

**CHAPTER X**  
**OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY**

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## VOCABULARY

Abortion (AB):	The premature expulsion from the uterus of the products of conception, the embryo, or of a non-viable fetus
Abruptio placentae:	Premature separation of the implanted placenta Abruptio = breaking or tearing Placentae = of the placenta
Adnexa: (adj: adnexal)	Accessory structures of the uterus; they include the fallopian tubes, ovaries and supporting ligaments
Apgar Score:	Scoring an infant's condition 1 and 5 minutes after birth: heart rate, respiration, color, muscle tone, and response to stimuli (0,1,2)
Artificial Menopause:	Ovaries removed surgically, or made nonfunctional by radiation therapy or chemotherapy
Aspiration:	Fluid is withdrawn by suction from a cavity or sac with a needle e.g. breast aspiration biopsy
Choriocarcinoma:	Malignant tumor of the pregnant uterus
Conception: (adj: conceptive)	The onset of pregnancy marked by the formation of the zygote
Conceptus:	The sum of the derivatives of a fertilized ovum including extraembryonic membranes as well as the embryo or fetus
Contraception:	The prevention of conception
Contraceptive:	An agent that diminishes the likelihood of or prevents conception
Culdocentesis:	Needle aspiration, through the vagina of fluid from the cul-de-sac
Ectopic: (noun: ectopia)	Located away from normal position e.g. ectopic pregnancy;

Embryo: (adj: embryonic; embryonal)	The developing organism from the fourth day after fertilization to the end of the eighth week (<2/12)
Exenteration: (Adj: exenterative)	Removal of internal organs e.g. pelvic exenteration
Fertilization:	Union of male gamete (sperm) with the female gamete (ovum)
Fetal Monitoring:	Use of ultrasonography & electrocardiography to record fetal heart rate during labor
Fetus: (adj: fetal)	The unborn offspring from 9 weeks after fertilization until birth (>2/12)
Fibrocystic disease:	Small sacs of tissue and fluid in the breast
Fibroids: (Leiomyomas, leiomyomata)	Benign tumors in the uterus composed of fibrous tissue and muscle
Fimbriae:	Finger-like end of the fallopian tubes (single: fimbria)
Gestation:	(Pregnancy) The period of development of embryo or fetus from the time of fertilization until birth (40/52, 9/12)
Kernicterus:	High levels of bilirubin in the bloodstream of a neonate; leads to brain damage and mental retardation
Menopause: (adj: menopausal)	Cessation of menstruation and fertility
Miscarriage:	Loss of products of conception from the uterus before the fetus is viable; spontaneous abortion
Neonatal Period:	First 4/52 after birth

Pap Smear: (Pap test)	Microscopic analysis of the secretions from endometrium, cervix and vagina taken by a swab, to detect presence of endometrial, cervical or vaginal carcinoma
Parturition: (adj: parturient)	Childbirth
Placenta previa:	A placenta that covers or adjoins the internal os, causing painless hemorrhage in the last trimester
Puerpera: (Puerperant)	A woman who has just given birth to an infant
Puerperium: (adj: puerperal)	The period from the end of the third stage of labor until involution of the uterus is complete, usually lasting 3 to 6 weeks
Sterilization:	Any procedure by which an individual is made incapable of reproduction
Trimester:	A period of 3 months
Vulva: (adj: vulval; vulvar)	The region of the external female genitalia consisting of the labia majora and minora, the hymen, the clitoris and Bartholin's glands.

