

EXPRESSING POSITION IN MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

1. General terms

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| locus, i, m. / situs, us, m. (L.) | = topo- (G.) = place | e.g. <i>topophobia</i> |
| <i>in situ</i> | = in the (afore-mentioned) place | |
| <i>loco typico</i> | = in the typical place | |
| <i>loco cicatricis</i> | = in the place of the scar | (*cicatrix, icis, f. = scar) |
| <i>eodem loco</i> | = in the same place | |
| localis, e = local | e.g. <i>anaesthesia localis</i> | |
| positio, onis, f. | = position, location | |

2. Lateral position

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| <i>lateris dextri</i> (l.dx.) | = on the right side, the right one | |
| <i>lateris sinistri</i> (l.sin.) | = on the left side, the left one | |
| <i>lateris utriusque</i> (l. utr.) | = on both sides, both | |
| later- (L.) | *(prefix) = related to side | e.g. <i>lateropositio uteri</i> |
| /bi/lateralis, e | = /bi/lateral | e.g. <i>decubitus bilaterales</i> |
| collateralis, e | = located on the same side | e.g. <i>arteria collateralis</i> |
| sinistro-/dextropositio | = reversal of an organ to the left/right | |
| marginalis, e | = marginal | e.g. <i>gingivitis marginalis</i> |
| acralis, e (G.) | = referring to extremities | e.g. <i>cyanosis acralis</i> |

3. Medial position

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| medius, a, um / medianus, a, um | e.g. <i>auris media; linea mediana</i> |
| medialis, e (x lateralis, e) | e.g. <i>nervi supraclaviculares mediales</i> |
| intermedius, a, um = located between two things | e.g. <i>septum intermedium</i> |
| mes-o- (G.) | *(prefix) e.g. <i>mesoderma; mesencephalon</i> |
| centralis, e | e.g. <i>os centrale; systema nervosum centrale</i> |

4. Anterior position/before sth

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| anterior, ius | *(comparative form) | e.g. <i>paries anterior gastris</i> |
| antero- | *(pref.) | e.g. <i>funiculus anterolateralis</i> |

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| ante- | *(pref.) | e.g. <i>antepositio uteri</i> |
| prae- (L.) | *(pref.) | e.g. <i>transfusio praeoperativa</i> |
| pro- (G.) | *(pref.) | e.g. <i>progeria adulatorum; prognathia</i> |

5. Posterior position/after sth

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| posterior, ius | *(comp. form) | e.g. <i>processus posterior tali</i> |
| postero- | *(pref.) | e.g. <i>infarctus posterolateralis</i> |
| post- (L.) | *(pref.) | e.g. <i>regio postnasalis; status postabortalis</i> |
| retro- (L.) | *(pref.) | e.g. <i>spatium retropharyngeum</i> |
| meta- (G.) | *(pref.) | e.g. <i>ossa metacarpalia</i> |

6. Superior position

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| superior, ius | *(comp. form) | e.g. <i>palpebra superior</i> |
| supero- | *(pref.) | e.g. <i>nodi lymphatici inguinales superficiales superomediales</i> |
| supra-/super- (L.) | *(pref.) | e.g. <i>fossa supravesicalis; venae superficiales membri superioris</i> |
| epi- (G.) | *(pref.) | e.g. <i>venae episclerales</i> |
| hyper- (g.) | *(pref.) rarely | e.g. <i>hypernephritis</i> |

7. Inferior position

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| inferior, ius | *(comp. form) | e.g. <i>membra inferiora</i> |
| infero- | *(pref.) | e.g. <i>infarctus inferoposterior</i> |
| infra- (L.) | *(pref.) | e.g. <i>nervus infraorbitalis</i> |
| sub- (L.) | *(pref.) | e.g. <i>ductus sublingualis maior</i> |
| hypo- (G.) | *(pref.) rarely | e.g. <i>hypodermis</i> |

8. Internal position

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| internus, a, um | | e.g. <i>auris interna</i> |
| intra- (L.) | *(pref.) | e.g. <i>haemorrhagia intracranialis</i> |
| endo- (G.) | *(pref.) | e.g. <i>endocarditis</i> |

9. External position

externus, a, um

e.g. *meatus acusticus externus*

extra- (L.) *(pref.)

e.g. *circulatio extracorporalis*

ecto-/exo- (G.) *(pref.)

e.g. *ectoparasitus; neurosis exogenes*