

Review **Understanding Medical Word Elements**

Directions: Fill in the following blanks to complete the sentences correctly.

1. The four elements used to form medical words are _____

2. A word root is the main part or foundation of a word. In the words arthritis, arthroma, and arthroscope, the root is _____

Directions. Identify the following statements as true or false by circling *True* or *False* for each statement. If false, rewrite the statement correctly on the line provided.

3. A combining vowel is usually an *e*. **True False**

4. A word root links a suffix that begins with a consonant. **True False**

5. A combining vowel enables two word elements to be connected. **True False**

6. A combining form links a suffix that begins with a consonant. **True False**

7. In the term intramuscular, *intra-* is the prefix. **True False**

Directions. Underline the word roots in the following terms and give its meaning.

nephritis _____

arthrodesis _____

dermatitis _____

arthrocentesis _____

gastrectomy _____