## COMBINING FORMS

COMBINING FORM	DENOTING RELATIONSHIP TO	COMBINED WITH	MEANING	TERM	MEANING
metro__	Uterus (adj: uterine) (pl: uteri)	__atonia	Lack of normal strength	Metratonia	Uterine atony
metro__	Uterus	__atrophia	Wasting away	Metratrophia	Uterine atrophy
metro__	Uterus	__ectasia	Dilatation	Metrectasia	Dilatation of the nonpregnant uterus
metro__	Uterus	__ectomy	Excision	Metrectomy (Hysterectomy)	Removal of the uterus
metro__	Uterus	__itis	Inflammation of	Metritis	Inflammation of the uterus
Oo__	Egg	__cyte	Cell	Oocyte	Developing egg cell
Oo__	Egg	__genesis	Production	Oogenesis (adj: oogenic; oogenetic)	Process of formation of female gametes
Oo__	Egg	__plasm	Cytoplasm	Ooplasm	Cytoplasm of the egg
Oo__	Egg	__gono	Seed	Oogonium	Egg during fetal development
Oo__	Egg	__phoro	To bear	Oophoro	The ovary
Oophor__ Oophoro__ Oophoron__	Ovary	__cystosis	Formation of cysts	Oophorocystosis	Formation of ovarian cysts
Oophoro__	Ovary	__ectomy	Excision	Oophorectomy (ovariectomy)	Excision of the ovary
Oophoro__	Ovary	__pathy	Disease	Oophoropathy (ovariopathy)	Any disease of the ovary
Oophoro__	Ovary	__pexy	Fixation	Oophoropexy (ovariopexy)	Fixation of the ovary
Oophoro__	Ovary	__plasty	Surgical repair	Oophoroplasty	Plastic operation of the ovary

## PREFIXES

PREFIX	MEANING	COMBINED WITH	MEANING	TERM	MEANING
a__	Not	Plasia	Development	Aplasia (agenesis)	Lack of development of an organ or tissue
An__	No	Ovulo__	Ovum	Anovulation (anovulia)	Absence of ovulation (adj: anovulatory anovular)
An__	No	Ovary	Female gonad	Anovarium (anovaria; anovarianism)	Absence of the ovaries
Ante__ Pre__	Before	Partum	Delivery	Antepartum (Prepartum)	Before delivery (adj: antepartal, prepartal)
Endo__	Within	Cervix	Neck	Endocervix (adj: endocervical)	Mucous membrane of the cervical canal
Endo__	Within	Metro__	Uterus	Endometrium (pl: endometria) (adj: endometrial)	Mucous membrane of the uterus
im__	not	Perforate	Having a hole	Imperforate	Absence of normal opening such as imperforate hymen
Intra__	Within	Utero__	Uterus	Intrauterine	Within the uterus
Intra__	Within	Mural	Pertaining to the wall	Intramural	Within the wall of the uterus
Mono__	One	Zygote	Fertilized ovum	Monozygotic	Derived from one egg
Para__	Beside	Metro__	Uterus	Parametrium (adj: parametrial; parametric)	Loose connective tissue between the two layers of the broad ligaments
Peri__	Around	Metro__	Uterus	Perimetrium	The serous coat of the uterus
Peri__	Around	Metro__	Uterus	Perimetritis	Inflammation of the serous coat of the uterus
Post__	After	Maturity	Attainment of maximal development	Postmaturity (adj: postmature)	Overdevelopment (overly developed)
Post__	After	Partum	Delivery	Postpartum	After delivery (adj: postpartal)
Post__	After	Menopause (adj: menopausal)	Cessation of menses	Postmenopausal	Occurring after the menopause

PREFIX	MEANING	COMBINED WITH	MEANING	TERM	MEANING
Pre__	Before	Menstrual (n: menstruation)	Relating to the menses	Premenstrual	Occurring before the menses
Pre__	Before	Mature	Ripe	Premature (Noun: prematurity)	Occurring before the proper time
Pre__	Before	Eclampsia	Pregnancy or Puerperal tetany	Pre-eclampsia	A complication of pregnancy with high BP, edema & proteinuria
Pro__	Before	Lactin	Milk	Prolactin (lactogen)	A hormone which stimulates and sustains lactation
Re__	Back	Traction	Action of pulling	Retraction	The act of drawing back
Re__	Back	Tractor	Instrument for applying traction	Retractor	Instrument for holding back underlying organs and tissues
Retro__	Behind	Cervical	Pertaining to cervix uteri	Retrocervical	Posterior to the cervix uteri
Sub__	Underneath	Mucosal	Pertaining to the mucous membrane	Submucosal	Under the mucosa
Sub__	Underneath	Serosal	Pertaining to the serosa	Subserosal	Under the serous membrane
Jni__	One	Gravida	Pregnant	Unigravida	Primigravida (gravida I)
Jni__	One	Ovular	Pertaining to ovum/egg	Uniovular	Arising from one ovum

