**EXPRESSING POSITION IN MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY**

**1. General terms**

locus, i, m. / situs, us, m. (L.) = topo- (G.) = place e.g. *topophobia*

*in situ* = in the (afore-mentioned) place

*loco typico* = in the typical place

*loco cicatricis* = in the place of the scar (\*cicatrix, icis, f. = scar)

eodem loco = in the same place

localis, e = local e.g. *anaesthesia localis*

positio, onis, f. = position, location

**2. Lateral position**

*lateris dextri* (l.dx.) = on the right side, the right one

*lateris sinistri* (l.sin.) = on the left side, the left one

*lateris utriusque* (l. utr.) = on both sides, both

later- (L.) \*(prefix) = related to side e.g. *lateropositio uteri*

/bi/lateralis, e = /bi/lateral e.g. *decubitus bilaterales*

collateralis, e = located on the same side e.g. *arteria collateralis*

sinistro-/dextropositio = reversal of an organ to the left/right

marginalis, e = marginal e.g. *gingivitis marginalis*

acralis, e (G.) = referring to extremities e.g. *cyanosis acralis*

**3. Medial position**

medius, a, um / medianus, a, um e.g. *auris media*; *linea mediana*

medialis, e (x lateralis, e) e.g. *nervi supraclaviculares mediales*

intermedius, a, um = located between two things e.g. *septum intermedium*

mes-o- (G.) \*(prefix) e.g. *mesoderma*; *mesencephalon*

centralis, e e.g. *os centrale*; *systema nervosum centrale*

**4. Anterior position/before sth**

anterior, ius \*(comparative form) e.g. *paries anterior* *gastris*

antero- \*(pref.) e.g. *funiculus anterolateralis*

ante- \*(pref.) e.g. *antepositio uteri*

prae- (L.) \*(pref.) e.g. *transfusio praeoperativa*

pro- (G.) \*(pref.) e.g. *progeria adultorum*; *prognathia*

**5. Posterior position/after sth**

posterior, ius \*(comp. form) e.g. *processus posterior tali*

postero- \*(pref.) e.g. *infarctus posterolateralis*

post- (L.) \*(pref.) e.g. *regio postnasalis*; *status postabortalis*

retro- (L.) \*(pref.) e.g. *spatium retropharyngeum*

meta- (G.) \*(pref.) e.g. *ossa metacarpalia*

**6. Superior position**

superior, ius \*(comp. form) e.g. *palpebra superior*

supero- \*(pref.) e.g. *nodi lymphatici inguinales superficiales superomediales*

supra-/super- (L.) \*(pref.) e.g. *fossa supravesicalis*; *venae superficiales membri superioris*

epi- (G.) \*(pref.) e.g. *venae episclerales*

hyper- (g.) \*(pref.) *rarely* e.g. *hypernephritis*

**7. Inferior position**

inferior, ius \*(comp. form) e.g. *membra inferiora*

infero- \*(pref.) e.g. *infarctus inferoposterior*

infra- (L.) \*(pref.) e.g. *nervus infraorbitalis*

sub- (L.) \*(pref.) e.g. *ductus sublingualis maior*

hypo- (G.) \*(pref.) *rarely* e.g. *hypodermis*

**8. Internal position**

internus, a, um e.g. *auris interna*

intra- (L.) \*(pref.) e.g *haemorrhagia intracranialis*

endo- (G.) \*(pref.) e.g. *endocarditis*

**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*