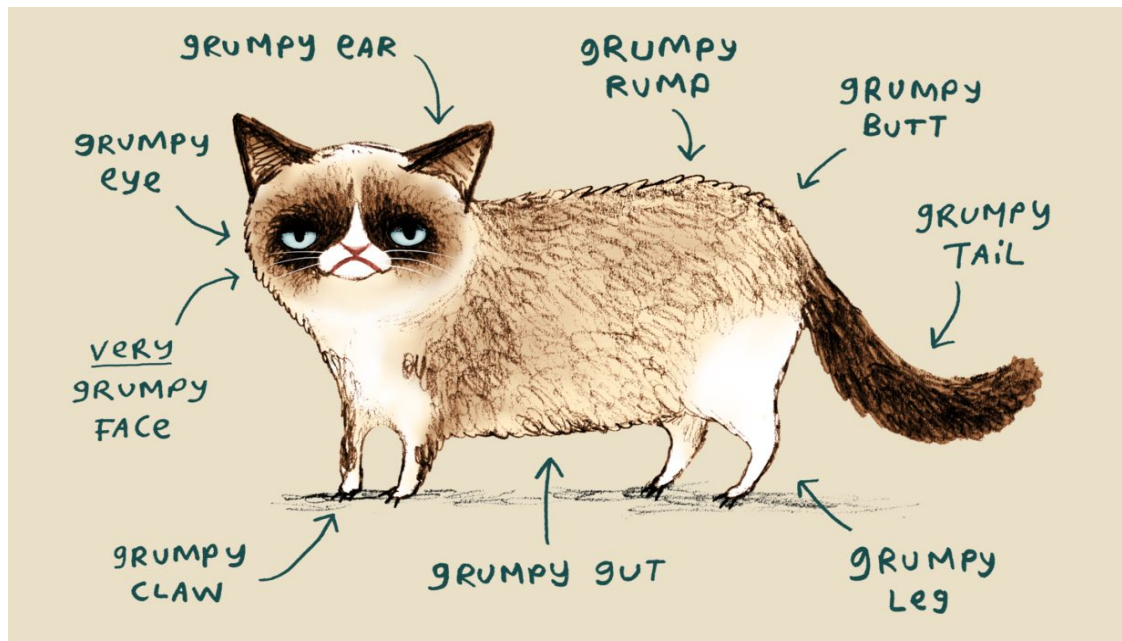
Or, you'll often encounter terms that describe where a procedure or condition takes place on the body:

Prefix	Meaning	Example
Ab-	Away from	Abduction
Ad-	Toward	Adduction
Ecto-, exo-	Outside	Ectoparasite
Endo-	Inside	Endoderm
Epi-	Upon	Epinenephrine



# BASIC ANATOMY TERMS

Abdominal - abdomen, Buccal - Cheek, Cranial - Skull, Digital - Fingers and toes, Femoral - Thigh, Gluteal - Buttock, Hallux - Great toe, Inguinal - Groin, Mammary - Breast, Nasal - Nose, Occipital - Back of head, Pectoral - Chest, Sternal - Breastbone, Thoracic - Chest.



Also, if you memorize the meanings of these suffixes, you'll know instantly what kind of procedure was performed, even if you don't know exactly what the procedure did.

Suffix	Meaning	Example
-centesis	Puncture a cavity to remove fluid	Amniocentesis
-ectomy	Surgical removal or excision	Hysterectomy
-ostomy	A new permanent opening	Tracheostomy
-otomy	Cutting into, incision	Gastrotoomy
-orrhaphy	Surgical repair or suture	Gastrorrhaphy
-opexy	Surgical fixation	Nephropexy
-oplasty	Surgical repair	Rhinoplasty
-otripsy	Crushing or destroying	Lithotripsy



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*We don't have a cure for it, but we do have a catchy name for it.*



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