APPENDIX: Core meanings of 302 semi-technical medical words from Hsu’s (2013) Medical Word List

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| 1. Diagnosis  *Identification* | 152. Arch  *To make/ Having a curved structure*  *Cunning* |
| 2. Tumour  *Swelling* | 153. Isolate  *To separate* |
| 3. Renal  *(Relating to) the kidneys* | 154. Stimulate  *To stir to action* |
| 4. Syndrome  *Combined symptoms or behaviours* | 156. Intravenous  *Within a vein* |
| 5. Liver  *(Relating to) the liver* | 156. Specimen  *An example* |
| 6. Transplant  *To move/A subject or process of moving something or someone from one place to another* | 157. Prior  *Before* |
| 7. Lesion  *Relating to injury or disease* | 158. Respirator  *Something that helps with breathing* |
| 8. Acute  *Extreme*  *Sharp* | 159. Haemorrhage  *Relating to draining away* |
| 9. Chronic  *Long lasting*  *Bad* | 160. Intervene  *To come between* |
| 10. Primary  *First and original* | 161. Germ  *A source* |
| 11. Disorder  *(To put) out of order*  *To give a contrary order* | 162. Diuretic  *Promoting urination* |
| 12. Artery  *A channel* | 163. Tolerate  *To put up with* |
| 13. Surgical  *Relating to surgery* | 164. Complement  *Relating to completion* |
| 14. Gene  *Relating to heredity* | 165. Prolapse  *(Relating to) slip(ping) out of place* |
| 15. Hypertension  *Extreme tension or pressure* | 166. Precursor  *Something that comes before another* |
| 16. Anterior  *Prior or in front of physically* | 167. Refract  *To deflect the course of light rays* |
| 17. Posterior  *Following or behind physically* | 168. Resolution  *Conversion*  *Coming to a solution* |
| 18. Lateral  *Relating to the side* | 169. Acuity  *Sharpness* |
| 19. Conduct  *Relating to directing* | 170. Anal  *Relating to the anus* |
| 20. Discharge  *(To) release* | 171. Cuff  *Something round the wrist*  *Relating to a blow with the fist* |
| 21. Radial  *Diverging from a central point* | 172. Regress  *To revert* |
| 22. Fascia  *Tissue that surrounds body parts*  *Band-like object* | 173. Papillary  *Relating to a small fleshy projection* |
| 23. Dominant  *Commanding* | 174. Yield (Noun)  *Amount produced*  Yield (Verb)  *To give* |
| 24. Resolve (Noun)  *Determination to do something*  Resolve (Verb)  *To transform*  *To break up into smaller constituent parts*  *To bring to resolution* | 175. Formula  *A set form of something* |
| 25. Eliminate  *To remove* | 176. Fungus  *Mushroom* |
| 26. Transcript  *A written copy* | 177. Objective (Adjective)  *Detached*  Objective (Noun)  *Something independent of the mind*  *Target* |
| 27. Premature  *Too early* | 178. Benign  *Mild, kind* |
| 28. Lobe  *A division or part of a larger structure* | 179. Component  *(Relating to) constituent parts* |
| 29. Median  *Relating to the midpoint* | 180. Underlie  *To be underneath* |
| 30. Susceptible  *Capable of being affected by something* | 181. Scar  *(Relating to) a wound* |
| 31. Interstitial  *In-between* | 182. Proliferate  *To generate in large quantities* |
| 32. Placenta  *The part in a plant/ human where the ovules/ foetus are attached* | 183. Invasive  *Relating to attacking* |
| 33. Hereditary  *Characteristics or properties passed from a generation to the successive one* | 184. Donor  *A giver* |
| 34. Displace  *To shift from its original place* | 185. Modify  *To make minor changes* |
| 35. Reflux  *Relating to flowing back* | 186. Anomaly  *Irregularity* |
| 36. Basal  *Pertaining to the base* | 187. Administer  *To execute a task* |
| 37. Shunt  *Relating to a diversion/ To divert* | 188. Inferior  *Lower* |
| 38. Recur  *To occur again* | 189. Arise  *To move up* |
| 39. Inflame  *To make very hot* | 190. Migrate  *To move to a new location* |
| 40. Biopsy  *To remove/ Removal of a sample from a living creature* | 191. Reflex  *Reproduction of an original*  *An automatic response* |
| 41. Pulmonary  *Relating to the lungs* | 192. Occlusion  *Closing* |
| 42. Pathology  *Relating to disease* | 193. Stricture  *Narrowing*  *Negative criticism* |
| 43. Mutate  *To change* | 194. Evident  *Obvious* |
| 44. Hepatic  *Relating to the liver* | 195. Electrolyte  *Relating to ions* |
| 45. Malign  *Harmful* | 196. Prescribe  *To direct* |
| 46. Abdomen  *Belly* | 197. Entity  *Being* |
| 47. Defect  *Relating to a deficiency*  *To leave* | 198. Morphology  *Relating to form and structure* |
