An enol is a compound whose molecule has a hydroxy group bonded to a carbon atom doubly bonded to another carbon atom.

eg:

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{H} \\
\text{C} \equiv \text{C} \\
\text{H} \\
\text{H}
\end{array}
\quad \quad
\begin{array}{c}
\text{OH}
\end{array}
\]

Phenols are an exception.

see also keto-enol tautomerism

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