

Important Suffix used in Surgical Procedure

-ectomy -Refer to the removal of an organ, tissue, tumour, or gland.

Surgical Procedure	Meaning
adenoidectomy	Removal of the adenoids
appendectomy	Removal of the appendix
cholecystectomy	Removal of the gallbladder
colectomy	Removal of the colon
hysterectomy	Removal of the uterus
laminectomy	Removal of a piece of backbone
mastectomy	Removal of the breast
oophorectomy	Removal of the ovaries
prostatectomy	Removal of the prostate gland
salpingectomy	Removal of the fallopian tubes
tonsillectomy	Removal of the tonsils

-centesis - Surgical puncture to remove fluid

Surgical Procedure	Meaning
arthrocentesis	Removal of fluid from Joint
Thoracocentesis	Removal of fluid or air from pleural space (between the lungs and chest wall)

-otomy (Cutting into / making an incision)

Surgical Procedure	Meaning
Tracheotomy	Making an incision in the trachea
Craniotomy	Making an Incision into the skull

-ostomy - Creating an Opening

Surgical Procedure	Meaning
Colostomy	Creating an artificial opening in the colon
Gastrostomy	Creating an opening in the stomach for feeding

Difference between otomy and Ostomy.

1. -otomy

- Meaning: Cutting into / making an incision
- Purpose: Usually to access an organ or structure for surgery or treatment
Does NOT create a permanent opening

2. -ostomy

- Meaning: Creating a new opening (mouth)
- Purpose: To form a permanent or semi-permanent opening to allow passage of urine, feces, or drainage

-Pexy- Fixation / suspension

Surgical Procedure	Meaning
Mastopexy	Fixing or Lifting breast
Orchiopexy	Surgical fixation of Testis

-desis- Binding and Fusion

Surgical Procedure	Meaning
Arthrodesis	Surgical Fusion of Joint

-Rrhaphy- Surgical suture / repair

Surgical Procedure	Meaning
Colporrhaphy	Surgical repair of Vaginal Wall

-Lysis- Separation / destruction / freeing

Surgical Procedure	Meaning
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Adhesiolysis	Surgical freeing of adhesion
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-Plasty- Reconstruction/Reshaping

Surgical Procedure	Meaning
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Mammoplasty	Surgical reconstruction of Breast
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Arthroplasty	Replacement of Joint or Reshaping of Joint
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-Tripsy- Surgical Crushing

Surgical Procedure	Meaning
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Lithotripsy	Crushing of Stone
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