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*  |