

COMMON MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
ABG	Arterial blood gas
ABO	A system of classifying blood groups
a.c.	Before meals
ACE	Angiotensin converting enzyme
ACTH	Adrenocorticotrophic hormone, corticotropin
ADH	Antidiuretic hormone
ADL	Activities of daily living
ad lib	As desired
Afib	Atrial fibrillation
AFL	Atrial flutter
AFP	Alpha-fetoprotein
AIDS	Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
ALT	Alanine aminotransferase (formerly SGPT)
AST	Aspartate aminotransferase (formerly SGOT)
ANA	Antinuclear antibody
AP	Anteroposterior
A&P	Anterior and posterior
AQ	Water
ARDS	Adult respiratory distress syndrome
ASHD	Atherosclerotic heart disease
ASO	Antistreptolysin-O
AV	Arteriovenous, atrioventricular
bact	Bacteriology
b.i.d.	Twice a day

BLS	Basic life support
BMR	Basal metabolic rate
BP	Blood pressure
BPH	Benign prostatic hypertrophy
bpm	Beats per minute
BSA	Body surface area
BUN	Blood urea nitrogen
BX, Bx	Biopsy
C	Celsius, centigrade, complement
c*	With
Ca	Calcium
CA, Ca, ca	Cancer, carcinoma
CAB	Coronary artery bypass
CAD	Coronary artery disease
caps	Capsules
CAV	Cytosan, adrimycin, and vincristine
CBC	Complete blood count
CC, C.C.	Chief complaint
cc	Cubic centimeter
CCU	Coronary care unit
CEA	Carcinoembryonic antigen
cg	Centigram
CHF	Congestive heart failure
CK	Creatine kinase
Cl	Chloride, chlorine
CLL	Chronic lymphocytic leukemia
cm	Centimeter
CNS	Central nervous system
CO	Carbon monoxide, cardiac output

CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
COMP	Compound
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPK	Creatine phosphokinase
CPR	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, C-reactive protein
C&S	Culture and sensitivity
CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid
CT	Computed tomography
CTS	Carpal tunnel syndrome
cu	Cubic
CVA	Cerebrovascular accident
D&C	Dilatation and curettage
DIC	Disseminated intravascular coagulation
DIFF, diff	Differential blood count
dl	Deciliter (100 ml)
DM	Diabetes mellitus
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
DO	Doctor of osteopathy
DP	Dorsalis pedis
DPT	Diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus (toxoids/vaccine)
DSA	Digital subtraction angiography
D/W	Dextrose in water
DX, Dx, dx	Diagnosis
ECF	Extracellular fluid
ECG	Electrocardiogram
ED	Emergency department
EEG	Electroencephalogram
EMG	Electromyogram
ENT	Ear, nose, and throat

ERA	Estroadiol receptor assay
ESR	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate
exc	Excision
F	Fahrenheit
FBS	Fasting blood sugar
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FSH	Follicle-stimulating hormone
ft	Foot, feet, (measure)
FUO	Fever of undetermined origin
g, gm	Gram
gastroc	Gastrocnemius
GFR	Glomerular filtration rate
GI	Gastrointestinal
GP	General practitioner
G6PD	Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase
gr	Grain
gt, gtt	Drop, drops
GTT	Glucose tolerance test
GU	Genitourinary
GYN, gyn	Gynecology
Hb	Hemoglobin
HCG	Human chorionic gonadotropin
HCl	Hydrochloric acid, hydrochloride
HCO ₃	Bicarbonate
HCT	Hematocrit
HDL	High-density lipoprotein
HDN	Hemolytic disease of the newborn
Hg	Mercury
Hgb	Hemoglobin

HGH	Human growth hormone
HI	Hemagglutination inhibition
HLA	Human leukocyte antigen
HR	Heart rate
Hr	Hour
h.s.	At bedtime, hour of sleep
Hx	History
Hz	Hertz (cycles per second)
IABP	Intra-aortic balloon pump
ICF	Intracellular fluid
ICS	Intercostal space
ICU	Intensive care unit
IgA	Immunoglobulin A
IgD	Immunoglobulin
IgE	Immunoglobulin
IgG	Immunoglobulin
IgM	Immunoglobulin
IHSS	idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis
I.M.	Intramuscular
inf	Inferior
inj	Inject
I&O	Intake and output
IPPB	Intermittent positive-pressure breathing
IU	International unit
IUD	Intrauterine device
I.V.	Intravenous
IVP	Intravenous pyelogram
IVU	Intravenous urography
JRA	Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis

K	Potassium
kcal	Kilocalorie (food calorie)
kg	kilogram
17-KGS	17-ketogenic steroids
17-KS	17-ketosteroids
KO	Keep open
KUB	Kidneys, ureters, and bladder
l	Liter
LAD	Left anterior descending (coronary artery)
lat	lateral
lb	Pound
LBBB	Left bundle branch block
LDH	Lactate dehydrogenase
LDL	Low-density lipoprotein
LE	Lupus erythematosus
LH	Luteinizing hormone
lt	left
LUQ	Left upper quadrant
LV	Left ventricle
M	Molar
m	Meter, minim
MCH	Mean corpuscular hemoglobin
MCHC	Mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration
MCV	Mean corpuscular volume
MD	Medical doctor, muscular dystrophy
mm	Millimicron (nanometer)
mEq	Millequivalent
Mg	Magnesium
mg	Milligram

m g	Microgram
MI	Myocardial infarction
ml	Milliliter
m	Micron
m l	Microliter
mm	Millimeter
mM	Millimole
m m	Micrometer, micron
m mol	Micromole
mo	Month
mol wt	Molecular weight
mOsm	Milliosmole
m Osm	Micro-osmole
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
MS	Multiple sclerosis, morphine sulfate
MSH	Melanocyte-stimulating hormone
MUGA	Multigated acquisition (scanning)
N	Nitrogen, normal (strength of solution)
Na	Sodium
NaCl	Sodium chloride
ng	Nanogram (millimicron)
NGT	Nasogastric tube
NPO	Nothing by mouth
Ob-GYN	Obstetrics and gynecology
17-OHCS	17-hydroxycorticosteroids
OTC	Over the counter (a drug that can be obtained without a prescription)
oz	Ounce
P	Phosphorus, pressure, pulse
PaCO ₂	Partial pressure of carbon dioxide in arterial blood

PaO ₂	Partial pressure of oxygen in arterial blood
Pap	Papanicolaou smear
p.c.	After meals
PCO ₂	Partial pressure of carbon dioxide
PO ₂	Partial pressure of oxygen
peds	Pediatrics
Perrla	Pupils equal, round, react to light and accommodation
pg	Picogram (micromicrogram)
pH	Hydrogen ion concentration
PID	Pelvic inflammatory disease
PKU	Phenylketonuria
PMS	Premenstrual syndrome
P.O.	By mouth
PPD	Purified protein derivative (of tuberculin)
ppm	Parts per million
p.r.n.	As needed, whenever necessary
Pro time	Prothrombin time
psi	Pounds persquare inch
PT	Physical therapy
PTCA	percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
PTH	Parathyroid hormone
PVC	Premature ventricular contraction
q	Every
q.d.	Every day
q.h.	Every hour
q2h	Every 2 hours
q4h	Every 4 hours
q.i.d.	Four times a day
R	Respirations, roentgen

RA	Rheumatoid arthritis
RAIU	Radioactive iodine uptake
RBBB	Right bundle branch block
RBS	Red blood cell
RCA	Right coronary artery
RF	Rheumatic fever, rheumatoid factor
Rh	Rhesus blood factor
Rh neg. (Rh-)	Rhesus factor negative
Rh pos. (Rh+)	Rhesus factor positive
RLQ	Right lower quadrant
RN	Registered nurse
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
R/O	Rule out
ROM	Range of motion (of joint)
RUQ	Right upper quadrant
Rx	Prescription
s*	Without
SaO ₂	Systemic arterial oxygen saturation (%)
SBE	Subacute bacterial endocarditis
S.C., SQ, subq	Subcutaneous
sec	Second
sed rate	Sedimentation rate
SGOT	Serum glutamic-oxalacetic transaminase (see AST)
SGPT	Serum glutamic-pyruvic transaminase (see ALT)
SI	International System of Units
SIADH	Syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone
SIDS	Sudden infant death syndrome
SLE	Systemic lupus erythematosus
SOB	Short of breath

