Endocrine System

Principal Word Parts

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| Combining Forms |  |
| Aden(o) | Gland |
| Adren(o), adrenal(o) | Adrenal gland |
| Andr(o) | Male or masculine |
| Calc(i) | Calcium |
| Cortic(o) | Cortex, outer region |
| Crin(o) | Secrete |
| Dips(o) | Thirst |
| Estr(o) | Female |
| Gigant(o) | Large |
| Gluc(o), glyc(o) | sugar |
| Gonad(o) | Gonad |
| Home(o) | Sameness or constant |
| Hormon(o) | hormone |
| Insulin(o) | Insulin |
| Iod(o) | Iodine |
| Kal(i) | potassium |
| Lact(o) | Milk |
| Mamm(o), mast(o) | Breast |
| Myx(o) | mucus |
| Natr(o) | Sodium |
| Pancreat(o) | Pancreas |
| Parathyroid(o) | Parathyroids |
| Phys(o) | Growing |
| Pituitar(o) | Pituitary gland |
| Somat(o) | body |
| Ster(o) | Solid structure |
| Thyr(o), thyroid(o) | Thyroid gland |
| Toc(o) | Childbirth |
| Trop(o) | To stimulate |

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| Prefixes |  |
| Eu- | Good, normal |
| Exo- | Outside or outward |
| Hyper- | Excessive, above |
| Hypo- | Deficient; below under; less than normal |
| Oxy- | Rapid, sharp, acid |
| Pan- | All |
| Pro- | Before or for |
| Tetra- | Four |
| Tri- | three |

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| Suffixes |  |
| -agon | Assemble, gather together |
| -emia | Blood condition |
| -in, -ine | A substance |
| -physis | Growth |
| -tropic | Stimulate |
| -tropin | That which stimulates |