| 48. Prostate  *Gland relating to seminal fluid* | 199. Encounter  *To meet* |
| 49. Graft (Noun)  *Transplant*  *(Relating to) the spade*  Graft (Verb)  *To transplant* | 200. Accomplish  *To complete* |
| 50. Bladder  *A bag* | 201. Attribute  *(Relating to) ascribing* |
| 51. Node  *A protuberance* | 202. Peel  *A baker’s shovel*  *(Relating to) the outer covering* |
| 52. Cardiac  *Pertaining to the heart*  *Part of the stomach* | 203. Amplify  *To enlarge* |
| 53. Vascular  *Tubelike* | 204. Prenatal  *Before birth* |
| 54. Receptor  *A constituent of a cell that responds to a stimulus* | 205. Lens  *A curved surface that bends light rays* |
| 55. Facilitate  *To make easier* | 206. Diffuse  *(Relating to) disperse* |
| 56. Squamous  *Scaly* | 207. Optic  *Connected to vision* |
| 57. Polyp  *A mass arising from a surface*  *An aquatic invertebrate* | 208. Adrenal  *Relating to an endocrine gland near the kidney* |
| 58. Sarcoma  *A malignant tumour*  *Fleshy mass* | 209. Superficial  *Lacking depth* |
| 59. Anxiety  *Worry* | 210. Acquire  *To obtain* |
| 60. Swell  *Rising/ To increase* | 211. Bilateral  *Involving both sides* |
| 61. Neural  *Relating to nerves* | 212. Spontaneous  *Without stimulus* |
| 62. Contraceptive  *Prevent pregnancy* | 213. Fever  *Relating to burning* |
| 63. Protocol  *A record* | 214. Prognosis  *Prediction* |
| 64. Incontinent  *Unable to hold back* | 215. Coronary  *Crown-like* |
| 65. Invasion  *Hostile entrance* | 216. Implant  *Relating to inserting* |
| 66. Compartment  *A section* | 217. Differential  *Relating to distinguishing* |
| 67. Latter  *Later* | 218. Sustain  *To maintain* |
| 68. Biochemical  *Relating to biochemical processes* | 219. Compound  *Relating to bringing together* |
| 69. Dislocate  *To put out of position* | 220. Lamina  *A thin layer* |
| 70. Capillary  *Hair-like* | 221. Retract  *To draw back* |
| 71. Atrophy  *Wasting* | 222. Parallel  *Relating to side by side* |
| 72. Biology  *Connected to living organisms* | 223. Newborn  *(Relating to) being born recently* |
| 73. Contraction  *Act of acquiring*  *Shrinking* | 224. Oblique  *At an angle* |
| 74. Vomit  *The act, cause or product of ejecting contents/ To spout up* | 225. Smear  *To spread a thick substance* |
| 75. Pigment  *Colour* | 226. Translocate  *To move from one place to another* |
| 76. Unilateral  *Relating to one side* | 227. Matrix  *A support structure* |
| 77. Mechanism  *A set of processes or parts working together* | 228. Rupture  *A break/ To break* |
| 78. Radiate  *To diverge from a central point* | 229. Nucleus  *Central* |
| 79. Fracture  *Broken or the act of breaking* | 230. Compress  *(Relating to) pressing together* |
| 80. Vein  *A channel* | 231. Moderate  *Medium*  *Relating to managing a discussion* |
| 81. Review (Noun)  *Looking over*  Review (Verb)  *To appraise* | 232. Radical  *Relating to a root*  *Progressive* |
| 82. Genetic  *Relating to origins* | 233. Adverse  *Unfavourable* |
| 83. Plasma  *Liquid in which blood cells are suspended*  *Ionised gas* | 234. Organism  *A living structure* |
| 84. Tract  *A pamphlet*  *An expanse of land* | 235. Deform  *To mar* |
| 85. Epithelium  *Outer layer of tissue* | 236. Pituitary  *Relating to the pituitary gland* |
| 86. Fetal  *Relating to an unborn creature* | 237. Classification  *Arrangement* |
| 87. Spine  *Sharp-pointed projection*  *The backbone* | 238. Tubular  *Tube-related* |
| 88. Vessel  *A container* | 239. Colon  *Part of the large intestine*  *A punctuation mark* |
| 89. Secrete  *To release*  *To do something out of sight* | 240. Suppress  *To keep down* |
| 90. Membrane  *Covering layer* | 241. Absorb  *To take in as part of something larger* |
| 91. Medication  *Medical treatment* | 242. Degenerate  *(To become) deficient in normal qualities* |
| 92. Undergo  *To go through an experience* | 243. Consent  *(Relating to) agreeing* |
| 93. Axis  *Central line* | 244. Retrospect  *Looking back* |
| 94. Resonance  *A sympathetic response* | 245. Stool  *A wooden seat*  *Discharged faecal matter* |
| 95. Cortical  *Belonging to the external part* | 246. Polar  *Relating to pole(s)* |
| 96. Relapse  *(To) return to an undesirable state* | 247. Aspirate  *Marked with a breath* |
| 97. Cortex  *Outer part* | 248. Palsy  *(Relating to) paralysis* |
| 98. Fistula  *A pipe* | 249. Constitute  *To establish* |
