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Abductor.	L. <i>ab</i> , away, + <i>ducere</i> , to lead.
Aberrant.	L. <i>ab</i> , away, + <i>errare</i> , to stray.
Accessory.	L. <i>accessorius</i> , supplementary.
Adductor.	L. <i>ad</i> , to, + <i>ducere</i> , to lead.
Adhesion.	L. <i>adhaereo</i> , to stick together.
Adipose.	L. <i>adeps</i> , fat.
Aditus.	L. <i>aditus</i> , opening.
Adnexa.	L. <i>ad</i> , to, + <i>nexus</i> , bound.
Adventia.	L. <i>ad</i> , to, + <i>venire</i> , to come.
Afferent.	L. <i>ad</i> , to, + <i>ferre</i> , to carry.
Agonist.	G. <i>agonistes</i> , rival.
Analogy.	G. <i>ana</i> , according to, + <i>logos</i> , treatise.
Anastomosis.	G. <i>anastomoein</i> , to bring to a mouth, cause to communicate.
Anatomy.	G. <i>ana</i> , apart, + <i>tennein</i> , to cut.
Anlage.	Ger. <i>an</i> , on, + <i>legen</i> , to lay (a laying on — <i>primordium</i> , precursor).
Annulus.	L. <i>anulus</i> (<i>annulus</i>), a ring.
Anomaly.	G. <i>an</i> , without, + <i>nomos</i> , law.
Antagonist.	G. <i>anti</i> , against, <i>agonistes</i> , rival.
Anteflexion.	L. <i>ante</i> , before, + <i>flexere</i> , to bend.
Anterior.	L. <i>ante</i> , before.
Anteversion.	L. <i>ante</i> , before, + <i>versio</i> , turning.
Apertura.	L. <i>apertura</i> , opening.
Apocrine.	G. <i>apo</i> , from, + <i>krinein</i> , to separate.

Aqueous.	L. <i>aqua</i> , water.
Arrector.	L. <i>arrigere</i> , to raise, thus arrectores pilorum, small muscles in skin that erect the hairs.
Artefact.	L. <i>arte</i> , by art, + <i>factus</i> , made.
Artery.	G. <i>aer</i> , air, + <i>terein</i> , to keep (L. <i>arteria</i> , windpipe); ancient belief that blood vessels contained air.
Articulation.	L. <i>artus</i> , joint, <i>articulatus</i> , little joint, pl. <i>articulationes</i> , joints.
Aspera.	L. <i>asper</i> , rough.
Asthenic.	G. <i>a</i> , without, + <i>sthenos</i> , strength.
Atavistic.	L. <i>atavus</i> , grandfather.
Ataxia.	G. <i>a</i> , without, + <i>taxis</i> , order.
Atelectasis.	G. <i>ateles</i> , incomplete, + <i>ectasis</i> , expansion.
Atresia.	G. <i>a</i> , without, + <i>tresis</i> , hole.
Atrophy.	G. <i>a</i> , without, + <i>trophe</i> , nourishment.
Autonomic.	G. <i>autos</i> , self, + <i>nomos</i> , law.
Axial.	L. <i>axis</i> , axle of a wheel, the line about which any body turns.
Axis.	L. <i>axis</i> , axle of a wheel.
Axon.	G. <i>axon</i> , axis.
Basal.	L. <i>basis</i> , footing, base.
Bifid.	L. <i>bis</i> , two, + <i>findere</i> , to cleave.
Bifurcate.	L. <i>bis</i> , two, + <i>furca</i> , fork.
Bilateral.	L. <i>bi</i> , two, + <i>latus</i> , side.
Biventer.	L. <i>bis</i> , two, + <i>venter</i> , belly.
Brevis.	L. <i>brevis</i> , short.
Bulbus.	L. <i>bulbus</i> , bulb, swollen root.
Bulla.	L. <i>bulla</i> , a bubble; hence spherical in shape.
Bursa.	L. <i>bursa</i> , a purse; hence purse-shaped object.

