

COMMON ABBREVIATIONS 03-003-00

AA	Alcoholics Anonymous	CA	cancer, carcinoma
AAA	Abdominal aortic aneurysm	CABG	coronary artery bypass graft
abd	abdomen	CAD	coronary artery disease
ABG	Arterial Blood Gas	CAGE	alcohol screening test (Cut down, annoy, guilt, eyeopener)
ac	Before Meals	cal	calorie
ACE-I	Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor	CT	computerized tomography
ACL	Anterior cruciate ligament	CBC	complete blood count
ACLS	Advanced cardiac life support	CBT	cognitive behavior therapy
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder	CDC	Centers for Disease Control
ADHD	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	CHF	congestive heart failure
ADL	Activities of daily living	Cl	chloride
Afib	Atrial fibrillation	CK	creatine kinase
AFO	Ankle foot orthosis	cm	centimeter
AIDS	Acquired immune deficiency syndrome	CMOH	Chief Medical Officer of Health
Alb	Albumin	CNO	Chief Nursing Officer
Alk Phos	Alkaline phosphatase	c/o	complaining of
ALT	Alanine aminotransferase	CMV	cytomegalovirus
A.M.	morning	CN	cranial nerve
A.M.A.	Against medical advice	CNS	central nervous system
ANA	antinuclear antibodies	CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
Amp	Ampoule	COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
ASA	aspirin	C-PAP	continuous positive airway pressure
ASAP	as soon as possible	CPK	creatine phosphokinase
AST	aspartate aminotransferase	CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
AWOL	absent without leave	CRP	c-reactive protein
BBB	bundle branch block	Cr	creatinine
B-blocker	beta-blocker	CR	Controlled Release
BID	bid twice daily	cr	Cream
BM	bowel movement	CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
BMI	body mass index	C-spine	Cervical spine
BP	blood pressure	CV	cardiovascular
BPH	benign prostatic hypertrophy	CVA	cerebrovascular accident
BR	bathroom	CXR	chest x-ray
BUN	blood urea nitrogen	D&C	dilation and curettage
BX	biopsy	D/C; dc; d/c	discontinue
C	centigrade	DDAVP	desmopressin
C+S	culture + sensitivity	DM	diabetes mellitus
Cap	Capsule	DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
CC	chief complaint	DOB	date of birth
Ca	calcium	drsg	dressing
		ds, DS	double strength



DSM	diagnostic & statistical manual of mental disorders	Hgb	hemoglobin
DT	diphtheria, tetanus toxoid	HbA1C	Hemoglobin A1C
DVT	deep vein thrombosis	HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
Dx	diagnosis	HOB	head of bed
EA	Each	H/O	History of
EC	Enteric Coated	HPI	history of present illness
EEG	electroencephalogram	HPV	human papillomavirus
EENT	eye-ear-nose-throat	HRT	hormone replacement therapy
e.g.	for example	H2O	water
EKG, ECG	electrocardiogram	H & P	history & physical
EMG	electromyography	hr	hour
ENT	ear, nose, throat	H.S.	hour of sleep; at bedtime
ERCP	endoscopic retro cholangiopancreatogram	ht.	height
ER	emergency room	HTN	hypertension
EPS	extra pyramidal symptoms	HV	home visit
ES	extra strength	Hx	history
ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate	I&D	incision and drainage
ETOH	alcohol	IBS	irritable bowel syndrome
F	Fahrenheit	i.e.	that is
FBS	fasting blood sugar	Inh	Inhalation
FDA	Food & Drug Administration	Inj	Injectable
Fe	iron	IM	intramuscular
FHx	family history	Info	information
FSH	follicle stimulating hormone	INH	isoniazid
ft.	feet	INR	international normalized ratio
f/u	follow-up	IOP	intraocular pressure
GC	gonococcus, gonorrhoea	I & O	input & output
GERD	Gastroesophageal reflux disease	irreg.	irregular
GGT	gamma glutamyl transferase	IU	International Units
G.I.	gastrointestinal	IUD	intrauterine device
GSW	gunshot wound	IV	intravenous
gtt	drop	IVP	intravenous pyelogram
G.U.	Genito-urinary	JVD	Jugular venous distention
g	Gram	JVP	Jugular venous pulse/pulsation
HA	Headache	KCL	Potassium Chloride
HbcAB	Hepatitis B core antibody	K	potassium
HBsAb	Hepatitis B surface antibody	Kg	kilogram
HBsAg	Hepatitis B surface antigen	KUB	kidney, ureter, bladder
Hct	hematocrit	L	liter
HCTZ	hydrochlorothiazide	LBBB	left bundle branch block
HDL	high density lipoprotein	lab	laboratory
HEENT	head, eyes, ears, nose & throat	lb.	pound
Hep A, B, C	Hepatitis A, B, C	LDH	lactate dehydrogenase



