

## Ways of Building Clinical Words

### 1. Making stem compounds

Hydrotherapia water + treatment -treatment using water

Linking vowel o (the second stem starts with a consonant)

Odontalgia tooth + pain/ache – toothache

No linking vowel

### 2. Using prefixes (initial elements)

Hyper-  
Hypo-  
Dys-  
A- → + - tonia (blood pressure, tonus)

### 3. Using suffixes (after stems)

Hepar, atis n (liver)

Stem = Genitive Singular Form – ending

Hepatis – is = hepat (stem)

Hepat-	→ -oma	tumour of liver
Hepat-	→ -itis	inflammation of liver
Hepat-	→ -osis	non-inflammatory, degenerative disease of liver