

Chapter 02: Suffixes and Combining Forms Made Easy

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MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. Suture of a blood vessel is called:

- a. angiectomy
- b. angioplasty
- c. angiorrhaphy
- d. angiotomy

ANS: C

REF: p. 29

TOP: Surgical Suffixes

2. Surgical puncture of the thin membrane that surrounds the fetus is called:

- a. adenectomy
- b. amniocentesis
- c. angiorrhhexis
- d. glycolysis

ANS: B

REF: p. 29

TOP: Surgical Suffixes

3. Pain along the course of a nerve is called:

- a. neuralgia
- b. neurocele
- c. neuroplasty
- d. neurosis

ANS: A

REF: p. 36

TOP: Symptoms and Diagnostic Suffixes

4. Protrusion of all or part of an organ through the wall of a cavity that contains it is called:

- a. a hernia
- b. dilatation
- c. edema
- d. emesis

ANS: A

REF: p. 36

TOP: Symptoms and Diagnostic Suffixes

5. A term that means stretching of a structure is:

- a. dilatation
- b. ptosis
- c. prolapse
- d. spasm

ANS: A

REF: p. 36

TOP: Symptoms and Diagnostic Suffixes

6. The presence of abnormally large amounts of fluid in the tissues that results in swelling is called:

- a. dilatation
- b. edema
- c. emesis
- d. ptosis

ANS: B

REF: p. 36

TOP: Symptoms and Diagnostic Suffixes

7. Excessive preoccupation with fire is termed:
- hydrophobia
 - kleptomania
 - paranoia
 - pyromania

ANS: D

REF: p. 44

TOP: Symptoms and Diagnostic Suffixes

8. Carcinoma is:
- an abnormal fear of something
 - another term for cancer
 - any disease of a body structure
 - excessive preoccupation with illness

ANS: B

REF: p. 37

TOP: Symptoms and Diagnostic Suffixes

9. *Prolapse* means:
- cramping
 - discharge
 - sagging
 - rupture

ANS: C

REF: p. 37

TOP: Symptoms and Diagnostic Suffixes

10. A word that is also a suffix that means *stopping or controlling* is:
- edema
 - mania
 - ptosis
 - stasis

ANS: D

REF: p. 37

TOP: Symptoms and Diagnostic Suffixes

11. Surgical repair of the eye is:
- ophthalmalgia
 - ophthalmological
 - ophthalmoplasty
 - ophthalmorrhagia

ANS: C

REF: p. 34

TOP: Surgical Suffixes

12. A surgical procedure to increase the size of the breasts is:
- augmentation mammoplasty
 - mammography
 - mastitis
 - reduction mammoplasty

ANS: A

REF: p. 33

TOP: Combining Forms for Body Structures

13. Partial or total excision of a nerve is called:
- neurectomy

- b. neurology
- c. neuroplasty
- d. neurosis

ANS: A

REF: p. 32

TOP: Surgical Suffixes

14. A surgical procedure in which the colon is sutured to the abdominal wall is:
- a. colonoscopy
 - b. colopexy
 - c. coloscopy
 - d. colostomy

ANS: B

REF: pp. 32, 33

TOP: Surgical Suffixes

15. A term that means *vomiting* is:
- a. amnion
 - b. emesis
 - c. endocrine
 - d. forensic

ANS: B

REF: p. 36

TOP: Symptoms and Diagnostic Suffixes

16. The branch of medicine concerned with the administration of drugs or agents that produce loss of feeling is:
- a. anesthesiologist
 - b. anesthesiology
 - c. immunologist
 - d. immunology

ANS: B

REF: p. 26

TOP: Specialists and Specialties

17. The physician who specializes in intestinal and gastric disorders is a:
- a. gastroenterologist
 - b. gastroenterology
 - c. gerontologist
 - d. gerontology

ANS: A

REF: p. 24

TOP: Specialists and Specialties

18. The medical specialty that is devoted to treating diseases of the female reproductive organs, including the breasts, is:
- a. gerontology
 - b. gynecology
 - c. pathology
 - d. urology

ANS: B

REF: p. 24

TOP: Specialists and Specialties

19. A term that means *uniting a wound by stitches* is:
- a. excision
 - b. incision
 - c. surgical puncture
 - d. suture

ANS: D REF: pp. 29, 33 TOP: Surgical Suffixes

20. A term that means the *opposite of malignant* is:

- a. benign
- b. cancerous
- c. obstetric
- d. ptosis

ANS: A REF: p. 23 TOP: Symptoms and Diagnostic Terms

21. Inflammation of the eye is called:

- a. ophthalmalgia
- b. ophthalmitis
- c. ophthalmopathy
- d. ophthalmorrhexis

ANS: B REF: p. 39 TOP: Symptoms and Diagnostic Suffixes

22. Herniation of the brain through an opening in the skull is called:

- a. craniectomy
- b. craniotomy
- c. encephalocele
- d. encephalopathy

ANS: C REF: p. 36 TOP: Symptoms and Diagnostic Suffixes

23. The term *cardiologist* means:

- a. a heart specialist
- b. any disease of the heart
- c. inflammation of the heart muscle
- d. study of the heart and its associated diseases

ANS: A REF: p. 20 TOP: Specialists and Specialties

24. Rupture of the eyeball is termed:

- a. ophthalmocentesis
- b. ophthalmorrhexis
- c. otorrhexis
- d. otorrhea

ANS: B REF: p. 39 TOP: Symptoms and Diagnostic Suffixes

25. Cramping of the hand is:

- a. chirosis
- b. cholestasis
- c. chirosplasm
- d. colostomy

ANS: C REF: pp. 31, 40 TOP: Symptoms and Diagnostic Suffixes

26. Which of the following terms means *dilation of a blood or lymph vessel*?

- a. angioplasty

- b. vasotomy
- c. vascular
- d. angiectasis

ANS: D REF: pp. 36, 40 TOP: Symptoms and Diagnostic Suffixes

27. Any skin condition in which inflammation is not generally a symptom is termed:
- a. cutaneous
 - b. dermatitis
 - c. dermatopathy
 - d. dermatosis

ANS: D REF: p. 40 TOP: Symptoms and Diagnostic Suffixes

28. Controlling the flow of blood in a vein by means of compression is called:
- a. angiectasia
 - b. phlebostasis
 - c. vasoplasty
 - d. venosis

ANS: B REF: p. 40 TOP: Symptoms and Diagnostic Suffixes

29. Calcipenia means:
- a. abnormal fear of taking calcium
 - b. deficiency of calcium in the body
 - c. excessive preoccupation with taking calcium
 - d. loss of calcium owing to excessive vomiting

ANS: B REF: p. 37 TOP: Symptoms and Diagnostic Suffixes

30. Lithiasis is:
- a. a condition in which a stone is present
 - b. a membrane or sac enclosing a stone
 - c. an unexpected symptom for a particular disease
 - d. the presence of disease

ANS: A REF: p. 40 TOP: Symptoms and Diagnostic Suffixes

31. The medical specialty that studies the nature and cause of disease is:
- a. cardiology
 - b. dermatology
 - c. pathology
 - d. urology

ANS: C REF: pp. 25, 40 TOP: Specialists and Specialties

32. A term that means *pertaining to the ear* is:
- a. dermatologic
 - b. neural
 - c. ophthalmic
 - d. otic

ANS: D REF: p. 24 TOP: Miscellaneous Suffixes and Combining Forms