
Notes from the Health Sciences Library - March 24

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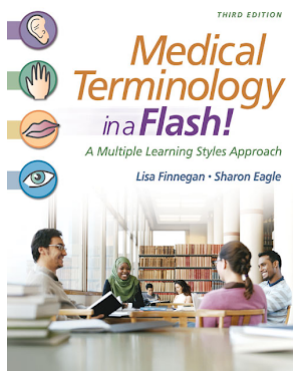
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Focus on Medical Terminology

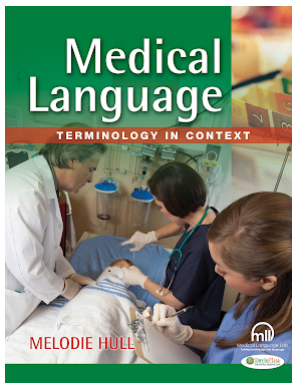
Librarian confessional: I read A LOT, and I like to think and talk about words and language. I love word games. I think browsing through the [OED](#) is fun. I am the nerdy kid who took four years of Latin in high school and read *The Odyssey* in that language. I have become an information-seeking expert, masterful at crafting lengthy and complex search formulas, made up of words and their connectors. So, it's not surprising how much I've been enjoying a more intentional dive into medical language and terminology recently.

I realize this is not everyone's perspective! Sure, you've memorized anatomical terms and disease etiology and epidemiology, and the like, but it's an understatement to say that as an allied health student and professional it is important to have a deep understanding of medical terminology - to listen, speak, read, write, and think critically in medical vernacular. Getting to the root of words, understanding the anatomy of word construction, being able to analyze and crack the code of unfamiliar medical terms, can go a long way to both understanding what terms mean, appropriately applying them, and effectively communicating with other health professionals and your patients. It can even be helpful in applying terms to literature research.

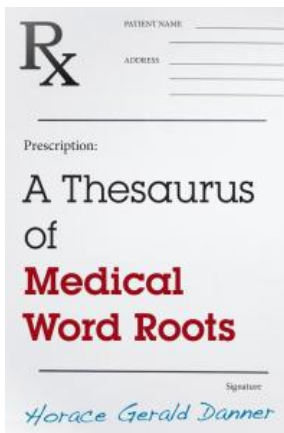
The resources below offer a variety of ways to learn and explore. So go ahead . . . delve into prefixes, suffixes, roots and have fun!



(ebook) [Medical Terminology in a Flash! A Multiple Learning Styles Approach](#)



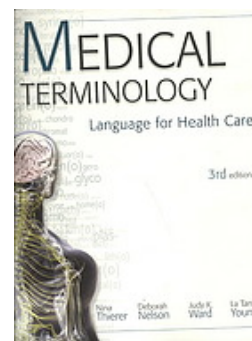
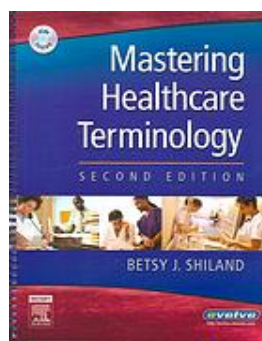
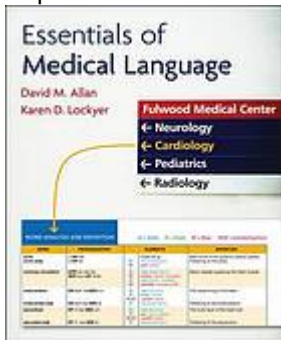
(ebook) [Medical Language: Terminology in Context](#)



(ebook) [A Thesaurus of Medical Word Roots](#)

Medical Terminology Books

A list of a couple dozen titles available in print for check out from the HSL book room. Come browse on the shelf or request to borrow.



Online Medical Terminology Course (free, asynchronous, offered by Des Moines University)

Detailed and in-depth modules covering basics as well as specifics in all the body systems. Click through at your own pace, or explore just a few modules. Includes hands-on exercises and quizzes.

JJ Medicine Lessons (YouTube videos)

A series of 24 videos that breaks it all down.

Medical Terminology Flashcard Trivia Game

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