## SUFFIXES

SUFFIX	MEANING	COMBINED WITH	MEANING	TERM	MEANING
__ectomy	Excision	Lump	Mass	Lumpectomy	Surgical removal of a mass
__fuge	An agent that drives away	Lacti__	Milk	Lactifuge	An agent that stops secretion of milk
__itis	Inflammation of	Salpingo__ (adj: salpingian)	Salpinx	Salpingitis	Inflammation of the oviducts
__oma	Tumor	Oophoro__	Ovary	Oophoroma	Malignant tumor of the ovary
__pathy	Disease	Metro__	Uterus	Metropathy	Uterine disease or disorder
__pexy	Fixation	Salpingo__	Uterine tube	Salpingopexy	Operation of fixing the uterine tube
__plasty	Repair	Perineo__	Perineum	Perineoplasty	Plastic surgery of the perineum
__plasty	Surgical repair	Salpingo__	Uterine tube	Salpingoplasty	Plastic operation on the uterine tube
__rrhagia	Bleeding	Oophoro__	Ovary	Oophorrhagia	Severe haemorrhage from an ovary
__rrhaphy	Suturing	Perineo__	Perineum	Perineorrhaphy	Suturation of the perineum
__rrhea	Discharge	Amnio__	Relating to amnion	Amniorrhea	The escape of the amniotic fluid
__rrhexis	Rupturing	Amnio__	Relating to the amnion	Amniorrhexis	Rupture of the amnion
__rrhexis	Rupturing	Colpo__	Vagina	Colporrhexis	Laceration of the vagina
__rrhexis	Rupturing	Metro__	Uterus	Metrorrhexis	Rupture of the uterus
__scopy	Examining with a scope	Amnio__	Relating to amnion	Amnioscopy	Observing the fetus and amniotic fluid by an endoscope
__therapy	Treatment	Cryo__	Cold	Cryotherapy	Therapeutic use of cold
__tomy	Incision	Oophoro__	Ovary	Oophorotomy	Incision of the ovary
__tomy	Cutting/incision	Amnio__	Relating to amnion	Amniotomy	Deliberate rupture of the fetal membranes to induce labor

## ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

AB:	Abortion
AFP:	Alpha fetoprotein
BSE:	Breast Self Examination
CIN:	Cervical Intraepithelial Neoplasia
CIS:	Carcinoma in situ
C-Section:	Cesarean Section (CS)
Cx:	Cervix
D & C:	Dilatation and Curettage
DCIS:	Ductal Carcinoma in situ
DES:	Diethylstilbestrol
DUB:	Dysfunctional Uterine Bleeding
ECC:	Endocervical Curettage
EDC:	Expected Date of Confinement
EDD:	Expected Date of Delivery
EMB:	Endometrial Biopsy
FHR:	Fetal Heart Rate
G:	Gravida
GYN.	Gynecology
HDN:	Hemolytic Disease of the Newborn
HMD:	Hyaline Membrane Disease
HSG:	Hysterosalpingography
LAVH:	Laparoscopic Assisted Vaginal Hysterectomy
LMP:	Last Menstrual Period
Multip.	Multipara
OB.	Obstetrics
OCPs:	Oral Contraceptive Pills
PID:	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
Primip:	Primipara; Primiparous
RDS:	Respiratory Distress Syndrome
TAH-BSO:	Total Abdominal Hysterectomy with Bilateral Salpingo-oophorectomy

## VOCABULARY

Anaplasia: (Dedifferentiation)	Loss of differentiation of cells and their orientation to one another e.g. in tumor tissue (adj: anaplastic)
Antibiotic:	A chemical that destroys or inhibits the growth of microorganism
Aplasia: (Agenesis)	Lack of development of an organ or tissue (adj: aplastic)
Autoimmune reaction:	The body makes antibodies against its own good cells and tissues, causing inflammation and injury
Dysplasia: (adj: dysplastic)	Abnormality of development (In pathology: alteration in size, shape and organization of adult cells).
Hydramnios :	Excess of amniotic fluid (syn: hydramnion, polyhydramnios)
Hyperplasia: (adj: hyperplastic)	Increase in cell number
Hypoplasia: (adj: hypoplastic)	Incomplete development or underdevelopment of an organ or tissue
Lactiferous:	Conveying or bearing milk
Malaise:	A vague feeling of bodily discomfort
Menometrorrhagia:	Excessive bleeding at and between menses
Metaplasia: (adj: metaplastic)	Change of type of cells in a tissue to another form of cells not normal for that tissue.

