

Appendix C

Latin/Greek Roots

- a-** Negative prefix. *ametria* L.
- ab-** away from. *abducent* L.
- acou-** hear. *acouesthesia* G.
- acr-** extremity, *acromegaly* G.
- actin-** radius, *actinogenesis* G.
- ad-** to, *adrenal* L.
- aden-** gland, *adenoma* G.
- alb-** white, *albocinereous* L.
- alg-** pain, *neuralgia* G.
- alve-** channel, cavity, *alveolar* L.
- amphi-** both, doubly, *amphicelous* G.
- andr-** man, *gynandroid* G.
- angi-** vessel G.
- ankyl-** crooked, looped, *ankyrodactylia* G.
- ant-** anti, *antophthalmic* G.
- ante-** before, *anteflexion* L.
- anti-** against, counter, *antipyogenic* G.
- apo-** away from, *apophysis* G.
- arch-** beginning, origin, *archenteron* G.
- arthr-** joint, articulation, *synarthrosis* G.
- aur-** ear, *aurinasal* L.
- bacill-** small staff, rod, *actinobacillosis* L.
- bacter-** small staff rod, *bacterophage* G.
- blast-** bud, child, a growing thing in its early stages, *zygotoblast* G.
- brachi-** arm, *brachiocephalic* G.
- bronch-** windpipe, *bronchoscopy* G.
- bucc-** cheek, *distobuccal* L.
- cac-** bad, abnormal, *malcacodontia* G.
- calc-** stone or heel, *calcipexy*, or *calcaneotibial* L.
- calor-** heat, *calorimeter* L.
- capit-** head, cephal-, *decapitator* L.
- carbo-** coal, *carbohydrate* L.
- cardi-** heart, *lipocardiac* G.
- cata-** down, negative, *catabatic* G.
- caud-** tail, *caudad* L.
- cen-** common, *cenesthesia* G.
- cent-** hundred, *centimeter* L.
- cephal-** head, *cephalitis* G.
- cervic-** neck, *cervicitis* L.
- chlor-** green, *achloropsia* G.
- chondr-** cartilage, *chondromalacia* G.
- chori-** protective fetal membrane, *endochorion* G.

chro- color, *polychromatic* G.
chron- time, *synchronous* G.
circum- around, *circumferential* L.
clus- shut, *malocclusion* L.
contra- against, *contradiction* L.
cor- pupil, *isocoria* G.
corpor- body, *intacorporal* L.
cost- rib, *intercostal* L.
crani- skull, *pericranium* G.
crin- distinguish, separate off, *endocrinology* G.
cry- cold, *cryesthesia* G.
crypt- hide, conceal, *cryptorchism* G.
cut- skin, *subcutaneous* L.
cyt- cell, *plasmocytoma* G.
dent- tooth, *odontinterdental* L.
derm- skin, *dermatitis* G.
digit- finger, *digitigrade* L.
dors- back, *ventrodorsal* L.
dur- hard, *induration* L.
dys- bad, improper *dystrophic* G.
ede- swell, *edematous* G.
em- blood, *anemia* G.
erg- work, dead, *energy* G.
exo- outside, *exopathic* G.
fasci- back, *fasciorrhaphy* L.
ferent- bear, carry, *efferent* L.
ferr- iron, *ferroprotein* L.
fibr- fibre, *chondrofibroma* L.
fil- thread, *filiform* L.
flagell- whip, *flagellation* L.
flu- flow, *fluid* L.
form- shape, *ossiform* L.
fract- break, *refractive* L.
fug- flee, avoid, *centrifugal* L.
funct- perform, serve, *function* L.
fund- pour, *infundibulum* L.
galact- milk, *dysgalactia* G.
gam- marriage, reproductive, union, *agamount* G.
gangli- swelling, plexus, *neuroganglitis* G.
gastr- stomach, *cholangiogastrostomy* G.
gelat- freeze, congeal, *gelatin* L.
gen- become, be produced, originate, *cytogenic* G.
gland- acorn, *intraglandular* L.
gloss- tongue, *trichoglossia* G.
glott- language, *glottic* G.

