

CONCEPT: URINARY SYSTEM: WORD BUILDING

Urinary System Components, Functions and Pathology

- Combining forms + suffix used to form medical terms for urinary system.

Combining Form	Definition	Memory Tool
vesic/o	_____	vessel 
pyel/o	renal _____	Kidney Pilot Elf. 
azot/o	nitrogenous waste	No No risotto! 
contin/o	_____ - _____	Contain it! 
noct/o Recall: nyctal/o	night	noct/urnal 

Combining Form/Suffix	Definition	Memory Tool
olig/o	_____ in number	olig/archy 
spadias/o	_____, tear, slit	
idi/o	distinctive, unknown	ID 
-tripsy	_____	Trip to Italy. 

EXAMPLE

Fill in the blanks for the following:

- _____uria: reduced urine output.
- _____ : condition of nitrogenous waste build-up in the blood.

PRACTICE

Match each definition with the correct term.

1) Bacterial infection of kidney and renal pelvis.	
2) Frequent nighttime urination.	
3) Medical procedure to treat kidney stones by using high-energy sound to break them up.	

a) Pyelonephritis	d) Dysuria
b) Lithotripsy	e) Nephrolithiasis
c) Nephritis	f) Nocturia