

Medical Specialties

Physicians and surgeons choose a specific branch of medicine, a specialty, to complete their residency in. Afterwards they are said to be a medical specialist in that field.

A. In reading a list of medical specialties it is easy for much of it not to make sense unless you know the meanings of some common word parts.

Use a medical dictionary to look up these root words and suffixes:

-iatry/ iatrist

-ologist

Cardio-

Heme or Hemat-

Neur-

Path-

Pod-

Pulmon-

Hep-

B. Use the internet and your background knowledge fill-in the chart

The study of or dealing with...	
1.	Cancers
2.	The aging process
3.	Diseases and the changes they cause
4.	Heart diseases
5.	Pregnancy and childbirth
6.	Factors determining the frequency of health related conditions
7.	Children and their diseases
8.	Body's resistance to infectious diseases

9.	Skin and its diseases
10.	Nervous system and its disorders
11.	Drugs and their uses in treatment of disease
12.	Muscular and skeletal system problems
13.	Poisonous substances
14.	X rays and radioactive substances
15.	Blood and blood diseases
16.	Cells
17.	Hormones and hormone secreting glands
18.	Female reproductive system
19.	Eye and Eye diseases
20.	Care and treatment of the feet
21.	Ears, nose and throat specialist
22.	Diseases and disorders relating to the kidney
23.	Stomach and intestines and their diseases
24.	Urinary tract and organs of the urogenital system
25.	Specifically deals in drawing of the blood
26.	Mental Health
27.	Creating a loss of feeling for surgery

C. Now go to this site <https://www.aamc.org/cim/specialty/exploreoptions/list/> and look through the much more extensive list of medical specialties.

Read through the list and note 3 or 4 specialties that were not listed in the chart above.

Click on one of the specialties you just listed and read about it. Give a brief description here: