

Gastrointestinal System Terminology - **Key**

labia-	lip
labiogingival	concerning the lips and gums
labiodental	concerning the lips and teeth
labiotenaculum	instrument for holding lips during operation
labiochorea	spasm of the lips, causing stuttering
labioglossopharyngeal	concerning lips, tongue, and pharynx
labiomycosis	fungal disease of the lips
stoma-, stomato-	mouth
stomatodynia	pain in the mouth
stomatogastric	concerning the stomach and mouth
stomatognathic	mouth and jaws together
stomatalgia	pain in the mouth
stomatitis	inflammation of the mouth
stomatology	science of the mouth and teeth
stomatorrhagia	hemorrhage of the mouth or gums
stomatosis	any disease of the mouth
stomatomalacia	pathological softening of any mouth structure
stomatoplasty	surgical repair of the mouth
stomatomycosis	fungal disease of the mouth
stomatonecrosis	gangrenous ulcerative inflammation of the mouth
stomatologist	specialist in mouth and teeth, and their diseases
aphthous stomatitis	formation of tiny ulcers on the mucosa of the mouth
gingiv/o-	gums
gingivalgia	pain in the gums
gingivectomy	excision of diseased gum tissue
gingivitis	inflammation of the gums
gingivoplasty	surgical correction of the gingival margin
gingivostomatitis	inflammation of the gingival tissue and the mucosa
gingivolabial	concerning the gums and lips
gingivosis	chronic gingivitis
dento-	teeth
dentitis	inflammation of dentin
dentist	authorized practitioner of dentistry
dentimeter	device for measuring teeth
dentition	the development and cutting of teeth
donto-	tooth
oligodontia	a hereditary developmental anomaly characterized by fewer teeth than normal
orthodontist	a dentist who is an expert in orthodontia

anodontia	absence of teeth
gastro-, gaster, -gastro-	stomach
megalogastria	excessive size of the stomach
microgastria	unusual smallness of the stomach
gastroptosis	downward displacement of the stomach
gastromalacia	softening of the stomach walls
gastrodynia	pain in the stomach
gastralgia	pain in the stomach
gastrectasis	dilatation of the stomach
gastrectomy	removal of all or part of the stomach
gastritis	inflammation of the stomach
gastroenteritis	inflammation of the stomach and intestinal tract
gastroileitis	inflammation of the stomach and ileum
gastric lavage	washing out of the stomach
nasogastric tube	a tube inserted into the nose that runs into the stomach
gastric ulcer	an ulcer of the stomach
gastrostomy	surgical creation of a gastric fistula through the abdomen
gastroscope	endoscope for examining the interior of the stomach
gastroscope	examination of the stomach and abdominal cavity
gastroduodenitis	inflammation of the stomach and duodenum
entero-	small intestine
enteralgia	neuralgia or pain in the intestines
enterectasis	dilation of the small intestines
enterectomy	excision of a portion of the intestine
enterorrhaphy	stitching of an intestinal wound
enterotomy	incision or dissection of the intestine
hepat-	liver
hepatalgia	pain in the liver
hepatodynia	pain in the liver
hepatectomy	removal of all or part of the liver
hepaticoduodenostomy	making a duct between the hepatic duct and duodenum
hepatitis	inflammation of the liver
hepaticolithotripsy	crushing of a biliary calculus in the hepatic duct
hepatology	study of the liver
hepatologist	a specialist in the liver
hepatomalacia	softening of the liver
hepatomegaly	enlargement of the liver
hepatosplenomegaly	x-ray examination of the liver and spleen
hepatonephritis	inflammation of both the liver and kidneys