glutin- glue, *agglutination* L.
glyc- sweet, *glycerrhizin* G.
gno- know, discern, *diagnosis* G.
grad- walk, take steps, *retrograde* L.
gram- scratch, write, record, *cardiogram* G.
gran- grain, particle, *lipogranuloma* L.
graph- scratch, write, record, *histography* G.
grav- heavy, *multigravida* L.
gyn- woman, wife, *gynecologic* G.
gyr- ring, circle, *gyrospasm* G.
helic- sore, ulcer, *helcosis* G.
hem- blood, *hematocyturia* G.
hemi- half, *hemiageusia* G.
hen- one, *henogenesis* G.
hepat- liver, *gastrohepatic* G.
hered- heir, *heredoimmunity* L.
hist- web, tissue, *histodialysis* G.
hom- common, same, *homomorphic* G.
hydat- water, *hydatism* G.
hydr- water, *achlorhydria* G.
hyper- above, *hypertrophy* G.
hypn- sleep, *hypnotic* G.
hypo- under, below, *hypometabolism* G.
hyster- womb, *colopohysteropexy* G.
iatr- physician, *pediatrics* G.
ili- lower abdomen, *iliosacral* L.
in- negative prefix, *invalid* L.
infra- beneath, *infraorbital* L.
insul- island, *insulin* L.
inter- among, between, *intercarpal* L.
intra- inside, *intravenous* L.
irid- rainbow, colored, circle, *keratoiridocyclitis* G.
is- equal, *isotope* G.
jact- throw, *jactation* L.
ject- throw, *injection* L.
jejun- hungry, not partaking of food, *gastrojejunostomy* L.
jug- yoke, *conjugation* L.
junct- yoke, join, *conjunctiva* L.
kary- nut, kernel, nucleus, *megakaryocyte* G.
kil- one thousand, *kilogram* G.
kine- move, *kinematograph* G.
labi- lip, *labial* L.
lact- milk, *glucolactone* L.
lal- talk, babble, *glossolalia* G.
lapar- flank, *laparotomy* G.

laryng- windpipe, *laryngendoscope* G.
lat- bear, carry translation L.
later- side, *ventrolateral* L.
leuk- white, *leukorrhea* G.
lig- tie, bind, *ligate* L.
lingu- tongue, *sublingual* L.
lip- fat, *glycolipin* G.
lith- stone, *nephrolithotomy* G.
loc- place, *locomotion* L.
log- speak, *logorrhea* G.
lymph- water, *lymphadenosis* L.
macr- long, large, *macromyeloblast* G.
mamm- breast, *submammary* L.
man- hand, *maniphalanx* L.
mast- breast, *hypermastia* G.
medi- middle, *medifrontal* L.
mega- great, large, *megadyne* G.
melan- black, *hippomelanin* G.
men- month, *dysmenorrhea* G.
mening- membrane, *encephalomeningitis* G.
meta- after, beyond, *metacarpal* G.
metr- measure or womb, *sterometry* or *endometritis* G.
micr- small, *photomicrograph* G.
mill- one thousand, *milligram* L.
mittent- send, *intermittent* L.
mon- only, sole, *monoplegia* G.
morph- form, shape, *polymorphonuclear* G.
my- muscle, *inoleiomyoma* G.
myel- marrow, *poliomyelitis* G.
ne- new, young, *neocyte* G.
necr- corpse, *necrocytosis* G.
nephr- kidney, *paranephric* G.
neur- nerve, *esthesioneure* G.
nos- disease, *nosology* G.
ob- against, toward, *obtuse* L.
ocul- eye, *oculomotor* L.
odont- tooth, *ortodontia* G.
olig- few, small, *oligospemia* G.
or- mouth, *infraoral* L.
orb- circle, *suborbital* L.
orth- straight, right, normal, *orthopedics* G.
oss- bone, *ossiphone* L.
ost- bone, *enostosis* G.
ot- ear, *parotid* G.
ov- egg, *synovia* L.