spec	Specimin
sp gr	Specific gravity
S&S	Signs and symptoms
ss*	One-half
stat	Immediately
STD	Sexually transmitted disease
sx	Symptoms
T	Temperature; thoracic, to be followed by number designating specific thoracic vertebra
T&A	Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
Tab	Tablets
TB	Tuberculosis
T&C	Type and crossmatch
temp.	Temperature
TIA	Transient ischemic attack
TIBC	Total iron-binding capacity
t.i.d.	Three times a day
TMJ	Temporomandibular joint
TPA	Tissue plasminogen activator
TPN	Total parenteral nutrition
TPR	Temperature, pulse, respirations
TSH	Thyroid-stimulating hormone
tsp	Teaspoon
UA	Urinalysis
ung	Ointment
URI	Upper respiratory infection
USPHS	United States Public Health Service
VDRL	Veneral Disease Research Laboratory (test for syphilis)
Vfib	Ventricular fibrillation
VS	Vital signs

VSD	Ventricular septal defect
VT	Ventricular septal defect
VT	Ventricular tachycardia
UTI	Urinary tract infection
WBC	White blood cell
WHO	World Health Organization

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APPROVED PHYSICAL THERAPY ABBREVIATIONS

a **	before	BP	blood pressure
A	active	BOS	base of support
A*	assistance	BR	bed rest
AA	active assisted	BRP	bathroom privileges
add	adduction	BUE	bilateral upper extremities
abd	abduction	c **	with
ACL	anterior cruciate ligament	CA	cancer
ADL	activities of daily living	cc	chief complaint
AFO	ankle foot orthosis	CHF	congestive heart failure
ant.	anterior	c/o	complains of
amb.	ambulate	COG	center of gravity
AKA	above knee amputation	CG	contact guard
art	articulation	co-ord	coordination
AROM	active range of motion	cont.	continue
AAROM	active-assisted ROM	CP	cold pack/cerebral palsy
B*	bilateral	c-spine	cervical spine
bid	two times a day	D *	dependent
BKA	below knee amputation	DIP	distal interphalangeal
bkwds	backwards	DAFO	dynamic ankle/foot orthosis
BLE	bilateral lower extremities	D/C	discontinued

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dep	dependent	FWB	full weight bearing
DIP	distal interphalangeal	fx.	fracture
DM	diabetes mellitus	gt.	
DOB	date of birth	gastroc	gastrocnemius
DNR	do not resuscitate	HEP	home exercise program
disl.	dislocate	HMP	home mgt. program
DJD	degenerative joint disease	HNP	herniated nucleus pulposus
Dx	diagnosis	HP	hot pack

ECF	extended care facility	hosp.	hospital
e.g.	for example	H/O	history of
EKG	electrocardiogram	Hx	history
EMG	electromyogram	I *	independent
ES	electrical stimulation	IV	intravenous
ER	ext. rot./emergency room	IR	int. rot./infrared
F	Fahrenheit	jt.	joint
fib	fibula	KAFO	knee ankle foot orthosis
FROM	full range of motion	L*	left
f/b	followed by	LAC	long arm cast
f/u	follow up	LAQ	long arc quad set
funct.	function	LB	low back

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LBP	low back pain	med.	medial
lat.	lateral	MH	moist heat
LCL	lateral collateral ligament	MI	myocardial infarction
LLB	long leg brace	min.	minimum
LLC	long leg cast	mob.	mobilization
LLE	left lower extremity	mod.	moderate
LLQ	left lower quadrant	MTP	metatarsophalangeal
LOB	loss of balance	MMT	manual muscle test
LOM	loss of memory	MR	mental retardation
L-S	lumbosacral	MRI	magnetic resonance image
L-spine	lumbar spine	MVA	`motor vehicle accident
L-Trax	lumbar traction	NWB	non-weight bearing
LTG	long term goal	Neg.	negative
LUE	left upper extremity	npo	nothing by mouth
LTM	long term memory	OOB	out of bed
max.	maximum	ORIF	open reduction internal fix.
MAFO	molded ankle foot orthosis	OT	occupational therapy
MC	metacarpal	p **	after

MCL	medial collateral ligament	Pos.	positive
MCP	metacarpophalangeal	PCL	posterior cruciate ligament

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Clinical Abbreviations (Continued)