Necropsy: (Autopsy)	Examination of the body after death
Necroscopy:	To examine at necropsy
Pelvicephalometry:	The measurement of the diameters of the fetal head in relation to those of the mother's pelvis
Prolactinoma:	A pituitary adenoma that secretes excessive amounts of prolactin
Ultrasonic: (Suprasonic)	Having a frequency beyond the upper limit of perception by the human ear.
Ultrasonography: (Sonography)	The visualization of deep structures of the body by recording the reflections of (echoes of) pulses of ultrasonic waves directed into the tissues. (adj: ultrasonographic; sonographic)
Ultrasound:	Mechanical radiant energy with a frequency greater than 20,000 hertz (cycles per second)

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Galacto__	Milk	__cele	Cystic swelling	Galactocele (Galactoma; lactocele)	Cystic enlargement of the breast containing milk
Hemato__	Blood	Colpos	Vagina	Hematocolpos (Hematokolpos)	Accumulation of menstrual blood in the vagina
Hemato__ Hemo__	Blood	Metra	Uterus	Hematometra Hemometra	Accumulation of blood in the uterus
Hemato__	Blood	Colpometra	Vagina and uterus	Hematocolpometra	Accumulation of menstrual blood in the vagina and uterus
Hemato__	Blood	Salpinx	Oviduct	Hematosalpinx	Accumulation of blood in the uterine tube
Hystero__	Uterus	Metry__	Measurement	Hysterometry (Uterometry)	The measurement of the dimensions of the uterus
Lacto__	Milk	Trophin (tropin)	Has affinity for	Lactotrophin (Lactotropin) (Prolactin) (Mammatropin) (Lactogen)	A hormone that stimulates and sustains lactation in the postpartum period
Metro__	Uterus	__rrhea	Discharge	Metrorrhea	Abnormal uterine discharge
Metro__	Uterus	__ptosis	Prolapse	Metroptosis (Hysteroptosis)	Uterine prolapse
Metro__	Uterus	Salpingitis	Inflammation of the oviduct	Metrosalpingitis	Inflammation of the uterus and fallopian tubes
Oligo__	Little/Infrequent	Menorrhea	Normal discharge of menses	Oligomenorrhea	Infrequent menstrual flow, occurring at interval of 42 days to 6 months
Oligo__	Little/Infrequent	Hypermenorrhea	Excessive uterine bleeding occurring at regular interval of menstruation	Olighyperomenorrhea	Infrequent menstruation with excessive menstrual flow

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Oligo__	Little	Galactia	Milk secretion	Oligogalactia (hypogalactia)	Deficiency of milk secretion
Oligo__	Little	Amnios	Amniotic fluid	Oligoamnios (Oligohydramnios)	Presence of less than the normal amount (500 ml) of amniotic fluid
Oligo__	Little Infrequent	Hypermenorrhea	Uterine bleeding of less than normal amount occurring at regular intervals and for same period of time	Oligohypomenorrhea	Infrequent menstruation with diminished menstrual flow
Ovario__	Ovary	Salpingectomy	Excision of the fallopian tubes	Ovariosalpingectomy (Oophorosalingectomy)	Excision of the ovary and fallopian tubes
Ovario__	Ovary	Cyesis	Pregnancy	Ovariocyesis (Oocyesis)	Ovarian pregnancy
Puro__	Pus	Salpingitis	Inflammation of the fallopian tube	Pyosalpingitis	Purulent inflammation of the oviduct
Vulvo__	Region of external genitalia	Vaginitis	Inflammation of the vagina	Vulvovaginitis	Inflammation of the vulva and the vagina