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Calcar.	L. <i>calcar</i> , spur.
Calcification.	L. <i>calx</i> , lime, + <i>facere</i> , to make.
Callous.	L. as above, newly formed bone at fracture site.
Canaliculus.	L. <i>canalis</i> , waterpipe.
Cancellous.	L. <i>cancelli</i> , latticework.
Capillary.	L. <i>capillaris</i> , pertaining to the hair.
Capsule.	L. dim. of <i>capsa</i> , box.
Cardinal.	L. <i>cardinalis</i> , pertaining to a door hinge, on which something important or fundamental hinges.
Cartilage.	L. <i>cartilago</i> , gristle, cartilage.
Caruncle.	L. dim. of <i>caro</i> , flesh, any fleshy eminence.
Cauda, caudal	L. <i>cauda</i> , tail.
Cava.	L. <i>cavus</i> , -a, -um, hollow or cave.
Cavernosus.	L. <i>caverna</i> , a hollow or cave.
Cavum.	L. <i>cavum</i> , a hollow or cave.
Chorda.	G. <i>chorde</i> , string of gut, cord.
Chorion.	G. <i>chorion</i> , skin.
Choroid.	G. <i>chorion</i> , skin, + <i>eidōs</i> , shape, likeness.
Circumflex.	L. <i>circum</i> , around, + <i>flexere</i> , to bend.
Collagen.	G. <i>kolla</i> , glue, + L. <i>gen</i> , begetter of.
Collateral.	L. <i>con</i> , together, + <i>latus</i> , side.
Colliculus.	L. <i>colliculus</i> , little hill.
Colloid.	G. <i>kolla</i> , glue, + <i>eidōs</i> , likeness, shape.
Comes.	L. <i>comes</i> , companion.
Comitans (pl. comitantes).	L. <i>comitari</i> , to accompany.
Commissure.	L. <i>commissura</i> (<i>cum</i> + <i>mittere</i>), connection.
Communicans.	L. <i>communicans</i> , communicating.
Convolution.	L. <i>con</i> , together, + <i>volvo</i> , to roll.
Corpus (pl. corpora).	L. body.

Corpuscle.	L. <i>corpusculum</i> , little body.
Crista.	L. <i>crista</i> , crest.
Cruciate.	L. <i>crux</i> , cross.
Crus (pl. crura).	L. <i>crus</i> , leg.
Cutaneous.	L. <i>cutis</i> , skin.
Cuticle.	L. <i>cutis</i> , skin.
Cutis.	L. <i>cutis</i> , skin.
Cyst (adj. cystic).	G. <i>kystis</i> , bag, bladder, pouch.
Decussation.	L. <i>decussatio</i> , intersection of two lines, as in Roman X.
Deferens.	L. <i>de</i> , away, + <i>ferens</i> , carrying.
Dendrite.	G. <i>dendros</i> , tree.
Depressor.	L. <i>de</i> , down, + <i>premere</i> , to press.
Dermal.	G. <i>derma</i> , skin.
Dermatome.	G. <i>derma</i> , skin, + <i>temnein</i> , to cut.
Dermis.	G. <i>derma</i> , skin.
Detritus.	L. <i>deterere</i> , to rub away.
Detrusor.	L. <i>detrudere</i> , to push down.
Distal.	L. <i>distare</i> , to stand apart.
Diverticulum.	L. <i>divertere</i> , to turn aside.
Dizygotic.	G. <i>dis</i> , twice, + <i>zygoo</i> , join together.
Dorsal.	L. <i>dorsum</i> , back.
Duct.	L. <i>ducere</i> , to lead or draw.
Ductule.	L. <i>ducere</i> , to lead, dim.
Ectoderm.	G. <i>ektos</i> , outside, + <i>derma</i> , skin.
Effector.	L. <i>efficere</i> , to bring to pass.
Efferent.	L. <i>ex</i> , out, + <i>ferre</i> , to bear.
Eminence.	L. <i>e</i> , out, + <i>minere</i> , to jut.
Emissary.	L. <i>e</i> , out, + <i>mittere</i> , to send.
Endochondral.	G. <i>endon</i> , within, + <i>chondros</i> , cartilage.
Endoderm.	G. <i>endon</i> , within, + <i>derma</i> , skin.

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Endomysium.	G. <i>endon</i> , within, + <i>mys</i> , muscle.
Endoneurium.	G. <i>endon</i> , within, + <i>neuron</i> , nerve.
Endosteum.	G. <i>endon</i> , within, + <i>osteon</i> , bone.
Endoskeleton.	G. <i>endon</i> , within, + <i>skeletos</i> , dried up.
Endothelium.	G. <i>endon</i> , within, + <i>thele</i> , nipple.
Epidermis.	G. <i>epi</i> , on, + <i>derma</i> , skin.
Epimysium.	G. <i>epi</i> , upon, + <i>mys</i> , muscle.
Epineurium.	G. <i>epi</i> , on, + <i>neuron</i> , nerve.
Epithelium.	G. <i>epi</i> , on, + <i>thele</i> , nipple.
Eversion.	L. <i>e</i> , out, + <i>vertere</i> , to turn.
Exocrine.	G. <i>ex</i> , out, + <i>krinein</i> , to separate.
Extension.	L. <i>extendo</i> , extend.
Extensor.	L. <i>ex</i> , out, + <i>tendere</i> , to stretch.
Extrinsic.	L. <i>extrinsecus</i> , on the outside.
Exudate.	L. <i>ex</i> , out, + <i>sudare</i> , to sweat.
Fascia (pl. -iae).	L. <i>fascia</i> , band.
Fasciculus.	L. <i>fascis</i> , bundle.
Fenestra.	L. <i>fenestra</i> , window.
Fibre, Fiber.	L. <i>fibra</i> , fibre, string, thread.
Fibril.	NL. <i>fibrilla</i> , a little thread.
Fibroblast.	L. <i>fibra</i> , fibre, + <i>blastos</i> , bud.
Fibrocartilage.	L. <i>fibra</i> , fibre, + <i>cartilago</i> , gristle.
Filament.	L. <i>filamentum</i> , thin fibre.
Fissure.	L. <i>fissura</i> (<i>findo</i>), a cleft.
Fistula.	L. <i>fistula</i> , pipe.
Flaccid.	L. <i>flaccidus</i> , weak.
Flexor.	L. <i>flexus</i> , bent.
Follicle.	L. <i>folliculus</i> , a small bag.
Foramen.	L. <i>foramen</i> , hole.
Form.	L. <i>forma</i> , shape.
Fossa.	L. <i>fossa</i> , ditch, channel, something dug.
Fundiform.	L. <i>funda</i> , sling, + <i>forma</i> , shape, likeness.

Fundus.	L. <i>fundus</i> , bottom.
Funicular.	L. <i>funis</i> , rope.
Fusiform.	L. <i>fuscus</i> , spindle, + <i>forma</i> , shape, likeness.
Germinal.	L. <i>germen</i> , bud, germ.
Germinative.	L. <i>germen</i> , bud, germ.
Gestation.	L. <i>gestare</i> , to bear.
Gland.	L. <i>glandula</i> , dim. <i>glans</i> , acorn, pellet.
Glia.	G. <i>glia</i> , glue.
Habitus.	L. <i>habitus</i> , condition of the body.
Haemal, hemal.	G. <i>haima</i> , blood.
Hemiplegia.	G. <i>hemi</i> , half, + <i>plege</i> , stroke.
Hemisphere.	G. <i>hemi</i> , half, + <i>sphaira</i> , ball.
Hemoglobin, Haemoglobin.	G. <i>haima</i> , blood, + L. <i>globus</i> , sphere.
Hemopoietic, Haemopoietic.	G. <i>haima</i> , blood, + <i>poietikos</i> , creative.
Hilum.	L. <i>hilum</i> , a small thing.
Holocrine.	G. <i>holos</i> , whole, + <i>krinein</i> , to separate.
Homology.	G. <i>homos</i> , same, + <i>logos</i> , treatise.
Hormone.	G. <i>hormaein</i> , to excite.
Humor.	L. <i>humor</i> , moisture, fluid.
Hypaxial.	G. <i>hypo</i> , under, + L. <i>axis</i> , centre line, axis.
Implantation.	L. <i>in</i> , in, + <i>plantere</i> , to plant.
Impression.	L. <i>in</i> , in, + <i>premere</i> , to press.
Incisura.	L. <i>incidere</i> , to cut into.
Inductor.	L. <i>inducere</i> , to lead on, excite.
Innervation.	L. <i>in</i> , in, + <i>nervus</i> , nerve.
Insertion.	L. <i>in</i> , in, + <i>serere</i> , to plant.
Integument.	L. <i>in</i> , over, + <i>tegere</i> , to cover.

