



## APPENDIX D

Term	Abbreviation
5% Dextrose in Water	D5W
Abdomen	Abd
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm	AAA
Above knee amputation	AKA
Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome	AIDS
Ad Libitum (as desired)	Ad lib
Advanced Life Support	ALS
Against Medical Advice	AMA
Alcohol	ETOH
Alert and Oriented	A & O
Also Known As	aka
Altered Level Of Consciousness	ALOC
Amount	Amt
Ampule	Amp
Antecubital	AC
Anterior	Ant
Anterior/Posterior	AP
Appointment	Appt
Arterial Blood Gas	ABG
Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease	ASHD
As necessary	prn
As soon as possible	ASAP
Aspirin	ASA
At	@
Arrived to find	ATF
Atrial Fibrillation	A fib, AF
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	ADHD
Automated external Defibrillator	AED
Automatic Implantable Cardiac Defibrillator	AICD
Bag Valve Mask	BVM
Basic Life Support	BLS
Birth Control Pill	bcp

Term	Abbreviation
Bowel Movement	BM
Bundle Branch Block	BBB
By Mouth	p.o.
By Order Of	per
Cardiac Arrest Management	CAM
Cancer	CA
Carbon Dioxide	CO2
Carbon Monoxide	CO
Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation	CPR
Central Nervous System	CNS
Cerebrospinal Fluid	CSF
Bowel Movement	BM
Cerebrovascular Accident	CVA
Cervical Spine	C-Spine
Chest pain	CP
Chief Complaint	CC
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	COPD
Circulation, Motor, Sensation	CMS
Congestive Heart Failure	CHF
Continuous Positive Airway Pressure	CPAP
Coronary Artery Bypass Graft	CABG
Coronary Artery Disease	CAD
Cervical, thoracic, lumbar, sacral	CTLS
Date of Birth	DOB
Dead on Arrival	DOA
Defibrillated	Defib
Determination of death	DOD
Delirium Tremens	DTs
Diabetes Mellitus	DM
Dilation and curettage	D & C
Cerebrovascular Accident	CVA
Discontinue*	D/C*



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Distal Interphalangeal Joint	DIP
Deformity, Contusion, Abrasion, Penetration, Burn, Tenderness, Laceration, Swelling	DCAPBTLS
Do Not Resuscitate	DNR
Doctor of Osteopathy	DO
Drops	gtts
Dyspnea On Exertion	DOE
Electrocardiogram	ECG
Electroencephalogram	EEG
Emergency Department	ED
Emergency Medical Services	EMS
Emergency Medical Technician	EMT
Endotracheal	ET
Equal	=
Estimated	Est
Estimated Time of Arrival	ETA
Etiology	Etiol.
Evening	Pm
Every	q
Every day*	qd*
Eye, ear, nose, throat	EENT
Fahrenheit	F
Female	F
Fetal Heart Rate	FHR
Fluid	FI
Foot	Ft
Foreign body	FB
Four times a day	QID
Fracture	Fx
Gallbladder	GB
Gastrointestinal	GI
Genitourinary	GU
Glasgow Coma Score	GCS

Term	Abbreviation
Grain	Gr
Gram	gm
Gravida 1,2,3, etc.	G1, G2, G3
Gun Shot Wound	GSW
Gynecological	Gyn
Heart Rate	HR
Hematocrit	Hct
Hemoglobin	Hgb
Hepatitis A Virus	HAV
Hepatitis B Virus	HBV
Hepatitis C Virus	HCV
History	Hx
History and Physical	H & P
Hour of Sleep (bedtime)*	hs*
Human Immunodeficiency Virus	HIV
Hydrochlorothiazide	HCTZ
Hypertension	HTN
Immediately	STAT
Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus	IDDM
Intake and Output	I & O
Intensive Care Unit	ICU
Intercostal Space	ICS
Intracranial Pressure	ICP
Intramuscular	IM
Intraosseous	IO
Intrauterine Device	IUD
Intravenous	IV
Intravenous Push	IVP
Irregular	Irreg
Jugular venous distention	JVD
Kilogram	kg
Kilometer	Km