hepatoscopy	examination of the liver
perihepatitis	inflammation of the peritoneal covering of the liver
hepatotoxemia	autointoxication due to malfunction of the liver
hernia-	protrusion of an organ or part of an organ through the wall of the cavity that normally contains it
herniorrhaphy	surgical procedure for repair of a hernia
hernioplasty	surgical operation for a hernia
cholecyst-	gallbladder
cholecystectomy	excision of the gall bladder
cholecystenterorrhaphy	suture of the gall bladder to the intestinal wall
cholecystitis	inflammation of the gall bladder
cholecystolithiasis	gallstones in the gall bladder
cholecystorrhaphy	suturing of the gall bladder
cholecystogram	a radiographic image of the gall bladder
cholangi/o-	bile duct
cholangiectasis	dilation of the bile ducts
cholangioenterostomy	surgically produced connection of a bile duct and the intestine
cholangiography	radiographic examination of the bile ducts
cholangiotomy	incision of a bile duct for the removal of stones
cholangioitis	inflammation of the bile ducts
cholangioma	a tumor of the bile ducts
cholangiogram	examination of the bile ducts
chol/e-	gall, bile
cholelithotripsy	crushing of a biliary calculus
cholelithotomy	removal of gallstones through surgical incision
cholepathia	spasmodic contraction of the bile ducts
cholepoiesis	formation of bile
cholelithiasis	formation of calculi or bilestones in the gall bladder or common duct
acholia	absence of or decrease in bile
choledocho-	common bile duct
choledochectomy	excision of a portion of the common bile duct
choledocholithiasis	calculi in the common bile duct
choledocholithotomy	removal of a bile stone through incision in the common bile duct
choledochoplasty	operation for repair of the common bile duct
choledochorrhaphy	suturing of the severed ends of the common bile duct
choledocholithotripsy	crushing of a gallstone in the common bile duct

an/o-	anus
anoplasty	plastic surgery of the anus
anosigmoidoscopy	direct visual examination of the anus, rectum, and colon
anorectal	pertaining to both the anus and rectum
anoscope	speculum for examining the anus and lower rectum
antr/o-	relationship to an antrum (any nearly closed cavity or chamber, especially in a bone)
antrectomy	excision of the walls of an antrum
antroduodenectomy	surgical removal of the pyloric antrum and upper portion of the duodenum
antrotomy	cutting through an antral wall
antrotome	instrument used to perform an antrotomy
antritis	inflammation of an antrum
col/o-	colon
colonoscopy	examination of the upper part of the rectum
colectomy	excision of all or part of the colon
colostomy	opening of any part of the colon through the abdominal wall to the outside
colorrhaphy	suture of the colon
colonorrhagia	hemorrhage from the colon
colonopathy	any disease of the colon
colonalgia	pain in the colon
colocentesis	surgical puncture of the colon to relieve distension
coloenteritis	inflammation of the mucous membrane of the colon or small intestine
coloptosis	a downward displacement of the colon
colorectitis	inflammation of the colon and rectum
coloproctitis	colonic and rectal inflammation
colotomy	incision of the colon
cec/o-	cecum
cecorrhaphy	suturing the cecum
cecectomy	incision into the cecum
cecitis	inflammation of the cecum
cecoileostomy	surgical formation of an anastomosis between the cecum and the ilium
cecoptosis	falling displacement of the cecum
esophag/o-	esophagus
esophagalgia	pain in the esophagus
esophagectomy	excision of a part of the esophagus
esophagocele	hernia of the esophagus

esophagodynia	pain in the esophagus
esophagoenterostomy	formation of a portal between the esophagus and the intestine after removal of the stomach
esophagogastranastomosis	joining the esophagus to the stomach
esophagogastroplasty	plastic repair of the esophagus and stomach
esophagoscope	an endoscope for examination of the esophagus
esophagoscopy	examination of the esophagus
esophagitis	inflammation of the esophagus
esophagotomy	surgical incision into the esophagus
esophagomalacia	softening of the esophageal walls
esophagomycosis	bacterial or fungal disease of the esophagus
esophagoptosis	relaxation and prolapse of the esophagus
esophagostenosis	stricture or narrowing of the esophagus
duoden/o-	duodenum
duodenal ulcer	damaged mucous membrane
duodenitis	inflammation of the duodenum
duodenorrhaphy	suturing the duodenum
duodenotomy	an incision into the duodenum
duodenoscopy	inspection of the duodenum with an endoscope
duodenectasis	chronic inflammation of the duodenum
duodenectomy	excision of part or all of the duodenum
jejun/o-	jejunum (second portion of the small intestine)
jejunitis	inflammation of the jejunum
jejunoileitis	inflamed condition of the jejunum and ileum
jejunotomy	surgical incision into the jejunum
jejunorrhaphy	surgical repair of the jejunum
jejunectomy	excision of some or all of the jejunum
jejunojejunostomy	formation of a passage between two parts of the jejunum
ile/o-	ileum (lower 60% of the small intestine)
ileostomy	creation of a surgical passage through the abdominal wall into the ileum
ileocecal	relating to the ileum and cecum
ileitis	inflammation of the ileum
ileocolitis	inflammation of the mucous membrane of the ileum and colon
ileorrhaphy	surgical repair of the ileum
ileotomy	incision into the ileum
ileocystoplasty	use of a portion of the ileum to increase size of the bladder
paralytic ileus	ileus