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Intercalated.	L. <i>inter</i> , between, + <i>calare</i> , to call, inserted or placed between.
Interdigitating.	L. <i>inter</i> , between, + <i>digitus</i> , digit, interlocked by finger-like processes.
Interstitial.	L. <i>inter</i> , between, + <i>sistere</i> , to set, thus placed in spaces or gaps.
Intima.	L. <i>intima</i> , innermost.
Intrinsic.	L. <i>intrinsecus</i> , inward.
Invagination.	L. <i>in</i> , in, + <i>vagina</i> , sheath.
Inversion.	L. <i>in</i> , in, + <i>vertere</i> , to turn.
Juxtaposition.	L. <i>juxta</i> , near, + <i>positio</i> , place.
Karyocyte.	G. <i>karyon</i> , nucleus, nut, + <i>kytos</i> , cell.
Karyolysis.	G. <i>karyon</i> , nucleus, nut, + <i>lysis</i> , loosening.
Kinetic.	G. <i>kinesis</i> , movement.
Lacerate.	L. <i>lacerare</i> , to tear.
Lacuna.	L. <i>lacuna</i> , pond.
Lamella.	L. dim. of <i>lamina</i> , leaf.
Lamina (pl. -ae).	L. <i>lamina</i> , thin plate.
Lateral.	L. <i>lateralis (latus)</i> , pertaining to a side.
Leucocyte, Leukocyte.	G. <i>leukos</i> , white, + <i>kytos</i> , cell.
Ligamentum.	L. <i>ligamentum</i> , a bandage.
Lipid.	G. <i>lipos</i> , fat, + <i>eidos</i> , resemblance.
Lobus.	G. <i>lobos</i> , lobe.
Locus.	L. <i>locus</i> , place.
Lymph.	L. <i>lymphā</i> , spring water.
Lymphocyte.	L. <i>lymphā</i> , spring water, + G. <i>kytos</i> , cell.
Macrophage.	G. <i>makros</i> , large, + <i>phagein</i> , to eat.
Macroscopic.	G. <i>makros</i> , large, + <i>skopeo</i> , I see.

Marginal.	L. <i>marginalis</i> (<i>margo</i>), bordering.
Matrix.	L. <i>matrix</i> (<i>mater</i>), womb, groundwork, mold.
Meatus (pl. -us).	L. <i>meatus</i> , passage.
Medial.	L. <i>medialis</i> (<i>medius</i>), pertaining to the middle.
Median.	L. <i>medianus</i> , in the middle.
Megaloblast.	G. <i>megas</i> , big, + <i>blastos</i> , bud.
Membrane.	L. <i>membrana</i> , skin.
Merocrine.	G. <i>meros</i> , portion, + <i>krinein</i> , to separate.
Mesenchyme.	G. <i>mesos</i> , middle, + <i>en</i> , in, + <i>chymos</i> , juice.
Mesoderm.	G. <i>mesos</i> , middle, + <i>derma</i> , skin.
Mesothelium.	G. <i>mesos</i> , middle, + <i>thele</i> , nipple, hence middle lining layer.
Metabolic.	G. <i>metabole</i> , change.
Metaphase.	G. <i>meta</i> , after, + <i>phasis</i> , appearance.
Metaplasia.	G. <i>meta</i> , after, + <i>plasma</i> , formed, molded.
Microscope.	G. <i>mikros</i> , small, + <i>skopeo</i> , I look.
Microsome.	G. <i>mikros</i> , small, + <i>soma</i> , body.
Mitochondria.	G. <i>mitos</i> , thread, + <i>chondrion</i> , grain.
Mitosis.	G. <i>mitos</i> , thread.
Monocyte.	G. <i>monos</i> , single, + <i>kytos</i> , cell.
Morphology.	G. <i>morphos</i> , form, + <i>logos</i> , treatise.
Mucus.	L. <i>mucus</i> , G. <i>muxa</i> , snivel, slippery secretion.
Muscle.	L. <i>musculus</i> , little mouse.
Myology.	G. <i>mys</i> , muscle, + <i>logos</i> , treatise.
Myotome.	G. <i>mys</i> , <i>myos</i> , muscle, + <i>tome</i> , a cutting.
Necrosis.	G. <i>nekrosis</i> , a killing.
Necropsy.	G. <i>nekros</i> , corpse, + <i>opsis</i> , sight.
Nerve.	L. <i>nervus</i> , G. <i>neuron</i> , cordlike structure, nerve, tendon.
Neural.	G. <i>neuron</i> , nerve.
Neuralgia.	G. <i>neuron</i> , nerve, + <i>algos</i> , pain.