| 99. Transverse  *(Something) lying across* | 250. Uptake  *Absorption* |
| 100. Predispose  *To make susceptible*  *To give in advance* | 251. Blunt  *Dull* |
| 101. Subcutaneous  *Under the skin* | 252. Disseminate  *To spread* |
| 102. Penetrate  *To get through to* | 253. Effusion  *Spill* |
| 103. Fragment  *Broken part* | 254. Cellular  *Relating to cells* |
| 104. Modality  *A way, method or manner* | 255. Synthesis  *Putting together* |
| 105. Deposit  *Placed somewhere safe* | 256. Orbit  *The eye socket*  *An elliptical course* |
| 106. Portal  *(Relating to) an entrance* | 257. Fixate  *To stabilize* |
| 107. Systemic  *Relating to a system* | 258. Excise  *Relating to removing* |
| 108. Medial  *Middle* | 259. Nutrition  *Nourishment* |
| 109. Ovary  *Female reproductive organ* | 260. Ventilate  *To supply air*  *To express a view* |
| 110. Proximal  *Close to* | 261. Curve  *Relating to bending* |
| 111. Anatomy  *Relating to body dissection* | 262. Adjacent  *Close to* |
| 112. Gland  *An organ or group of cells that secrete or filter* | 263. Residue  *Remainder*  *Small molecule in a polymer* |
| 113. Cyst  *Cavity containing liquid* | 264. Valve  *Relating to the control of flow* |
| 114. Activate  *To put into motion* | 265. Allograft  *Transplant* |
| 115. Probe  *Relating to examining/ To examine* | 266. Compose  *To put together* |
| 116. Retard  *Hold back progress* | 267. Limb  *Relating a body’s appendages* |
| 117. Delete  *To remove* | 268. Preserve  *Keeping from harm/ damage* |
| 118. Frontal  *Relating to the forepart* | 269. Traction  *Pulling* |
| 119. Profile  *An outline/ To outline* | 270. Hybrid  *Cross-breeding* |
| 120. Transient  *Temporary* | 271. Digital  *Relating to numbers*  *Relating to fingers* |
| 121. Spectrum  *Insubstantial body*  *Arrangement* | 272. Explore  *To discover* |
| 122. Manifest (Noun)  *A declaration*  Manifest (Adjective)  *Obvious* | 273. Mimic  *Relating to imitating* |
| 123. Fibre  *Thread-like body* | 274. Saline  *Relating to salt* |
| 124. Administration  *An action or person or group of people carrying out or executing* | 275. Antagonist  *Relating to opposing* |
| 125. Sinus  *A cavity* | 276. Muscular  *Relating to muscles* |
| 126. Suture  *Line of closure* | 277. Sheath  *A covering* |
| 127. Induce  *To bring about*  *To infer* | 278. Crypt  *Recess* |
| 128. Duct  *A channel* | 279. Traumatic  *Relating to an injury* |
| 129. Circulate  *To move around* | 280. Diaphragm  *Partition* |
| 130. Trauma  *Injury* | 281. Infarct  *Relating to obstruction* |
| 131. Insert  *To put in/ Relating to putting in* | 282. Perforate  *To pierce* |
| 132. Segment  *A division/ To divide* | 283. Minimise  *To reduce* |
| 133. Venous  *Relating to veins* | 284. Pulse  *Relating to short bursts of movement* |
| 134. Sequence  *Successive order* | 285. Cataract  *A waterfall*  *Lens impairment* |
| 135. Toxic  *(Relating to) a poison* | 286. Mediate  *To make less extreme* |
| 136. Decline (Noun)  *Weakening*  Decline (Verb)  *To go downhill*  *To turn aside* | 287. Transfuse  *To transfer liquid* |
| 137. Perfusion  *Flowing through* | 288. Forceps  *Pincers* |
| 138. Vertical  *Upright* | 289. Locus  *A place* |
| 139. Differ  *To be dissimilar* | 290. Plexus  *A network* |
| 140. Recessive  *Regressing* | 291. Outline  *(To draw) the contour of something* |
| 141. Sedate  *Relating to being quiet* | 292. Balloon  *Inflated ball* |
| 142. Longitudinal  *Relating to length* | 293. Bundle  *Relating to objects tied together*  *To shove away or into* |
| 143. Skeletal  *Consisting of a framework* | 294. Concomitant  *Relating to accompanying* |
| 144. Cosmetic  *Relating to beautifying* | 295. Retain  *To hold back* |
| 145. Intern (Noun)  *A trainee*  Intern (Verb)  *To confine*  *To word as a trainee* | 296. Stem  *Relating to a support structure*  *To stop moving* |
| 146. Phenotype  *Observable characteristics* | 297. Regenerate  *To form again* |
| 147. Emerge  *To come into view* | 298. Abort  *To end prematurely* |
| 148. Alveolar  *Relating to a cell-like space* | 299. Resuscitate  *To revive* |
| 149. Superior  *Higher* | 300. Replicate  *To copy* |
| 150. Necrosis  *Death of tissues or cells* | 301. Rib  *Relating to a long curved piece of bone or other substance* |
| 151. Enhance  *To increase* | 302. Vesicle  *A small sac* |