proct/o-	anus, rectum
proctoptosis	prolapse of the anus and rectum
proctoscopy	instrumental inspection of the rectum
proctologist	one who specializes in the colon, rectum, and anus
proctology	dealing with the treatment of diseases of the colon, rectum, and anus
proctitis	inflammation of the rectum and anus
proctalgia	pain in the anus or rectum
proctoclysis	an infusion, drop by drop, into the rectum and colon
proctodynia	pain in the anus or rectum
proctostenosis	stricture of the anus or rectum
proctoceles	protrusion of the rectal mucosa into the vagina
proctorrhaphy	suturing of the rectum or anus
proctotomy	incision of the rectum or anus
proctosigmoidoscopy	visual examination of the rectum and sigmoid colon
proctectasia	dilation of the anus or rectum
proctoplegia	paralysis of the anal sphincter
proctoplasty	plastic surgery of the anus or rectum
proctorrhagia	bleeding from the anus or rectum
proctoscope	instrument for inspection of the rectum
rect/o-	rectum
rectocele	protrusion or herniation of the posterior vaginal wall
rectitis	inflamed condition of the rectum
rectocolitis	inflamed condition of the rectum and colon
rectopexy	fixation of the rectum by suturing to another part
rectostenosis	stricture of the rectum
rectotomy	incision for a stricture of the rectum
sigmoid/o-	sigmoid colon
sigmoidoscope	tubular speculum for examination of the sigmoid colon
sigmoidoscopy	use of a sigmoidoscope to examine the sigmoid colon
sigmoidotomy	incision of the sigmoid
sigmoidectomy	removal of all or part of the sigmoid flexure
sigmoidostomy	creation of artificial anus in the sigmoid flexure
sigmoiditis	inflammation of the sigmoid colon
sigmoidopexy	fixation of the sigmoid to an abdominal incision
cheil/o-	lips
cheilorrhaphy	surgical repair of a cleft palate
cheilitis	inflammation of the lip
macrocheilia	abnormal size of the lips characterized by swelling of the glands
cheilotomy	excision of part of a lip

cheilgnathopalatoschisis	cleft in the hard and soft palate
cheilophagia	habit of biting one's own lip
cheiloplasty	plastic operation on the lips
cheilosis	morbid condition of the lips with a reddened appearance
cheilostomatoplasty	plastic surgery and restoration of the mouth
appendic/o-	appendix
appendicitis	inflammation of the appendix
appendectomy	removal of all or part of the appendix
appendalgia	pain in the lower right quadrant, in area of the appendix
appendicectasis	dilation of the vermiform appendix
gloss/o-	tongue
glossorrhaphy	suture of a wound of the tongue
glossitis	inflammation of the tongue
glossolalia	repetition of senseless remarks not related to the subject or situation
aglossia	congenital absence of the tongue
macroglossia	hypertrophied condition of the tongue
ankyloglossia	abnormal shortness of the frenum of the tongue
glossopyrosis	burning sensation of the tongue
glossoplegia	paralysis of the tongue
glossoptosis	dropping of the tongue out of normal position
glossology	study of the tongue and its diseases
lingu/o-	tongue or tongue-like structure
sublingual	under the tongue
linguopapillitis	small ulcers of the papillae of the edge of the tongue
lapar/o-	abdomen
laparotomy	surgical opening of the abdomen
laparorrhaphy	suture of wounds into the abdominal wall
laparocholecystotomy	incision into the gall bladder through abdominal wall
laparoenterostomy	formation of opening into the intestine through the abdominal wall
laparogastrotomy	abdominal incision into the stomach
laparomyitis	inflammation of the muscular portion of the abdominal wall
laparoscope	endoscope designed for the visual examination of the peritoneal cavity
laparoscopy	examination of the peritoneal cavity using a laparoscope

