## **CONCEPT: WORD ROOTS**

## **Memorizing Common Word Roots**

<b>Combining Form</b>	Definition	Memory Tool
append/o	appendix	
carcin/o	, cancerous	
cis/o		
dermat/o	skin	
encephal/o		Encyclopedia
enter/o	small intestine	Small Intestine
eti/o		
gastr/o	stomach	
gynec/o		
hemat/o		

<b>Combining Form</b>	Definition	Memory Tool
laryng/o	larynx	LARRY LARRY
macr/o	large	macro
mamm/o	breast	
nephr/o	kidney	
ophthalm/o		(0,0)
ot/o		
path/o	disease	
pulmo/o		130
rhin/o		

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EXAMPLE				
Which of the following terms means the study of the causes of disease or condition?				
a) Enterology				
b) Etiology				
c) Pathology				
d) Ophthalmology				
PRACTICE				
Define the following combining forms:				
1. Pulm/o	a) 1. kidney 2. surgical removal 3. eyes 4. lung			
2. Cis/o	b) 1. lungs 2. same 3. kidney 4. to cut			
3. Rhin/o	c) 1. kidney 2. small intestine 3. nose 4. blood			
4. Hemat/o	d) 1. lung 2. to cut 3. nose 4. blood			
PRACTICE				
Define encephalogram.				
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Define hypomammoplasty (-plasty = surgical reconstruction).				