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Neuraxon.	G. <i>neuron</i> , nerve, + <i>axon</i> , axis.
Neurilemma.	G. <i>neuron</i> , nerve, + <i>lemma</i> , husk, sheath.
Neuroblast.	G. <i>neuron</i> , nerve, + <i>blastos</i> , bud.
Neuroectomy.	G. <i>neuron</i> , nerve, + <i>ektome</i> , excision.
Neuroglia.	G. <i>neuron</i> , nerve, + <i>glōia</i> , glue.
Neurology.	G. <i>neuron</i> , nerve, + <i>logos</i> , treatise.
Neuron.	G. <i>neuron</i> , cordlike structure, sinew, tendon; equivalent of L. <i>nervus</i> , hence, nerve.
Neuropil.	G. <i>neuron</i> , nerve, + <i>pilos</i> , felt.
Neuropore.	G. <i>neuron</i> , nerve, + <i>poros</i> , hole.
Node.	L. <i>nodus</i> , knot.
Norma.	L. <i>norma</i> , rule, square used by carpenters, hence standard viewpoint.
Normoblast.	L. <i>norma</i> , rule, + <i>blastos</i> , bud.
Nucleolus.	L. <i>nucleus</i> , nut. New derivation “small nucleus.”
Nucleus.	L. <i>nucleus</i> , nut.
Occlusion.	L. <i>ob</i> , before, + <i>claudo</i> , I close.
Oedema, Edema.	G. <i>oidema</i> , swelling.
Oestrus, Estrus.	G. <i>oistros</i> , stinging insect, stung into activity at time of heat.
Oligodendroglia.	G. <i>oligos</i> , few, + <i>dendron</i> , tree, + <i>glōia</i> , glue.
Opposition.	L. <i>ob</i> , in the way of, + <i>positus</i> , placed.
Organ.	L. <i>organum</i> , implement.
Orifice.	L. <i>orificium</i> , opening.
Os.	L. <i>os</i> , bone.
Osseous.	L. <i>os</i> (pl. <i>ossa</i>), bone.
Ossicle.	L. <i>ossiculum</i> , small bone.
Ossification.	L. <i>os</i> , bone, + <i>facere</i> , to make.
Osteone.	G. <i>osteon</i> , bone.
Osteocyte.	G. <i>osteon</i> , bone, + <i>kytos</i> , cell.
Osteology.	G. <i>osteon</i> , bone, + <i>logos</i> , treatise.

Osteolysis.	G. <i>osteon</i> , bone, + <i>lysis</i> , melting.
Ostium.	L. <i>ostium</i> , door.
Paradox.	G. <i>para</i> , alongside of, + <i>doxa</i> , belief.
Paraesthesia,	G. <i>para</i> , alongside of, + <i>aisthesis</i> , sensation.
Paresthesis.	
Paraganglion.	G. <i>para</i> , along, beside, + <i>ganglion</i> , knot.
Paralysis.	G. <i>para</i> , alongside of, + <i>lyein</i> , to loosen.
Paramedian.	G. <i>para</i> , alongside of, + <i>mesos</i> , middle.
Paraplegia.	G. <i>para</i> , alongside of, + <i>plesso</i> , I strike.
Parasympathetic.	G. <i>para</i> , alongside of, + <i>sympathetikos</i> , sympathetic.
Paraxial.	G. <i>para</i> , alongside of, + L. <i>axis</i> , axle.
Paresis.	G. <i>paresis</i> , relaxation.
Pathology.	G. <i>pathos</i> , disease, + <i>logos</i> , treatise.
Perichondrium.	G. <i>peri</i> , around, + <i>chondros</i> , cartilage.
Perimysium.	G. <i>peri</i> , around, + <i>mys</i> , muscle.
Periosteum.	G. <i>peri</i> , around, + <i>osteon</i> , bone.
Phagocyte.	G. <i>phagein</i> , to eat, + <i>kytos</i> , cell.
Phenotype.	G. <i>phainein</i> , to display, + <i>typos</i> , type.
Physic.	G. <i>physikos</i> , natural.
Physis.	G. <i>phyein</i> , to generate, hence an outgrowth.
Piriform.	L. <i>pirum</i> , pear, + <i>forma</i> , shape, likeness.
Placode.	G. <i>plax</i> , anything flat.
Plantigrade.	L. <i>planta</i> , side of foot, + <i>gradior</i> , to walk.
Plasma.	G. <i>plasma</i> , something formed.
Platelet.	OF. <i>plate</i> , plate.
Pleomorphic.	G. <i>pleon</i> , more (or many) + G. <i>morphos</i> , forms.
Plexus (pl. -us).	L. <i>plexus</i> , plaiting, braid.
Poikilocyte.	G. <i>poikilos</i> , diversified, + <i>kytos</i> , cell.
Polymorphonuclear.	G. <i>polys</i> , many, + <i>morphe</i> , form, + L. <i>nucleus</i> , nut; hence mixed term.