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Labor and Delivery	L & D	Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus	MRSA
Laceration	Lac	Multiple sclerosis	MS
Last Menstrual Period	LMP	Myocardial Infarction	MI
Lateral	Lat	Nasal cannula	NC
Left	L	Naso-pharyngeal airway	NPA
Left Eye*	OD*	Nasotracheal	NT
Left Lower Extremity	LLE	Nausea/Vomiting	N/V
Left Lower Lobe	LLL	Negative	neg
Left Lower Quadrant	LLQ	Night	Noc
Left Upper Extremity	LUE	Nitroglycerine	NTG
Left Upper Lobe	LUL	No Acute Distress	NAD
Left Upper Quadrant	LUQ	No Known Allergies	NKA
Less Than	<	No Known Drug Allergies	NKDA
Level of Consciousness	LOC	Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus	NIDDM
Liters per min	l/min	Non Rebreather Mask	NRB
Lower Extremity	LE	Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs	NSAID
Lumbar Puncture	LP	Normal Saline	NS
Left Ventricular Hypertrophy	LVH	Normal Sinus Rhythm	NSR
Male	M	Not applicable	N/A
Medical Doctor	MD	Nothing by Mouth	NPO
Metered Dose Inhaler	MDI	Obstetrics	OB
Microgram	mcg	Occupational Therapy	OT
Milliequivalent	mEq	Oral Dissolving Tablet	ODT
Milligram	mg	Operating Room	OR
Milliliter	ml	Oropharyngeal airway	OPA
Millimeter	mm	Ounce	oz
Minute	Min	Over the Counter	OTC
Morning	am	Overdose	OD
Morphine Sulphate*	MS*	Oxygen	O2
Motor Vehicle Collision	MVC	Palpable	Palp
Moves all Extremities	MAE	Para, number of pregnancies	Para 1,2,3, etc.
Mass Casualty Incident	MCI		



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Premature Atrial Contraction	PAC
Premature Ventricular Contraction	PVC
Paramedic	PM
Paroxysmal Supraventricular Tachycardia	PSVT
Paroxysmal Nocturnal Dyspnea	PND
Past Medical History	PMH
Patient	pt
Pediatric	Peds
Pediatric Advanced Life Support	PALS
Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	PID
Per Rectum	pr
Percutaneously Inserted Central Catheter	PICC
Phencyclidine	PCP
Physical Exam	PE
Positive	+, pos
Pound	lb
Pregnant	Preg
Premature Ventricular Contraction	PVC
Private/Primary Medical Doctor	PMD
Prior to Arrival	PTA
Privately Owned Vehicle	POV
Pro Re Nata – As Needed	PRN
Pulmonary Embolism	PE
Pulse, Motor, Sensation	PMS
Pulseless Electrical Activity	PEA
Pupils Equal Round and Reactive to Light	PERRL
Range of Motion	ROM
Rapid Sequence Intubation	RSI
Registered Nurse	RN
Respiration	R
Respiratory Rate	RR
Respiratory Therapist	RT

Term	Abbreviation
Right	Rt
Right Eye*	OD*
Right Lower Extremity	RLE
Right Lower Lobe	RLL
Right Lower Quadrant	RLQ
Right Middle Lobe	RML
Right Ventricular Hypertrophy	RVH
Ringer's Lactate	LR
Rule Out	R/O
Sexually Transmitted Disease	STD
Shortness of Breath	SOB
Signs and symptoms	s/s
Sinus Bradycardia	SB
Sinus Tachycardia	ST
Skilled Nursing Facility	SNF
Sodium Bicarbonate	NaHCO <sub>3</sub>
Sodium Chloride	NaCl
Status post	s/p
Streptococcus	Strep
Subcutaneous*	SQ*
Sublingual	SL
Sudden Acute Respiratory Syndrome	SARS
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	SIDS
Systolic blood pressure	SBP
Supraventricular Tachycardia	SVT
Tissue Plasminogen Activator	tPA
Temperature	T
Temperature, Pulse, Respiration	TPR
Three Times a Day	TID
Times	X
Time Last Known Well	TLKW
To Keep Open	TKO



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Tracheostomy	Trach
Traffic Collision	TC
Transient Ischemic Attack	TIA
Transcutaneous Pacing	TCP
Traumatic Brain Injury	TBI
Treatment	Tx
Tuberculosis	TB
Twice a day	BID
Upper Respiratory Infection	URI
Urinalysis	UA
Urinary Tract Infection	UTI
Ventricular Fibrillation	VF
Ventricular Tachycardia	VT
versus	vs
Vital Signs	VS
Volume	Vol
Water	H2O
Weight	Wt
With	w/
Within Normal Limits	WNL
Without	w/o
Wolf-Parkinson-White	WPW
Year	Yr
Years Old	y/o