para- beside, beyond, *paramastoid* G.
ped- child, *orthopedic* G.
peps- digest, *bradypepsia* G.
pept- digest, *dyspeptic* G.
per- through, *pernasal* L.
peri- around, *periphery* G.
phag- eat, *lipophagic* G.
pharmac- drug, *pharmacognosy* G.
pharyng- throat, *glossopharyngeal* G.
phil- like, have affinity for, *eosinophilia* G.
phleb- vein, *periphlebitis* G.
phob- fear, dread, *claustrophobia* G.
phon- sound, *echophony* G.
phot- light, *photerythrous* G.
phren- mind, midriff, *metaphrenon* G.
phylac- guard, *prophylactic* G.
pil- hair, *epilation* L.
placent- cake, *extraplacental* L.
platy- broad, flat, *platyrrhine* G.
pleur- rib, side, *peripleural* G.
plic- fold, *plicaecirculares* L.
pneum- breath, air, *pneumodynamics* G.
pneumo- lung, *pneumocentesis* G.
pod- foot, *podiatry* G.
poly- much, many, *polyspermia* G.
pont- pons, bridge, L.
post- after, *postnatal* L.
pre- before, *prenatal* L.
proct- anus, *enteroproctia* G.
pseud- false, *pseudoparaphelegia* G.
psych- soul, mind, *psychosomatic* G.
pub- adult, *ischiopubic* L.
pulmo- lung, *pulmolith* L.
pyl- door, orifice, *pylephlebitis* G.
ren- kidneys, *adrenal* L.
retro- backwards, *retrodeviation* L.
rot- wheel, *rotator* L.
sanguin- blood, *sanguineous* L.
scler- hard, *sclerosis* G.
semi- half, *semiflexion* L.
sens- perceive, feel, *sensory* L.
ser- watery substance, *serosynovitis* L.
sit- food, *parasitic* G.
somat- body, *psychosomatic* G.
spas- draw, pull, *spasm*, G.

sperm- seed, *spermatozoon* G.
spher- ball, *hemisphere* G.
spirat- breathe, *inspiratory* L.
spor- seed, *zygospore* G.
staphyl- bunch of grapes, uvula, *staphylococcus*, *staphylectomy* G.
stear- fat, *stearoderma*, G.
stom- mouth, orifice, *stomatogastric*, G.
strep- twist, *streptomycin* G.
strict- draw tight, compress, cause pain, *constriction* L.
struct- pile up, *obstruction* L.
sub- under, below, *sublumbar* L.
super- above, beyond, extreme, *supermotility* L.
syn- with, together, *mysynizesis* G.
tact- touch, *contact* L.
teg- cover, *integument* L.
tel- end, *telosynapsis* G.
tele- at a distance, *teleceptor* G.
tempor- time, timely, or fatal spot, temple, *tempomalar* L.
tens- stretch, *extensor* L.
therap- treatment, *hydrotherapy* G.
therm- heat, *diathermy* G.
thorac- chest, *thoracoplasty* G.
thromb- lump, clot, *thrombopenia* G.
thym- spirit, *dysthymia* G.
thyr- shield, *thyroid* G.
toc- childbirth, *dystocia* G.
tom- cut, *appendectomy* G.
ton- stretch, put under tension, *peritoneum* G.
tors- twist, *extorsion* L.
tox- arrow, poison, *toxemia* G.
trache- windpipe, *tracheotomy* G.
trachel- neck, *tracheloplexy* G.
tract- draw, drag, *protraction* L.
traumat- wound, *traumatic* G.
trich- hair, *trichoid* G.
troph- nurture, *atrophy* G.
tuber- swelling, node, *tubercle* L.
typ- type, *atypical* G.
typhl- blind, *typhlectasis* G.
vacc- cow, *vaccine* L.
vagin- sheath, *invaginated* L.
vas- vessel, *vascular* L.
vert- turn, *diverticulum* L.
vit- life, *devitalize* L.
vuls- pull, twitch, *convulsion* L.

zo- life, microzoaria G.

zyg- yoke, union, zygodactyly G.

zym- ferment, enzyme G.

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