

Approved Abbreviations

| ABBREVIATION | DEFINITION |
|---------------------|---|
| > | Is greater than |
| < | Is less than |
| ≥ | Is greater than or equal to |
| ≤ | Is less than or equal to |
| ACLS | Advanced Cardiopulmonary Life Support |
| AED | Automated External Defibrillator |
| ALS | Advanced Life Support |
| AMA | Against Medical Advice |
| AMI | Acute Myocardial Infarction |
| AMS | Altered Mental Status |
| APS | Adult Protective Services |
| BHP | Base Hospital Physician |
| BLS | Basic Life Support |
| BP | Blood Pressure |
| BPM | Beats Per Minute |
| BSA | Body Surface Area |
| BSI | Body Substance Isolation |
| BVM | Bag Valve Mask |
| CAB | Circulation, Airway, Breathing |
| CAD | Computer Aided Dispatch |
| CHF | Congestive Heart Failure |
| CHO | UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital of Oakland |
| CHP | California Highway Patrol |
| COPD | Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease |
| CPAP | Continuous Positive Airway Pressure |
| CPR | Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation |
| CPS | Child Protective Services |
| CT | Computed Tomography |
| CVA | Cerebral Vascular Accident |
| DNR | Do Not Resuscitate |



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| ECG | Electrocardiogram |
| ED | Emergency Department |
| EHR | Electronic Health Record |
| EMS | Emergency Medical Services |
| EMT | Emergency Medical Technician |
| EMTALA | Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act |
| EOA | Exclusive Operating Area |
| ETA | Estimated Time of Arrival |
| EtCO ₂ | End Tidal Carbon Dioxide |
| ETT | Endotracheal Tube |
| GCS | Glasgow Coma Score |
| H ₂ O | Water |
| HIPAA | Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act |
| HR | Heart Rate (as depicted on an ECG) – not to be confused with pulse rate |
| IC | Incident Commander |
| ICS | Incident Command System |
| IFT | Inter-facility Transfer |
| IM | Intramuscular |
| IN | Intranasal |
| IO | Intraosseous |
| IV | Intravenous |
| IVP | Intravenous Piggyback |
| LOC | Level of Consciousness |
| MCI | Multi Casualty Incident |
| MHOAC | Medical/Health Operational Area Coordinator |
| MOI | Mechanism of injury |
| NIMS | National Incident Management System |
| NREMT | National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians |
| NS | Normal Saline |
| NTG | Nitroglycerin |



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| PALS | Pediatric Advanced Life Support |
| PMS | Pulse, motor, and sensation |
| PO | Periorally |
| PPE | Personal Protective Equipment |
| PPV | Positive Pressure Ventilation |
| PR | Pulse rate (manually obtained) – not to be confused with heart rate |
| PSAP | Primary Service Answering Point (9-1-1) |
| QA | Quality Assurance |
| QI | Quality Improvement |
| RIVP | Rapid Intravenous Push |
| RN | Registered Nurse |
| ROSC | Return of Spontaneous Circulation |
| RR | Respiratory Rate |
| SBP | Systolic Blood Pressure |
| SEMS | Standardized Emergency Management System |
| SIDS | Sudden Infant Death Syndrome |
| SIVP | Slow Intravenous Push |
| SL | Sublingual |
| SOB | Shortness of Breath |
| SpO ₂ | Pulse Oximeter Oxygen Concentration |
| SC | Subcutaneous |
| SRC | STEMI Receiving Center |
| STEMI | ST-Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction |
| TKO | To Keep Open |
| V-Fib | Ventricular Fibrillation |
| V-Tach | Ventricular Tachycardia |



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