

**Lesson 01: Introduction to Medical Language, Body Structure, and Oncology**  
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**MULTIPLE CHOICE**

1. The primary meaning of a term is conveyed by the
- suffix.
  - prefix.
  - word root.
  - combining vowel.

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 4                      OBJ: 1  
TOP: Medical Term Building

2. The word part attached to the beginning of a word is the
- prefix.
  - suffix.
  - combining vowel.
  - word root.

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 4                      OBJ: 1  
TOP: Medical Term Building

3. A suffix meaning pertaining to is
- al.
  - oid.
  - oma.
  - logy.

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 8 | 9                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Word Parts

4. The meaning of the suffix -genic is
- pertaining to.
  - one who studies and treats (specialist, physician).
  - study of.
  - producing, originating, causing.

ANS: D                      PTS: 1                      REF: 8 | 9                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Word Parts

5. The term meaning the study of cells is
- cytology.
  - histology.
  - pathology.
  - oncology.

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 16 | 17                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Medical Terms Built from Word Parts

6. The term meaning pertaining to the internal organs is
- histology.
  - visceral.
  - cytoid.
  - epithelial.

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 16 | 17                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Medical Terms Built from Word Parts

7. The combining form referring to the tissue that is the major covering of the external surface of the body is
- hist/o.
  - epitheli/o.
  - sarc/o.
  - neur/o.

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 8 | 9                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Word Parts

8. The combining form that refers to the basic unit of all living things is
- cyt/o.
  - onc/o.
  - viscer/o.
  - hist/o.

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 8 | 9                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Word Parts

9. A combining form meaning tumor is
- cyt/o.
  - path/o.
  - onc/o.
  - sarc/o.

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 8 | 9                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Word Parts

10. The combining form carcin/o means
- disease.
  - tumor.
  - cancer.
  - flesh.

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 8 | 9                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Word Parts

11. The suffix -stasis means
- out of control.
  - tumor.
  - cancer.
  - control, stop.

ANS: D                    PTS: 1                    REF: 8 | 9                    OBJ: 2  
TOP: Word Parts

12. The term meaning physician who studies diseases is
- pathogenic.
  - pathologist.
  - oncology.
  - oncologist.

ANS: B                    PTS: 1                    REF: 16 | 17                    OBJ: 2  
TOP: Medical Terms Built from Word Parts

13. The term meaning resembling fat is
- lipoid.
  - lipoma.
  - visceral.
  - cytoid.

ANS: A                    PTS: 1                    REF: 16 | 17                    OBJ: 2  
TOP: Medical Terms Built from Word Parts

14. Oncology is the study of
- tumors.
  - cells.
  - disease.
  - tissues.

ANS: A                    PTS: 1                    REF: 16 | 17                    OBJ: 2  
TOP: Medical Terms Built from Word Parts

15. The medical term used to indicate the transfer of disease beyond the tissue or organ of origin is
- carcinoma.
  - visceral.
  - sarcoma.
  - metastasis.

ANS: D                    PTS: 1                    REF: 16 | 17                    OBJ: 2  
TOP: Medical Terms Built from Word Parts

16. The medical term used to indicate substances thought to produce cancer is
- carcinogenic.
  - cancerous.
  - cytogenic.
  - neoplasm.

ANS: A                    PTS: 1                    REF: 16 | 17                    OBJ: 2  
TOP: Medical Terms Built from Word Parts

17. A tumor composed of nerve tissue is called
- epithelioma.

- b. myoma.
- c. sarcoma.
- d. neuroma.

ANS: D                      PTS: 1                      REF: 16 | 17                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Medical Terms Built from Word Parts

18. Radiation therapy is abbreviated as

- a. XRT.
- b. Dx.
- c. Px.
- d. chemo.

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 21                      OBJ: 4  
TOP: Abbreviations

19. The combining form referring to the cells that have the ability to produce movement is

- a. neur/o.
- b. plasm/o.
- c. lip/o.
- d. my/o.

ANS: D                      PTS: 1                      REF: 8 | 9                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Word Parts

20. The combining form that refers to the body system that contains the brain, spinal cord, and nerves is

- a. my/o.
- b. cyt/o.
- c. neur/o.
- d. hist/o.

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 8 | 9                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Word Parts

21. The abbreviation for diagnosis is

- a. Px.
- b. Dx.
- c. CA.
- d. mets.

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 21                      OBJ: 4  
TOP: Abbreviations

22. The term meaning lessening signs of a disease is

- a. prognosis.
- b. malignant.
- c. remission.
- d. benign.

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 18                      OBJ: 3  
TOP: Medical Terms Not Built from Word Parts

23. The term meaning the identification of a disease is
- prognosis.
  - diagnosis.
  - chemotherapy.
  - remission.

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 18                      OBJ: 3  
TOP: Medical Terms Not Built from Word Parts

24. The term meaning treatment of cancer using pharmaceuticals is
- prognosis.
  - diagnosis.
  - chemotherapy.
  - remission.

