

## 2 Suffixes and Combining Forms Made Easy

### A. Recognizing Combining Forms

Write the combining form used in these medical terms.

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|-----------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| 1. rheumatism   | _____ | 6. cardiomegaly   | _____ |
| 2. dermatosis   | _____ | 7. blepharoptosis | _____ |
| 3. psychiatrist | _____ | 8. mastopexy      | _____ |
| 4. obstetrics   | _____ | 9. hepatitis      | _____ |
| 5. neuroplasty  | _____ | 10. tonsillectomy | _____ |

### B. Recognizing Suffixes

Write the suffix used in these medical terms.

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|----------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| 1. cancerous   | _____ | 6. hemolysis | _____ |
| 2. diplopia    | _____ | 7. colostomy | _____ |
| 3. lactose     | _____ | 8. myotomy   | _____ |
| 4. microtome   | _____ | 9. cerebral  | _____ |
| 5. rhinoplasty | _____ | 10. microtia | _____ |

### C. Matching

Match the combining forms in the left column with their meanings in the right column. (Selections will be used more than once.)

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| _____ 1. aden/o     | a. appendix |
| _____ 2. angi/o     | b. bone     |
| _____ 3. append/o   | c. brain    |
| _____ 4. cerebr/o   | d. breast   |
| _____ 5. cutane/o   | e. face     |
| _____ 6. dermat/o   | f. gland    |
| _____ 7. faci/o     | g. nerve    |
| _____ 8. encephal/o | h. skin     |
| _____ 9. mamm/o     | i. vessel   |
| _____ 10. mast/o    |             |
| _____ 11. neur/o    |             |
| _____ 12. oste/o    |             |



**D. Writing Specialties**

Write the medical specialties for the following areas.

1. endocrine glands and hormones \_\_\_\_\_
2. heart \_\_\_\_\_
3. skin \_\_\_\_\_
4. administration of anesthetics \_\_\_\_\_
5. gastrointestinal tract \_\_\_\_\_
6. female reproductive organs \_\_\_\_\_
7. care of newborns \_\_\_\_\_
8. malignancies \_\_\_\_\_
9. nose \_\_\_\_\_
10. children \_\_\_\_\_

**E. Writing the Meanings of Suffixes**

Write the meaning of each suffix.

1. -centesis \_\_\_\_\_
2. -ectomy \_\_\_\_\_
3. -lysis \_\_\_\_\_
4. -pexy \_\_\_\_\_
5. -plasty \_\_\_\_\_
6. -rrhaphy \_\_\_\_\_
7. -scopy \_\_\_\_\_
8. -stomy \_\_\_\_\_
9. -tomy \_\_\_\_\_
10. -tripsy \_\_\_\_\_

**F. Writing Combining Forms**

Write a combining form for each of the following.

1. ear \_\_\_\_\_
2. eye \_\_\_\_\_
3. eyelid \_\_\_\_\_
4. hand \_\_\_\_\_
5. heart \_\_\_\_\_
6. tonsil \_\_\_\_\_



**G. Writing Suffixes**

Write a suffix for each of the following.

1. abnormal fear \_\_\_\_\_
2. abnormal softening \_\_\_\_\_
3. blood \_\_\_\_\_
4. cramp or twitching \_\_\_\_\_
5. deficiency \_\_\_\_\_
6. excessive preoccupation \_\_\_\_\_
7. flow or discharge \_\_\_\_\_
8. inflammation \_\_\_\_\_
9. rupture \_\_\_\_\_
10. sagging \_\_\_\_\_
11. stone \_\_\_\_\_
12. vomiting \_\_\_\_\_

