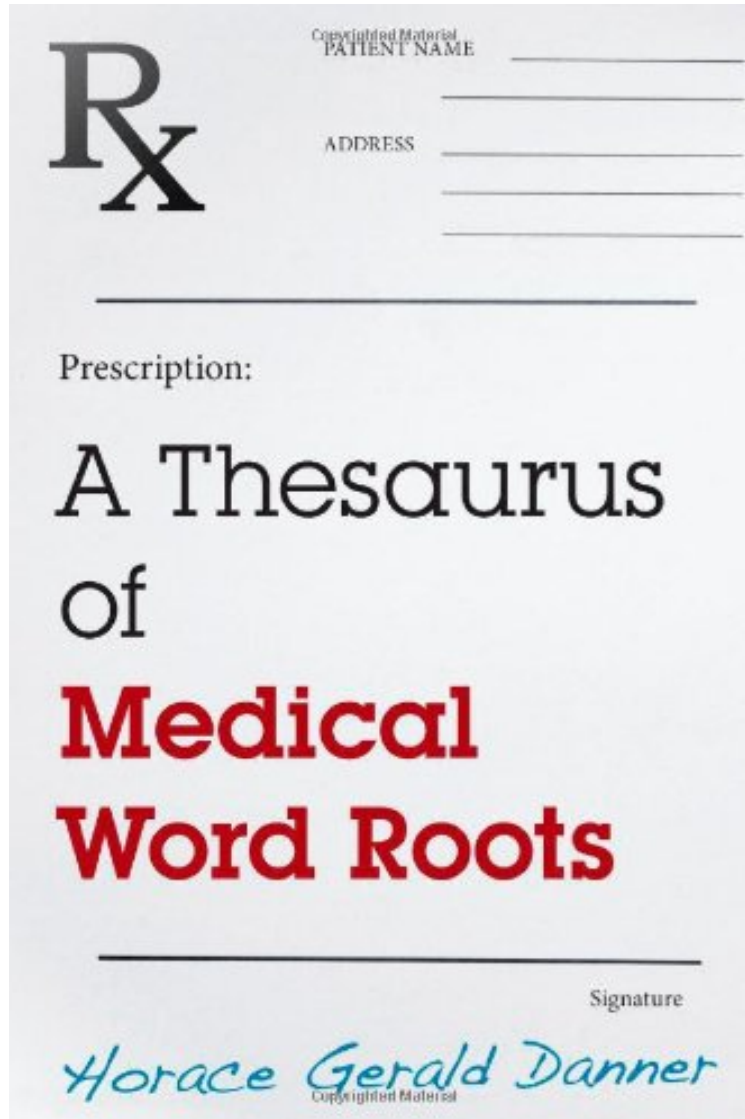


A Thesaurus of Medical Word Roots

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Dr. Horace Gerald Danners *A Thesaurus of Medical Word Roots* is a compendium of the most-used word roots of the medical and health-care professions. All word roots are listed alphabetically, along with the Greek or Latin words from which they derive, together with the roots original meanings. If the current meaning of an individual root differs from the original meaning, that is listed in a separate column. In the examples column, the words which contain the root are then listed, starting with their prefixes. For example, esthesia, which means feeling, has as its prefixed roots alloesthesia, anesthesia, and dysesthesia. The listing then switches to words where the root itself forms the beginning, such as esthesiogenesis or esthesioneuroblastoma. These root-starting terms then are followed by words where the root falls in the middle or the end, as in acanthesthesia, cryesthesia, or osmethesia. In this manner, *A Thesaurus of Medical Word Roots* places the word in as many word families as there are elements in the word. This work will interest not only medical practitioners but linguists and philologists and anyone interested in the etymological aspects of medical terminology.

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medical technicians. It may also find a place in collections for disciplines with clinical or academic interest in medical terminology such as social work, public health, psychology or anthropology. In addition, librarians selecting for general reference should not overlook the utility of this thesaurus for satisfying users seeking information about word origins that are not included in many medical dictionaries. (Reference s)About the AuthorOriginally from South Alabama, Horace Gerald Danner is a graduate of the University of the Philippines and holds a Ph.D. in educational psychology from American University in Washington, DC. He is the author of *The English Tree of Roots* (2004) and *Discover It! The Ultimate Vocabulary Builder* (2011).