LDL	low density lipoprotein	NaCl	Sodium Chloride
LFT	liver function test	N/A	not applicable
LLL	left lower lobe	Na	sodium
LLQ	left lower quadrant	NAD	no acute distress
LML	left middle lobe	NAHCO ₃	Sodium Bicarbonate
LMP	last menstrual period	NAS	no added salt
LP	lumbar puncture	neb	nebules
L-spine	lumbar spine	neg	negative
LS-spine	lumbosacral spine	neuro	neurological
LUL	left upper lobe	NG	nasogastric
LUQ	left upper quadrant	NGT	nasogastric tube
LV	left ventricle	NKA	no known allergies
LVH	left ventricular hypertrophy	NKDA	no known drug allergies
lytes	electrolytes	NKFA	no known food allergies
Liq	Liquid	NPO	nothing by mouth
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse	NP	Nurse Practitioner
m	meter	NS	Normal Saline
MAOI	monoamine-oxidase inhibitor	NSAIDS	non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
max	maximum	NSR	normal sinus rhythm
mcg	microgram	NWB	non-weight bearing
MCH	mean corpuscular hemoglobin	N/V	nausea & vomiting
MCHC	mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration	O	objective(s)
MCP	metacarpal phalangeal joint	O ₂	oxygen
MCV	mean corpuscular volume	O ₂ sat	oxygen saturation
MD	medical doctor	OA	osteoarthritis
MDI	meter dose inhaler	OCD	obsessive compulsive disorder
meds	medications	Oint	ointment
meq	milliequivalents	O & P	ova & parasites
Mg	magnesium	Ophth	Ophthalmic
mg	milligram, magnesium=	ORIF	open reduction internal fixation
MI	myocardial infarction	ortho	orthopedic
misc.	miscellaneous	O.T.	occupational therapy
ml	milliliter	OTC	over the counter
mm	millimeter	oz.	ounce
mmol	millimole	PAC	premature atrial contraction
MMSE	mini-mental status exam	PAP Smear	Papanicolaou Smear
mod	moderate	PC	After Meals
movt	movement	PEG	percutaneous endoscopic gastromy
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging		
MS	multiple sclerosis	per	by; through
MSE	mental status exam	PERRL	pupils equal, round, reactive to light
MVA	motor vehicle accident		
MVP	mitral valve prolapse		
MU	Million Units		



PERRLA	pupils equal, round, reactive to Light & accommodation	sed rate	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
PET	positron emission tomography	SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus
PFT	pulmonary function test	SOB	shortness of breath
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease	spec.	specimen
pkg	package	SC	subcutaneous
PKU	phenylketonuria	SR	sustained release
PLS	Preloaded Syringe	SSRI	Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor
P.M.	afternoon	STAT	immediately
PMH	past medical history	STI	Sexually transmitted infection
po	by mouth	Susp	Suspension
post-op	after operation	supp	suppository
PPE	personal protective equipment	T	temperature
pre-op	before operation	tab	tablet
PR	By Rectum	TB	tuberculosis
PRN;prn	as necessary; as needed	Tbsp	tablespoon
PSA	prostatic specific antigen	TCA	tricyclic antidepressant
PTSD	post traumatic stress disorder	TIA	transient ischemic attack
pt.	patient	TIBC	total iron binding capacity
PUD	peptic ulcer disease	tid	Three Times Daily
PVC	premature ventricular contraction	TENS	transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation
PVD	peripheral vascular disease	TKVO	to keep vein open
PVR	post void residual	TM	tympanic membrane
PWB	partial weight bearing	TMJ	temporomandibular joint
qid	Four Times Daily	TPN	Total Parenteral Nutrition
q(*)h	Every (*) Hours	TPR	temperature, pulse, respirations
qam	Every Morning	TSH	thyroid stimulating hormone
qhs	At Every Bedtime	T-spine	thoracic spine
qs	A Sufficient Quantity	tsp	teaspoon
RN	Registered Nurse	TURP	transurethral resection prostate
RBBB	right bundle branch block	Tx	treatment, therapy
RBC	red blood count	Td	tetanus, diphtheria toxoid
RE, re	regarding	UA, U/A	urinalysis
Rehab	rehabilitation	URI	upper respiratory infection
resp	respiratory	US	ultrasound
RL	ringers lactate	UTI	urinary tract infection
RLL	right lower lobe	Vag	Vaginal
RML	right middle lobe	VDRL	venereal disease research lab test
RLQ	right lower quadrant	VF	visual field
R.N.	registered nurse	Vfib	ventricular fibrillation
R/O	rule out	VS	vital signs
ROM	range of motion	VSS	vital signs stable
ROS	review of systems		
RUQ	right upper quadrant		
R/T	related to	V Tach	ventricular tachycardia
RUL	right upper lobe	WBC	white blood count
RVH	right ventricular hypertrophy	w/c	wheelchair
Rx	prescription, to take, to treat by	wt.	weight
Rxn	reaction		
S	subjective		
SE	side effects		