## PREFIXES

PREFIX	MEANING	COMBINED WITH	MEANING	TERM	MEANING
A__	Not	Galactia	Secretion of milk	Agalactia (adj: agalactous) (syn: agalorrhea)	Absence or failure of milk secretion
A__	Negative	Menorrhea	Normal discharge of menses	Amenorrhea (Amenia)	Absence or abnormal stoppage of the menses
An__	Negative	Ovulatory	Pertaining to ovulation	Anovulatory (anovular)	Not accompanied with discharge of an ovum
Ante__	Before	Flexion	Bend	Anteflexion (and: anteflexed)	The normal forward curvature of the uterus, Long axis of body of uterus bent on axis of cervix uteri
Ante__	Before	Version	Turning	Anteversion (adj: anteverted)	The forward tilting of the uterus, long axis of uterus bent on axis of vagina
Dys__	Painful	Menorrhea	Normal discharge of menses	Dysmenorrhea	Painful menstruation
Dys__	Painful	Pareunia	Coitus	Dyspareunia	Difficult or painful coitus
Dys__	Difficult	Toco	Labor (child birth)	Dystocia	Abnormal labor
Endo__	Within	Cervicitis	Inflammation of the cervix uteri	Endocervicitis	Inflammation of the mucous membrane of the cervix uteri
Endo__	Within	Metritis	Inflammation of the uterus	Endometritis	Inflammation of the endometrium
Endo__	Within	Metriosis Metrio- + -osis	Diseased condition of uterus	Endometriosis (adj: endometriotic)	Tissue resembling the endometrium occurs aberrantly in various locations in the pelvic cavity
Hypo__	Below normal	Galactia	Milk secretion	Hypogalactia (adj: hypogalactous)	Deficiency of milk secretion
Hypo__	Below normal	Menorrhea	Normal discharge of menses	Hypomenorrhea	Uterine bleeding of less than normal amount occurring at regular intervals, and for same period of flow
In__	In	Vol	To roll	Involution (adj: involutinal)	The uterus returns to its normal non-pregnant size

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Intra__	Within	Uterine	Pertaining to the uterus	Intrauterine (opp: extrauterine)	Within the uterus
Multi__	Two or more	Para__	Produce	Multipara [para II, III, IV] [adj: multiparous] More than 5: Grand multipara	A woman who has two or more pregnancies which resulted in viable fetuses
Multi__	Two or more	Gravida	Pregnant	Multigravida [gravida II, III, IV] More than 5 : grand Multigravida	A woman who has been pregnant several times
Nulli__	None	Para__	Produce	Nullipara (para 0) [adj: nulliparous]	A woman who has never given birth to a viable infant
Nulli__	None	Gravida	Pregnant	Nulligravida	A woman who has never been pregnant
Pcy__	Much/many	Menorrhoea	Normal discharge of menses	Polymenorrhoea	Abnormally frequent menstruation occurring at regular intervals of less than 21 days
Pcy__	Much/many	Hydramnios	Excess of amniotic fluid	Polyhydramnios	Excess of amniotic fluid
Post__	After	Mortal (n. mortality)	Subject to death	Postmortal [Postmortem: after death]	Occurring after death
Primi__	First	Gravida	Pregnant	Primigravida (gravida I)	A woman pregnant for the first time
Primi__	First	Para__	Produce	Primipara (para I) [adj: primiparous]	Woman who has had one pregnancy which resulted in a viable child
Rero__	Backward	Flexion	Bend	Retroflexion	The bending backward of the body of the uterus
Rero__	Backward	Version	Turning	Retroversion	The backward tilting of the whole uterus in relation to the pelvic axis
Trans__	Across; through	Vaginal	Pertaining to vagina	Transvaginal	Performed through the vagina

