Word Analysis

Word analysis is a skill that can assist you in all aspects of your studying and test taking. It can help you to:

- Overcome nervousness of medical terms
- Understand an unfamiliar term
- Make an educated guess at a new word
- Remember new words, by the linking the unfamiliar with the familiar
- Possibly enable you to correctly answer an exam question!

To analyze a new word, start with the suffix first, then the prefix, then the succeeding root or roots. For example:

**Hyper + lip + emia**

Suffix: Emia (blood condition)
Prefix: Hyper (excessive)
Root: Lip (fat)

Hyper/lip/emia = condition of excessive fat in the blood.

Tips!
- Keep a resource book of medical terminology available and make an effort to learn the different parts to new terms. This also includes practicing the proper pronunciation.
- Try writing the root of the word on one side of a note card and all the terms derived from it on the other side.
- Correct spelling is important. Remember that one letter can change the whole meaning.