PIP	proximal interphalangeal	RLE	right lower extremity
PMH	past medical history	reps.	repetitions
po	by mouth	ROM	range of motion
post.	posterior	rot.	rotation
PRE	progressive resistance exs.	RUE	right upper extremity
PQRE	prog. quad resistance exs.	Rx	prescription
prn	as needed	S*	supervision
PROM	passive range of motion	s **	without
pros.	prosthesis	SAC	short arm cast
PSIS	posterior superior iliac spine	SAQ	short arc quad set
P.T.	physical therapy	S-C	sternoclavicular
pt.	patient	SBA	standby assistance
PVD	peripheral vascular disease	shld.	shoulder
PWB	partial weight bearing	SCM	sternocleidomastoid
q	every	SCI	spinal cord injury
qid	4 times a day	SI	sacroiliac/steroid injection
QS	quad sets	SLB	short leg brace
R *	right	SLC	short leg cast
RA	rheumatoid arthritis	SLP	speech/lang. pathologist
rad.	radius	SLR	straight leg raise

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SOB	short of breath	US	ultrasound
s/p	status post	tol.	tolerate(s)(ed)
SNF	skilled nursing facility	vo	verbal orders
SPC	single point cane	vc's	verbal cues
STG	short term goals	vss	vital signs stable
STM	short term memory	WFL	within functional limits
S.T.	speech therapy	WNL	within normal limits
sx	symptoms	w/c	wheelchair
sup.	supine	WB	weight bearing
T/C	telephone call	WBAT	weight bear as tolerated
TENS	trans Q elect. nerve stim.	Symbols	
TKE	terminal knee extension	X	times
THR	total hip replacement		except
TIA	transient ischemic attack		extension
TTWB	toe touch weight bearing		flexion
Therex	therapeutic exercise	2	due to
Tx.	treatment	#	pounds
trax	traction		seconds
trans.	transfer	Pp ÜWz	minutes
UE	upper extremity		increase or up

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AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm		A-a gradient	alveolar to arterial gradient
AAS	acute abdominal series		ABD	abdomen
ABG	arterial blood gas		AC	before eating
ACLS	advanced cardiac life support		ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone
ADH	anti-diuretic hormone		ad lib	as much as needed
AF	atrial fibrillation or afebrile		AFB	acid-fast bacilli
AFP	alpha-fetoprotein		A /G	albumin/globulin ratio
AI	aortic insufficiency	<u>Top</u>	AKA	above the knee amputation
ALL	acute lymphocytic leukemia		amb	ambulate
AML	acute myelogenous leukemia		ANA	antinuclear antibody
AOB	alcohol on breath		AODM	adult onset diabetes mellitus
AP	anteroposterior or abdominal - perineal		ARDS	acute respiratory distress syndrome
ARF	acute renal failure		AS	aortic stenosis
ASAP	as soon as possible		ASCVD	atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
ASD	atrial septal defect		ASHD	atherosclerotic heart disease
AV	atrioventricular		A-V	arteriovenous
A-VO ₂	arteriovenous oxygen		BBB	bundle branch block
BCAA	branched chain amino acids		BE	barium enema
BEE	basal energy expenditure		bid	twice a day
BKA	below the knee amputation	<u>Top</u>	BM	bone marrow or bowel movement
BMR	basal metabolic rate		BOM	bilateral otitis media
BP	blood pressure		BPH	benign prostatic hypertrophy
BPM	beats per minute		BRBPR	bright red blood per rectum
BRP	bathroom priviledges		BS	bowel or breath sounds

BUN	blood urea nitrogen		BW	body weight
BX	biopsy		c	with
C&S	culture and sensitivity		CA	cancer
Ca	calcium		CAA	crystalline amino acids
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft		CAD	coronary artery disease
CAT	computerized axial tomography	Top	CBC	complete blood count
CBG	capillary blood gas		CC	chief complaint
CCU	clean catch urine or cardiac care unit		CCV	critical closing volume
CF	cystic fibrosis		CGL	chronic granulocytic leukemia
CHF	congestive heart failure		CHO	carbohydrate
CI	cardiac index		CML	chronic myelogenous leukemia
CMV	cytomegalovirus		CN	cranial nerves
CNS	central nervous system		CO	cardiac output
C/O	complaining of	Top	COLD	chronic obstructive lung disease
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease		CP	chest pain or cerebral palsy
CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure		CPK	creatinine phosphokinase
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation		CRCL	creatinine clearance
CRF	chronic renal failure		CRP	C-reactive protein
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid		CT	computerized tomography
CVA	cerebrovascular accident or costovertebral angle		CVAT	CVA tenderness
CVP	central venous pressure		CXR	chest X-ray
DAT	diet as tolerated	Top	DAW	dispense as written
DC	discontinue or discharge		D&C	dilation and curettage
DDx	differential diagnosis		D5W	5% dextrose in water

