

Unit 6 Lesson 4 What's the Definition?

Use the prefixes, suffixes, and root word handouts to determine the meaning of the medical terms below. Write the definition.

1. Arthroplasty Arthr = joint / plasty = surgical repair
Definition: surgical repair of a joint
2. Endocarditis Endo = inner/ cardo = heart / it is = inflammation
Definition: inflammation of the inner part of the heart
3. Hypothermia Hypo = decreased / thermia = temperature
Definition: low body temperature
4. Cardiology Card = heart / ology = study of
Definition: study of the heart
5. Laryngoscope Laryng = larynx / scope = examination instrument
Definition: Instrument used to examine the larynx
6. Colonoscopy Colon = large intestine / scopy = examination using a scope
Definition: examination of the intestine using a scope
7. Tachycardia Tachy = rapid / cardia = heart
Definition: abnormally rapid heart rate
8. Hemorrhage Hemo = blood / rrhage = excessive flow
Definition: loss of a large amount of blood in a short time
9. Dysphagia dys = difficult / phagia = swallowing
Definition: difficulty swallowing and eating
10. Nephritis Nephr = kidney / it is = inflammation
Definition: inflammation of the kidneys