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Pore.	L. <i>porus</i> , passage.
Porta.	L. <i>porta</i> (pl. -ae), gate.
Portal.	L. <i>porta</i> (pl. -ae), gate.
Portio.	L. <i>portio</i> , part.
Porus.	G. <i>poros</i> , passage.
Primordial.	L. <i>primordium</i> , beginning.
Processus.	L. <i>processus</i> , going forwards.
Prochordal.	G. <i>pro</i> , in front of, + <i>chorde</i> , cord.
Profundus.	L. <i>profundus</i> , deep.
Progesterone.	G. <i>pro</i> , before, + <i>gerere</i> , to bear.
Promontory.	G. <i>promontorium</i> , mountain ridge.
Proprioceptor.	L. <i>proprius</i> , special, + <i>capere</i> , to take.
Proptosis.	G. <i>pro</i> , before, + <i>ptosis</i> , falling.
Prosector.	G. <i>pro</i> , before, + L. <i>secare</i> , to cut.
Protoplasm.	G. <i>protos</i> , first, + <i>plasma</i> , form.
Protuberance.	L. <i>protubero</i> , I swell.
Proximal.	L. <i>proximus</i> , next.
Pyknic.	G. <i>pyknos</i> , compact.
Pyknosis.	G. <i>pyknos</i> , compact.
Pyramid.	G. <i>pyramis</i> , pyramid.
Pyriform.	L. <i>pirum</i> , pear, + <i>forma</i> , shape.
Quadrangular.	L. <i>quattuor</i> four + L. <i>angulus</i> , four angles.
Quadratus.	L. <i>quadratus</i> , squared.
Quadriceps.	L. <i>quattuor</i> , four, + <i>caput</i> , head.
Quadrigeminus.	L. <i>quadrigeminus</i> , four-fold, four.
Radicle.	L. <i>radix</i> , root.
Radix.	L. <i>radix</i> , root.
Ramify.	L. <i>ramus</i> , branch, + <i>facere</i> , to make.
Ramus.	L. <i>ramus</i> , branch.
Raphe.	G. <i>raphe</i> , seam.
Receptor.	L. <i>recipere</i> , to take back, receive.

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Recess.	L. <i>recessus</i> , retreat.
Reflect.	L. <i>reflecto</i> , to turn back.
Reticulocyte.	L. <i>reticulum</i> , little net, + <i>kytos</i> , cell.
Reticulum.	L. <i>reticulum</i> , little net.
Retraction.	L. <i>re</i> , back, + <i>trahere</i> , to draw.
Retractor.	L. <i>retrahere</i> , to draw back.
Rostrum (pl. -a).	L. <i>rostrum</i> , beak.
Rotator.	L. <i>rotare</i> , to whirl about.
Sac.	L. <i>saccus</i> , sack.
Sacculus.	L. <i>sacculus</i> , a little bag.
Sagittal.	L. <i>sagitta</i> , arrow; shape of saggital suture including the lambdoid suture.
Sarcolemma.	G. <i>sarx</i> , flesh, + <i>lemma</i> , husk, skin.
Scala.	L. <i>scala</i> , staircase.
Sclerotic.	G. <i>skleros</i> , hard.
Sebaceous.	L. <i>sebum</i> , tallow, grease.
Sebum.	L. <i>sebum</i> , tallow.
Sigmoid.	G. <i>sigma</i> , Greek letter, + <i>eidos</i> , shape, likeness.
Sinister.	L. <i>sinister</i> , left side or unlucky.
Sinus (pl. -us).	L. <i>sinus</i> , curve, cavity, bosom.
Sinusoid.	L. <i>sinus</i> , curve, cavity, + <i>eidos</i> , shape, likeness.
Soma.	G. <i>soma</i> , body.
Somatic.	G. <i>soma</i> (pl. <i>somata</i>), body.
Somatopleure.	G. <i>soma</i> , body, + <i>pleura</i> , side.
Somite.	G. <i>soma</i> , body, + suffix <i>-ite</i> , indicating origin.
Splanchnic.	G. <i>splanchna</i> , viscera.
Spongiosum.	G. <i>spongia</i> , sponge.
Spongioblast.	G. <i>spongia</i> , sponge, + <i>blastos</i> , germ, bud.
Squamo-.	L. <i>squama</i> , scale.