DI	diabetes insipidus		DIC	disseminated intravascular coagulopathy
DIP	distal interphalangeal joint		DJD	degenerative joint disease
DKA	diabetic ketoacidosis		dL	deciliter
DM	diabetes mellitus		DNR	do not resuscitate
DOA	dead on arrival		DOE	dyspnea on exertion
DPL	diagnostic peritoneal lavage		DPT	diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus
DTR	deep tendon reflexes		DVT	deep venous thrombosis
DX	diagnosis		EAA	essential amino acids
EBL	estimated blood loss	Top	ECG	electrocardiogram
ECT	electroconvulsive therapy		EFAD	essential fatty acid deficiency
EMG	electromyogram		EMV	eyes, motor, verbal response (Glasgow coma scale)
ENT	ears, nose, and throat		EOM	extraocular muscles
ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate		ET	endotracheal
ETT	endotracheal tube		ERCP	endoscopic retrograde cholangio-pancreatography
ETOH	ethanol		EUA	examination under anesthesia
FBS	fasting blood sugar	Top	FEV	forced expiratory volume
FFP	fresh frozen plasma		FRC	functional residual capacity
FTT	failure to thrive		FU	follow-up
FUO	fever of unknown origin		FVC	forced vital capacity
Fx	fracture	Top	GC	gonorrhea
GETT	general by endotracheal tube		GFR	glomerular filtration rate
GI	gastrointestinal		gr	grain; 1 grain = 65mg Therefore Vgr =

				325mg
GSW	gun shot wound		gt or gtt	drops
GTT	glucose tolerance test		GU	genitourinary
GXT	graded exercise tolerance (Stress test)		HA	headache
HAA	hepatitis B surface antigen	Top	HAV	hepatitis A virus
HBP	high blood pressure		HCG	human chorionic gonadotropin
HCT	hematocrit		HDL	high density lipoprotein
HEENT	head, eyes, ears, nose, throat		Hgb	hemoglobin
H/H	henderson- hasselbach equation or hemoglobin/ hematocrit		HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HLA	histocompatibility locus antigen		HJR	hepatojugular reflex
HO	history of		HOB	head of bed
HPF	high power field		HPI	history of present illness
HR	heart rate		HS	at bedtime
HSM	hepatosplenomegaly		HTLV-III	human lymphotropic virus, type III (AIDS agent, HIV)
HSV	herpes simplex virus		HTN	hypertension
Hx	history	Top	I&D	incision and drainage
I&O	intake and output		ICS	intercostal space
ICU	intensive care unit		ID	infectious disease or identification
IDDM	insulin dependent diabetes mellitus		IG	immunoglobulin
IHSS	idiopathic hypertropic subaortic stenosis		IM	intramuscular
IMV	intermittent mandatory ventilation	Top	INF	intravenous nutritional fluid
IPPB	intermittent positive pressure breathing		IRBBB	incomplete right bundle branch block
IRDM	insulin resistant diabetes mellitus		IT	interthecal

ITP	idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura		IV	intravenous
IVC	intravenous cholangiogram inferior vena cava		IVP	intravenous pyelogram

JODM	juvenile onset diabetes mellitus	Top	JVD	jugular venous distention
KOR	keep open rate		KUB	kidneys, ureters, bladder
KVO	keep vein open		L	left
LAD	left axis deviation or left anterior descending	Top	LAE	left atrial enlargement
LAHB	left anterior hemiblock		LAP	left atrial pressure or leukocyte alkaline phosphatase
LBBS	left bundle branch block		LDH	lactate dehydrogenase
LE	lupus erythematosus		LIH	left inguinal hernia
LLL	left lower lobe		LMP	last menstrual period
LNMP	last normal menstrual period		LOC	loss of consciousness or level of consciousness
LP	lumbar puncture		LPN	licensed practical nurse
LUL	left upper quadrant		LV	left ventricle
LVEDP	left ventricular end diastolic pressure		LVH	left ventricular hypertrophy
MAO	monoamine oxidase	Top	MAP	mean arterial pressure
MAST	medical antishock trousers		MBT	maternal blood type
MCH	mean cell hemoglobin		MCHC	mean cell hemoglobin concentration
MCV	mean cell volume		MI	myocardial infarction or mitral insufficiency
mL	milliliter		MLE	midline episiotomy
MMEF	maximal mid expiratory flow		mmol	millimole

