The ease with which students learn component parts directly associated with a body system or specialty area is the key to the time-proven approach found in *Medical Terminology for Health Care Professionals*, now in its ninth edition. Suffixes and prefixes are presented in Chapters 2 and 3, and reinforced throughout the text as they become integrated with combining forms and roots to form the medical words of the featured body system or specialty area.

The text’s strengths include:

1. **A word-building approach.** Learn medical terminology by building medical terms from commonly used word parts. *Combining Forms Tables* with meanings are included in the *Building Your Medical Vocabulary* sections in each body system chapter. This makes it easier and faster for students to learn the foundations of key terms pertaining to each system.

2. **The Rice Method.** The Building Your Medical Vocabulary sections present all words in alphabetical order. This format shows those terms with the same prefix, word root, and/or combining form together, thereby reinforcing the ease of learning medical terminology using the Rice approach.

3. **Accurate and complete coverage of human anatomy.** Presents concise coverage of all major body structures and functions, organized by body system.

4. **Study and Review** sections include the following:
   - **Study and Review I** covers all questions relating to the anatomy and physiology of the chapter and includes an anatomy labeling exercise.
   - **Study and Review II** covers word parts, identifying medical terms, and matching exercises. It includes exercises for *Medical Case Snapshots*, case study vignettes that provide an opportunity to relate the medical terminology to a precise patient care presentation.
   - **Study and Review III** consists of an array of learning exercises, such as *Building Medical Terms, Combining Form Challenge, and Select the Right Term*. Also included in this section are the questions relating to *Diagnostic and Laboratory Tests, Abbreviations*, and the *Practical Application* exercise.
   - **Practical Application** exercises include a variety of medical record analyses and ICD-10-CM terminology questions.

5. **Visually appealing with new art and photos.**

The ninth edition builds upon this framework and presents an exciting blend of fresh ideas merged with proven methods.