

Chapter 5: Medical Terminology

Greek-Latin equivalents

Table 5.1: Greek-Latin Direction Equivalents

Body Part	Greek	Latin
front	anterior	ventral
back	dorsal	posterior
above	hyper-	supra- super-
below	hypo-	infra- sub-
inside within	endo-	intra-
middle between	meso-	inter-
outside apart	ecto-	extra-
together/joined	sym-	syn-

Table 5.2: Greek-Latin Anatomy Equivalents

Body Part	Greek	Latin
bone	osteo	oss-
blood	hem(at)/o	sangui(n)o
blood vessel	angin/o	vas/o
brain	encephal/o	cerebr/o
cancer	carcin/o	-oma
chest	thorac(o)	pector(o)
ear	ot/o	aur/o
egg	oo-	ov/o
eye	ophthalm/o	ocul/o
foot	pod(i)	ped/o
fat	ather/o	adip/o
hair	trich/o	capill/o
kidney	nephr/o	ren/o
lungs	pneumo(n)/o	pulmon/o
mind	psych-	ment-
nose	rhin/o	nas/o
rib	pleur(o)-	cost(o)-
skin	derm(at)/o	cutane/o
sleep	hypn-	dorm-
weak	asthen/o	-asthenia

Table 5.3: Greek-Latin Numerical Equivalents

Term	Greek	Latin
all	pan-	omni-
few	olig-	pauc-
many	poly-	multi-
half	hemi-	semi-
one (1)	uni-	mono-
two (2)	di- / du- / dy-	bi-
three (3)	tri-	
four (4)	quadr/o; quar	tetra-
five (5)	pent-	quint-
six (6)	hex-	sexti-
seven (7)	hept-	sept-
eight (8)		oct-
nine (9)	ennea-	nov-
ten (10)	deca- deka-	dece- deci-
hunded (100)	cent/i	