abdomin/o-	abdomen
abdominoplasty	cosmetic surgery of the abdomen
abdominocentesis	puncture of the abdomen for the withdrawal of fluids
celi/o-	belly, abdomen
celioenterotomy	incision to gain access to the intestines
celiogastrotomy	incision, through the abdomen, into the stomach
celiotomy	surgical incision into the abdominal cavity
pylor/o-	pylorus (lower orifice of the stomach, opening to the duodenum)
pyloroplasty	operation to repair the pylorus
pyloric stenosis	narrowing of the pyloric orifice
pyloralgia	pain around the pylorus
pyloritis	inflammation of the pylorus
pyloromyotomy	incision and suture of the pyloric sphincter
pylorospasm	spasmodic contractions of the pyloric sphincter
uvul/o-	uvula
uvulitis	inflammation of the uvulus
uvulectomy	removal of part or all of the uvula
uvuloptosis	relaxed and pendulous condition of the palate
palat/o-	palate
palatitis	inflammation of the palate
palatoplasty	surgical repair of the palate
palatoplegia	paralysis of the muscles of the soft palate
peritone/o-	peritoneum
peritoneal	relating to the peritoneum, the serous membrane lining the abdominal cavity
peritonitis	inflammation of the peritoneum
peritonealgia	pain of the peritoneum
polyp-	a tumor with a pedicle (many footed)
polyposis	the presence of numerous polyps
polypotome	instrument for the excision of polyps
polypectomy	surgical removal of a polyp
sialo-	saliva
sialolith	a salivary concretion or calculus
sialadenitis	inflamed condition of a salivary gland
sialoadenotomy	incision of a salivary gland
sialolithotomy	removal of a calculus from a salivary gland or duct
sialaporia	deficient secretion of saliva

sialitis	inflammation of a salivary gland
sialorrhea	excessive flow of saliva
sialostenosis	closure of a salivary duct
pancreat-	pancreas
pancreatitis	inflammation of the pancreas
pancreatomy	surgical incision into the pancreas
related terms	
achalasia	failure to relax a muscle
achylia	absence of chyle or other digestive juice
adhesions	a holding together or binding of two parts
aerophagia	swallowing of air
anastomosis	surgical or pathological connection of two tubular structures
anorexia	psychiatric condition involving self-deprivation of food, lack of appetite, and pathological weight loss
apepsia	cessation of digestion
aphagia	inability to swallow
ascites	accumulation of fluid in the peritoneal cavity
atresia	congenital absence or closure of a normal opening
bradyphagia	abnormal slowness in eating
bulimia	a neurotic disorder characterized by binge eating, followed by vomiting or induced diarrhea
cachexia	a state of ill health, wasting, or malnutrition
cirrhosis	chronic disease of the liver
crohn's disease	an ongoing disorder that causes inflammation of the digestive tract
diarrhea	medication encouraging the movement of feces
dysentery	painful, inflamed intestines
dyspepsia	painful digestion
dysphagia	difficulty speaking
emesis	vomiting
eructation	producing gas from the stomach – belching
feces	solid wastes – stool
gavage	feeding with a stomach tube
glucose	simple sugar
hepatic portal system	capillary networks of the intestines and liver which are connected via the portal vein
herpes simplex	cold sores, fever blisters – caused by a virus
intussusception	telescoping of the intestine – common in children
laxative	medication encouraging the movement of feces
leukoplakia	white plaques or patches of mouth mucosa
melena	black stool – feces containing blood
nasogastric	pertaining to the nose and stomach

nausea	urge to vomit
peptic ulcer	lesion on the wall of the stomach (peptic ulcer)
polyphagia	eating abnormally large amounts of food at a meal
volvulus	twisting of the intestine upon itself

Pathway of food through the digestive tract

