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***Exam 1 will cover chapters 1-5

Introduction, prefixes, suffixes, and the human body: (chapters 1-4)

- Words in other languages are a combination of word parts – root and suffix/prefix. EX: *autobiography*. Auto= prefix meaning self, Bio= word meaning life, -graphy= suffix meaning act or process of recording.
- Some words or medical terms don't break down. EX: purple, brain, purple
- Combining form: a root word followed by a forward slash which is then followed by a vowel. (usually an "o")
 - Ex: cardi/o- : the extra vowel makes pronunciation simpler.
- Suffix: attached at the END of a medical term. It ends the combining form of the word to make it a noun or adjective.
 - EX: turning cardiac to cardiac. The suffix is -ac. Makes the word meaning "pertaining to the heart"
 - Ex: common suffixes -ectomy. Which means "surgical removal".
- Prefix: like a suffix, goes at the BEGINNING of the medical term.
 - Ex: intra- means "within, inside". Using the term with cardiac – intracardiac. This changes the meaning to "pertaining to within the heart"
 - EX: hemi- means half. Used even in English terms outside of medical terminology

A list of common suffixes/prefixes and meanings

- Brady- prefix meaning "slow"
- -ist suffix meaning "one who specializes in"
- peri- prefix meaning "around"



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