**H. Filling in the Blanks**

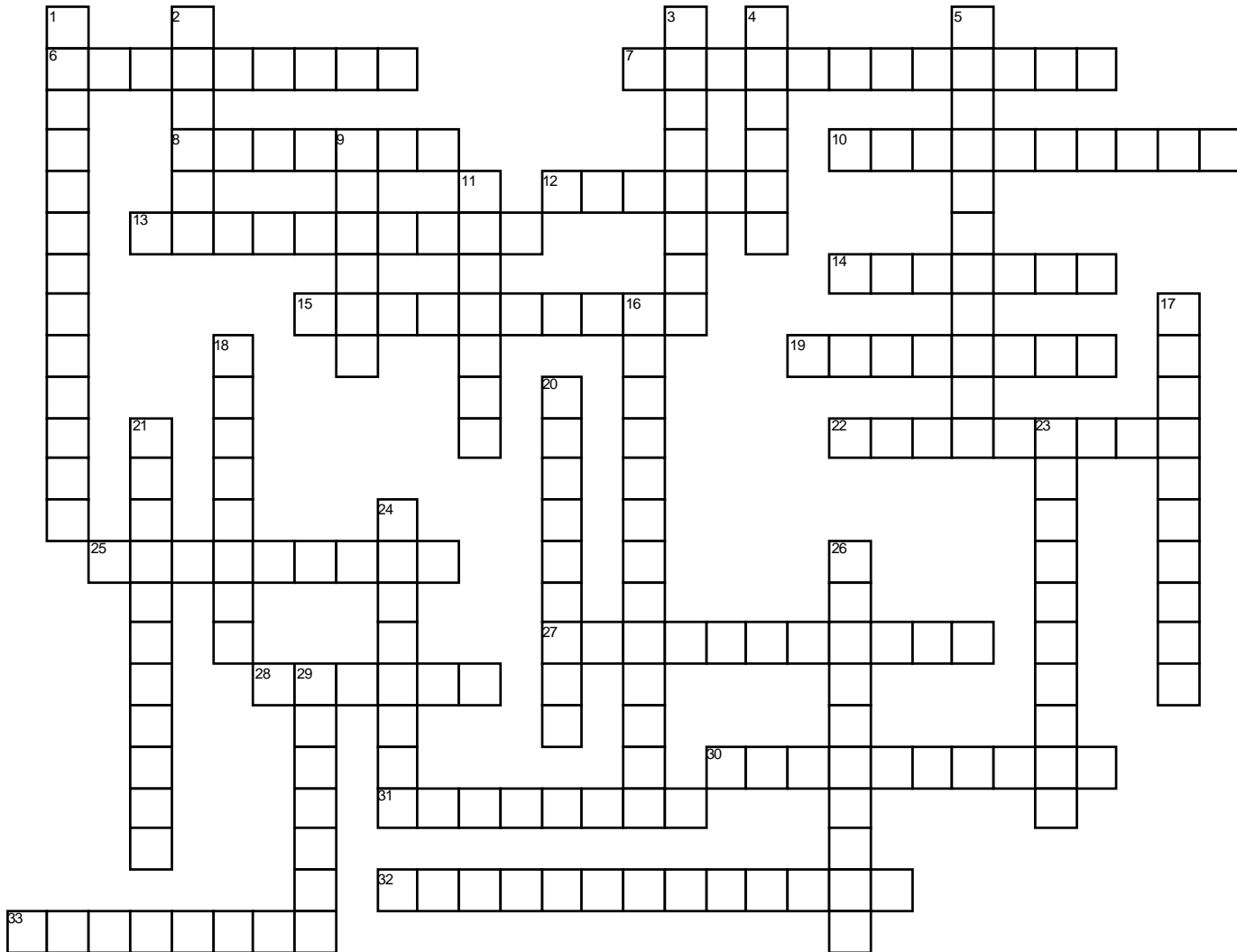
Write a letter in each of the blanks to complete the terms.

1. The name of the main sugar found in milk is \_\_\_\_\_ose.
2. An enzyme that breaks down fats is called \_\_\_\_\_ase.
3. Surgical crushing of a stone is \_\_\_\_\_tripsy.
4. Any disease of the eye is an \_\_\_\_\_pathy.
5. The presence of stones is called lith\_\_\_\_\_.
6. A deficiency of calcium is calci\_\_\_\_\_.
7. A malignant tumor is a carcin\_\_\_\_\_.
8. Abnormal fear of fire is pyro\_\_\_\_\_.
9. An eye specialist is an ophthalmo\_\_\_\_\_.
10. Inflammation of the appendix is appendic\_\_\_\_\_.
11. Destruction of starch is \_\_\_\_\_lysis.
12. Enlargement of the heart is cardio\_\_\_\_\_.
13. Pain along a nerve is neur\_\_\_\_\_.
14. Pertaining to the ear is ot\_\_\_\_\_.
15. Resembling mucus is muc\_\_\_\_\_.



## I. Crossword Puzzle

Write a term for each clue given.



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**ACROSS**

6. record produced in angiography
7. suture of a blood vessel
8. a wasting because of disease
10. inflammation of the skin
12. stoppage of flow
13. pertaining to the peritoneum
14. pertaining to heat
15. synonym for dilation
19. surgical fixation of part of the colon
22. pertaining to enzymes
25. dissolving of blood cells
27. cutting into the windpipe
28. synonym for mucoid
30. destruction of starch
31. pertaining to alveoli
32. surgical puncture of the amnion
33. pertaining to saliva

**DOWN**

1. rupture of the heart
2. enzyme that acts on fats
3. cutting into
4. removal of a small piece of living tissue
5. radiography of the breast
9. sagging or drooping
11. pertaining to the stomach
16. pain of the eye
17. decreased calcium
18. instrument for examining the ear
20. pertaining to the kidneys
21. excessive vomiting
23. agent used in anesthesia
24. reduced size of the ear
26. pertaining to condition caused by disease
29. pertaining to urine