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 18                      OBJ: 3  
TOP: Medical Terms Not Built from Word Parts

25. Mets is the abbreviation for
- metastasis.
  - malignant.
  - myoma.
  - carcinoma.

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 21                      OBJ: 4  
TOP: Abbreviations

26. The term meaning not malignant or nonrecurring is
- diagnosis.
  - prognosis.
  - benign.
  - remission.

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 18                      OBJ: 3  
TOP: Medical Terms Not Built from Word Parts

27. The suffix -plasm means
- a growth.
  - plasma.
  - new.
  - blood.

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 8 | 9                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Word Parts

28. Which of the following is *not* a type of tumor?
- Sarcoma
  - Myoma
  - Carcinoma
  - Lipoid

ANS: D                    PTS: 1                    REF: 16 | 17                    OBJ: 2  
TOP: Medical Terms Built from Word Parts

29. The term meaning producing disease is
- pathogenic.
  - pathology.
  - carcinogenic.
  - oncology.

ANS: A                    PTS: 1                    REF: 16 | 17                    OBJ: 2  
TOP: Medical Terms Built from Word Parts

30. A medical term composed of the first letters of several words that can be pronounced as a whole word is called a(n)
- eponym.
  - acronym.
  - medical term built from Greek and Latin word parts.
  - None of the above

ANS: B                    PTS: 1                    REF: 1 | 2                    OBJ: 1  
TOP: Origins of Medical Language

31. Parkinson disease is an example of what type of medical term?
- Eponym
  - Acronym
  - Medical term built from Greek and Latin word parts
  - Modern or technologic language

ANS: A                    PTS: 1                    REF: 1 | 2                    OBJ: 1  
TOP: Origins of Medical Language

32. The combining form meaning fat is
- path/o.
  - sarc/o.
  - carcin/o.
  - lip/o.

ANS: D                    PTS: 1                    REF: 8 | 9                    OBJ: 2  
TOP: Word Parts

33. The combining form viscer/o means
- cancer.
  - tissue.
  - flesh.
  - internal organs.

ANS: D                    PTS: 1                    REF: 8 | 9                    OBJ: 2  
TOP: Word Parts

34. In the medical term pathology, the combining form means
- cell.

- b. epithelium.
- c. disease.
- d. tumor.

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 8 | 9                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Word Parts

35. The combining form my/o means

- a. nerve.
- b. muscle.
- c. fat.
- d. cell.

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 8 | 9                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Word Parts

36. In the medical term lipoid, the suffix means

- a. resembling.
- b. fat.
- c. pertaining to.
- d. tumor.

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 8 | 9                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Word Parts

37. In the medical term pathology, the suffix means

- a. resembling.
- b. study of.
- c. pertaining to.
- d. disease.

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 8 | 9                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Word Parts

38. The term meaning resembling a cell is

- a. lipoid.
- b. cytoid.
- c. lipoma.
- d. epithelioma.

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 16 | 17                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Medical Terms Built from Word Parts

39. The term meaning study of disease is

- a. cytology.
- b. pathology.
- c. oncology.
- d. pathogenic.

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 16 | 17                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Medical Terms Built from Word Parts

40. The term meaning pertaining to the epithelium is

- a. epithelial.
- b. visceral.
- c. epithelioma.
- d. histology.

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 16 | 17                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Medical Terms Built from Word Parts

41. The term meaning tumor composed of muscle tissue is

- a. myoma.
- b. sarcoma.
- c. neuroma.
- d. lipoma.

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 16 | 17                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Medical Terms Built from Word Parts

42. Sarcoma means a tumor of

- a. fat.
- b. connective tissue.
- c. muscle.
- d. nerve.

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 16 | 17                      OBJ: 2  
TOP: Medical Terms Built from Word Parts

43. The medical term referring to the possible outcome of a disease is

- a. benign.
- b. inflammation.
- c. prognosis.
- d. remission.

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 18                      OBJ: 3  
TOP: Medical Terms Not Built from Word Parts

44. The term indicating a localized protective response to injury or tissue destruction characterized by redness, swelling, heat, and pain is

- a. benign.
- b. inflammation.
- c. prognosis.
- d. remission.

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 18                      OBJ: 3  
TOP: Medical Terms Not Built from Word Parts

45. The abbreviation for the term meaning possible outcome of a disease is

- a. chemo.
- b. CA.
- c. Px.
- d. Dx.



## MATCHING

*Match each item with the correct description below.*

- a. Disease or disorder
- b. Treatment
- c. Specialty or field of study
- d. Profession or physician
- e. Body system
- f. Organ

1. Pathologist
2. Histology
3. Chemotherapy
4. Oncologist
5. Neoplasm
6. Sarcoma

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| 1. ANS: D              | PTS: 1 | REF: 22   24 | OBJ: 5 |
| TOP: Clinical Category |        |              |        |
| 2. ANS: C              | PTS: 1 | REF: 22   24 | OBJ: 5 |
| TOP: Clinical Category |        |              |        |
| 3. ANS: B              | PTS: 1 | REF: 22   24 | OBJ: 5 |
| TOP: Clinical Category |        |              |        |
| 4. ANS: D              | PTS: 1 | REF: 22   24 | OBJ: 5 |
| TOP: Clinical Category |        |              |        |
| 5. ANS: A              | PTS: 1 | REF: 22   24 | OBJ: 5 |
| TOP: Clinical Category |        |              |        |
| 6. ANS: A              | PTS: 1 | REF: 22   24 | OBJ: 5 |
| TOP: Clinical Category |        |              |        |