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Table 1-3 Forming Plurals of Nouns with Special Endings			
IF THE SINGULAR ENDING IS	THE PLURAL ENDING IS	EXAMPLES (SINGULAR)	PLURAL
is	es	diagnosis, prognosis, psychosis	diagnoses, prognoses, psychoses
(Some words ending in <i>is</i> form plurals by dropping the <i>is</i> and adding <i>ides</i> , as in <i>epididymis</i> and <i>epididymides</i> .)			
um	a	atrium, ileum, septum, bacterium	atria, ilea, septa, bacteria
us	i	alveolus, bacillus, bronchus	alveoli, bacilli, bronchi
(Some singular forms ending in <i>us</i> form plurals by dropping the <i>us</i> and adding either <i>era</i> or <i>ora</i> , as in <i>viscera</i> and <i>corpora</i> . Others form plurals by simply adding <i>es</i> , as in <i>viruses</i> .)			
a	ae	vertebra, patella, petechia	vertebrae, patellae, petechiae
ix	ices	appendix, varix, cervix	appendices, varices; cervices
(Through common use, appendixes and cervixes have become acceptable plural forms.)			
ex	ices	cortex	cortices
ax	aces	thorax	thoraces (Thoraxes is also acceptable.)
ma	s or mata	carcinoma, sarcoma	carcinomas or carcinomata, sarcomas or sarcomata
on	a	protozoon, spermatozoon	protozoa, spermatozoa
(Some singular forms ending in <i>on</i> form plurals by adding <i>s</i> , as in <i>chorion</i> and <i>chorions</i> .)			
nx	nges	phalanx, larynx	phalanges, larynges

Medical Terminology Lesson 1 Review Questions

Describe the role of each of the following word part:

1. combining form – the word root plus a vowel
2. prefix – placed before a word to modify its meaning
3. suffix – attached to the end of a word to modify its meaning
4. word root – accompanied by a prefix or a suffix or sometimes by both.

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Identify the word parts by using typing next to each word part either CF (for combining form),

P (for prefix), or S (for suffix)

1. bil/I – Combing Form (CF)
2. crani/o – Combining Form (CF)
3. –ectomy – Suffix (S)
4. gigant/o – Combining Form (CF)
5. –iatrics – Suffix (S)
6. intra- - Prefix (P)
7. multi- Prefix (P)
8. –oid – Suffix (S)
9. –plegia – Suffix (S)
10. sphere/o – Combining Form (CF)

Using the rules you have learned, combine the word parts to write terms.

1. hypo- + dermat/o + -ic - hypodermic
2. leuk/o + -emia - leukemia
3. melan/o + -oid - melanoid
4. my/o + cardi/o + -al - myocardial
5. thromb/o + -osis - thrombosis

Write the plurals of each term that is given

1. calculus calculi “us = i”
2. diagnosis diagnoses “is = es”
3. septum septa “um = a”
4. vertebra vertebrae “a = ae”
5. protozoon protozoa “on = a”