

**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. angiorrhexis
  - 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

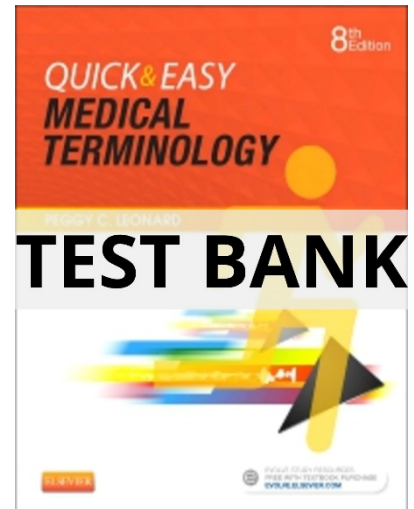
4. Protrusion of all or part of an organ through the wall of a cavity that contains it is called:
- a. a hernia
  - b. dilatation
  - c. edema
  - d. emesis

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:
- a. hydrophobia
  - b. kleptomania
  - c. paranoia
  - d. pyromania

ANS: D                      REF: p. 44                      TOP: Symptoms and Diagnostic Suffixes

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

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

9. *Prolapse* means:
- a. cramping
  - b. discharge
  - c. sagging
  - d. 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:
- a. edema
  - b. mania
  - c. ptosis
  - d. stasis

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

11. Surgical repair of the eye is:
- a. ophthalmalgia
  - b. ophthalmological
  - c. ophthalmoplasty
  - d. ophthalmorrhagia

ANS: C                      REF: p. 34                      TOP: Surgical Suffixes

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

ANS: A                      REF: p. 33                      TOP: Combining Forms for Body Structures

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

- a. 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. chirospasm
- 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

33. An enzyme that acts on lactose is:

- a. lactase
- b. lactic
- c. lactogen
- d. lactone

ANS: A                      REF: pp. 42, 43                      TOP: Miscellaneous Suffixes and Combining Forms

34. An enzyme that breaks down fat is:

- a. adipose
- b. amylase
- c. lipase
- d. lipid

ANS: C                      REF: p. 43                      TOP: Miscellaneous Suffixes and Combining Forms

35. Amylolysis is:

- a. an enzyme that breaks down fat
- b. an enzyme that breaks down starch
- c. digestion of starch
- d. excessive preoccupation with fats in the diet

ANS: C                      REF: p. 43                      TOP: Miscellaneous Suffixes and Combining Forms

36. A drug or agent that is capable of producing a complete or total loss of feeling is called an:

- a. anesthesia
- b. anesthetic
- c. anesthetist
- d. esthetic

ANS: B                      REF: p. 27                      TOP: Surgical Terms

37. A medical specialty that is particularly concerned with malignant tumors and their treatment is called:

- a. endocrinology
- b. oncology
- c. ophthalmologist
- d. pathology

ANS: B                      REF: p. 23                      TOP: Specialists and Specialties

38. Which of the following terms refers to an enzyme that breaks down protein?

- a. protease
- b. proteinous
- c. proteogenesis
- d. proteolysis

ANS: A                      REF: p. 43                      TOP: Miscellaneous Suffixes and Combining Forms

39. A term that means *excessive vomiting* is:

- a. edema
- b. hyperemesis
- c. hypoglycemia
- d. hysteria