## **Contrasting Prefixes:**

Without a prefix the root **traumatic** means pertaining to injury, therefore prefix with **a-** means without or no, i.e. **atraumatic** means without injury.

Without a prefix the root **uria** means urination, however prefixed with **an**- means without or no **anuria** means absence of urine.

ab-	means away from	ad-	means towards
abduction	mean take away from the midline	adduction	move toward the midline
dys-	means difficult, painful or bad	eu-	Good, easy or normal.
	Difficulty eating or swallowing	euthyroid	Normally functioning thyroid
dysphagia			gland
endo-	within or inside	ex/exo	Without, out of, outside, or
endocrine	secrete internally		away from.
		exocrine	Secrete externally (via a duct).
endo-	within or inside	Ecto	Outside
endoparasite	an organism that lives within	ectoparasite	an organism that lives on the
	the body of another organism		outer surface of another
			organism
Hyper-	Elevated/more than normal.	Нуро-	Depressed/less than normal.
	Elevated levels of blood glucose		Depressed levels of blood
hyperglycemia		Hypoglycemia	glucose.
Inter-	Means between.	Intra-	Means within.
Intercostal	Between the ribs	intramuscular	Within the muscle.
Poly-	Means many	Oligo-	Scant or little.
polyuria	Elevated amount or frequency	oliguria	Depressed amount or
	of urination		frequency of urination.
Pre-	Means before.	Post-	Means after.
preanesthetic	Before anesthesia	postanesthetic	After anesthesia
Sub-	Below, under or less	Super/supra	Above, beyond, or excessive.
sublingual	Under the tongue	superscapular	Above the shoulder blade