Terms Common to All Anatomical Regions

Stenosis.	G. <i>stenosis</i> , narrowing.
Sthenic.	G. <i>sthenos</i> , strength.
Stratum (pl. strata).	L. <i>stratum</i> , layer.
Stria.	L. <i>stria</i> , furrow.
Striatum.	L. <i>striatus</i> , grooved, streaked.
Stroma.	G. <i>stroma</i> , blanket.
Sulcus.	L. <i>sulcus</i> , furrow.
Suture.	L. <i>sutura</i> , seam, sewing together.
Sympathetic.	G. <i>syn</i> , together, + <i>pathein</i> , to suffer.
Synapse.	G. <i>syn</i> , together, + <i>haptain</i> , to fasten.
Synarthrosis.	G. <i>syn</i> , together, + <i>arthron</i> , joint.
Synchondrosis.	G. <i>syn</i> , together, + <i>chondros</i> , cartilage.
Syncytium.	G. <i>syn</i> , together, + <i>cytos</i> , cell.
Syndesmosis.	G. <i>syn</i> , together, + <i>desmosis</i> , band.
Syndrome.	G. <i>syndrome</i> , occurrence.
Synergy.	G. <i>syn</i> , together, + <i>ergon</i> , work.
Synostosis.	G. <i>syn</i> , together, + <i>osteon</i> , bone.
Synovia.	G. <i>syn</i> , together, + <i>ovum</i> , egg.
Tendon.	L. <i>tendere</i> , to stretch.
Tensor.	L. <i>tendere</i> , to stretch.
Teres.	L. <i>tero</i> , I grind, rub.
Terminalis.	L. <i>terminare</i> , to limit.
Theca.	L. <i>theca</i> , envelope, sheath.
Thrombocyte.	G. <i>thrombos</i> , lump, + <i>kytos</i> , cell.
Thrombus.	G. <i>thrombus</i> , lump.
Tome.	G. <i>tennein</i> , to cut.
Trabecula (pl. -ae).	L. <i>trabecula</i> , a little beam.
Tract.	L. <i>tractus</i> , wool drawn out for spinning.
Trophoblast.	G. <i>trophe</i> , nourishment, + <i>blastos</i> , bud.
Tuberosity.	L. <i>tuber</i> , round smooth swelling.
Tunica.	L. <i>tunica</i> , undergarment.

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Unciform.	L. <i>uncus</i> , hook, + <i>forma</i> , shape.
Uncinate.	L. <i>uncinatus</i> , furnished with a hook.
Uncus.	L. <i>uncus</i> , hook.
Valve.	L. <i>valva</i> , leaf of door.
Valvula.	L. <i>valvula</i> , a little fold, valve.
Vas.	L. <i>vas</i> , vessel.
Vascular.	L. <i>vasculum</i> , small vessel.
Vein.	L. <i>vena</i> , vein.
Ventral.	L. <i>venter</i> , belly.
Vertex.	L. <i>vertex</i> , whirl, whirlpool.
Vestige.	L. <i>vestigium</i> , trace, footprint.
Zona.	L. <i>zona</i> , belt, girdle.
Zonula.	L. dim. of <i>zona</i> , belt, girdle.
Zygote.	G. <i>zygoein</i> , to yoke together.