## SUFFIXES

SUFFIX	MEANING	COMBINED WITH	MEANING	TERM	MEANING
__agogue	Induces	Galacto__ Lacto__	Milk	Galactagogue (Lactagogue) (Galactogouge)	An agent that promotes the flow of milk
__algia	Pain	Menorrhea	Normal discharge of menses	Menorrhagia (Dysmenorrhea)	Painful menstruation
__arche	Beginning	Meno__	Menses	Menarche (adj: Menarchal; menarcheal; menarchial)	Beginning of the menstrual function
__cele	Swelling	Ovario__	Ovary	Ovariocele	Hernial Protrusion of an ovary
__centesis	Tapping	Ovario__	Ovary	Ovariocentesis	Surgical puncture of the ovary
__centesis	Tapping	Amnio__	Amnion	Amniocentesis	Transabdominal tapping of the uterus to obtain amniotic fluid
__ectomy	Excision	Hystero__	Uterus	Hysterectomy (metrectomy)	Removal of the uterus
__ectomy	Excision	Masto__	Breast	Mastectomy (mammectomy)	Removal of the breast
__ectomy	Excision	Myoma__ (p. myomata; myomas) (leiomyoma)	A tumor of	Myomectomy (Myomatectomy)	Removal of a myoma or uterine fibroid
__ectomy	Excision	Oophoro__	Ovary	Oophorectomy	Removal of an ovary or ovaries
__ectomy	Excision	Salpingo__	Uterine tube	Salpingectomy	Removal of the uterine tube
__gen	Productive	Lacto__	Milk	Lactogen (adj: lactogenic)	A substance that enhances lactation
__genesis	Formation	Lacto__	Milk	Lactogenesis (adj: lactogenic)	Establishment of milk secretion in the mammary gland
__genic	Arising in	Ovario__	Ovary	Ovariogenic (Oophorogenous)	Arising in the ovary
__gram	x-ray record	Mammo__	Breast	Mammogram	x-ray record of the breast
__graphy	The act of recording	Hystero__	Uterus	Hysterography (Metrography) (Uterography)	x-ray of the uterus after instilling a contrast medium

SUFFIX	MEANING	COMBINED WITH	MEANING	TERM	MEANING
__graphy	The act of recording	Salpingo__	Uterine tube	Salpingography	x-ray of the uterine tubes after injecting an opaque medium
__graphy	The act of recording	Hystero__	Uterus	Hysterosalpingography	x-ray of the uterus and uterine tubes after injecting an opaque material
__itis	Inflammation of	Oophoro__	Ovary	Oophoritis	Inflammation of the ovary
__itis	Inflammation of	Masto__ Mammo	Breast	Mastitis (Mammitis)	Inflammation of the breast
__metry	Measurement	Pelvi__	Pelvis	Pelvimetry	The measurement of the dimensions and capacity of the pelvis
__oma	Tumor	Angio__	Blood vessel	Angioma	A tumor whose cells tend to form blood vessels
__plasty	Reconstruction	Mammo__	Breast	Mammoplasty (Mammoplasty) (Mastoplasty)	Plastic reconstruction of the breast
__plasty	Reconstruction	Episio__	Vulva	Episioplasty	Plastic repair of the vulva
__plasty	Reconstruction	Colpo__ Vagino__	Vagina	Colpoplasty (vaginoplasty)	Plastic surgery of the vagina
__rrhagia	Bleeding	Meno__	Menses	Menorrhagia (hypermenorrhea)	Excessive uterine bleeding occurring at regular intervals of menstruation
__rrhagia	Bleeding	Metro__	Uterus	Metrorrhagia	Uterine bleeding, usually of normal amount occurring at completely irregular intervals
__rrhaphy	Suture	Colpo__	Vagina	Colporrhaphy	Operation for suturing the vagina
__rrhea	Discharge	Galacto__ Lacto__	Milk	Galactorrhea (Lactorrhea)	Abnormal persistent discharge of milk
__rrhea	Flow or discharge	Meno__	Menses	Menorrhea	Normal discharge of menses
__rrhexis	Rupture	Ovario__	Ovary	Ovariorrhexis	Rupture of an ovary

SUFFIX	MEANING	COMBINED WITH	MEANING	TERM	MEANING
__scopy	Viewing with a scope	Colpo__	Vagina	Colposcopy	Examination of the cervix and vagina by means of a colposcope
__scopy	Viewing with a scope	Hystero__	Uterus	Hysteroscopy	Inspection of the cervical canal and the cavity of the uterus by a hysteroscope or metroscope
__stasis	Stopping	Meno__	Menses	Menostasis (Menopause) (adjective: Menopausal)	Cessation of menstruation
__tomy	Incision	Episio__	Vulva	Episiotomy	Surgical incision of the vulvar orifice for obstetrical purposes