



IV. Approved Abbreviations

The following is the Project’s list of approved medical abbreviations used in this document. The Drug.com article “Medical Abbreviations on Pharmacy Prescriptions” at <https://www.drugs.com/article/prescription-abbreviations.html> is considered the reference of authority.

Table X: List of Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
ACS	acute coronary syndrome
AED	automatic external defibrillator
A-FIB	atrial fibrillation
ALS	advanced life support
AMS	altered mental status
ASA	aspirin
AV	atrioventricular
AVPU	alert, verbal, pain, unresponsive (neurological status measure)
BiPAP	bi-level positive airway pressure
BLS	basic life support
BP	blood pressure
BPM	beats per minute
BSA	body surface area
BSI	body substance isolation
BVM	bag-valve-mask
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft
CAD	coronary artery disease
CARES	Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival
CC	chief complaint
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CHF	congestive heart failure
CNS	central nervous system
CO	carbon monoxide
CO ₂	carbon dioxide
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CP	chest pain
CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure
CPI	continuous performance improvement
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
C-SECTION	caesarean section
C-SPINE	cervical spine