MMR	measles, mumps, rubella		MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
MRSA	methicillin resistant staph aureus		MS	multiple sclerosis or mitral stenosis, or morphine sulfate
MSSA	methicillin-sensitive staph aureus		MVA	motor vehicle accident
MVI	multivitamin injection		MVV	maximum voluntary ventilation
NAD	no active disease	Top	NAS	no added salt
NCV	nerve conduction velocity		NED	no evidence of recurrent disease
ng	nanogram		NG	nasogastric
NIDDM	non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus		NKA	no known allergies
NKDA	no known drug allergies		NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance
NPO	nothing by mouth		NRM	no regular medications
NSAID	non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs		NSR	normal sinus rhythm
NT	nasotracheal	Top	OB	obstetrics
OCG	oral cholecystogram		OD	overdose or right eye
OM	otitis media		OOB	out of bed
OPV	oral polio vaccine		OR	operating room
OS	left eye		OU	both eyes
P	para	Top	PA	posteroanterior
PAC	premature atrial contraction		PAO2	alveolar oxygen
PaO2	peripheral arterial oxygen content		PAP	pulmonary artery pressure
PAT	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia		P&PD	percussion and postural drainage
PC	after eating		PCWP	pulmonary capillary wedge pressure
PDA	patent ductus arteriosus		PDR	physicians desk reference

PE	pulmonary embolus, or physical exam or pleural effusion		PEEP	positive end expiratory pressure
PFT	pulmonary function tests		pg	picogram
PI	pulmonic insufficiency disease		PKU	phenylketonuria
PMH	previous medical history		PMI	point of maximal impulse
PMN	polymorphonuclear leukocyte (neutrophil)		PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
PO	by mouth		POD	post-op day
PP	postprandial or pulsus paradoxus	Top	PPD	purified protein derivative
PR	by rectum		PRBC	packed red blood cells
PRN	as needed		PS	pulmonic stenosis
PT	prothrombin time, or physical therapy		Pt	patient
PTCA	percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty		PTH	parathyroid hormone
PTHC	percutaneous transhepatic cholangiogram		PTT	partial thromboplastin time
PUD	peptic ulcer disease		PVC	premature ventricular contraction
PVD	peripheral vascular disease	Top	q	every
qd	every day		qh	every hour
q4h, q6h....	every 4 hours, every 6 hours etc.		qid	four times a day
QNS	quantity not sufficient		qod	every other day
Qs/Qt	shunt fraction		Qt	total cardiac output
R	right	Top	RA	rheumatoid arthritis or right atrium
RAD	right atrial axis deviation		RAE	right atrial enlargement

RAP	right atrial pressure		RBBB	right bundle branch block
RBC	red blood cell		RBP	retinol-binding protein
RDA	recommended daily allowance		RDW	red cell distribution width
RIA	radioimmunoassay		RIH	right inguinal hernia
RLL	right lower lobe	Top	RLQ	right lower quadrant
RML	right middle lobe		RNA	ribonucleic acid
R/O	rule out		ROM	range of motion
ROS	review of systems		RPG	retrograde pyelogram
RRR	regular rate and rhythm		RT	respiratory or radiation therapy
RTA	renal tubular acidosis		RTC	return to clinic
RU	resin uptake		RUG	retrograde urethogram
RUL	right upper lobe		RUQ	right upper quadrant
RV	residual volume		RVH	right ventricular hypertrophy
Rx	treatment	Top	s	without ss = one-half
SA	sinoatrial		SAA	synthetic amino acid
S&E	sugar and acetone		SBE	subacute bacterial endocarditis
SBFT	small bowel follow through		SBS	short bowel syndrome
SCr	serum creatinine		SEM	systolic ejection murmur
SG	Swan-Ganz		SGA	small for gestational age
SGGT	serum gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase	Top	SGOT	serum glutamic-oxaloacetic transaminase
SGPT	serum glutamic-pyruvic transaminase		SIADH	syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone
sig	write on label		SIMV	synchronous intermittent

				mandatory ventilation
sl	sublingual		SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus
SMO	slips made out		SOAP	subjective, Objective, Assessment, Plan
SOB	shortness of breath		SQ	subcutaneous
STAT	immediately		SVD	spontaneous vaginal delivery
Sx	symptoms	Top	T&C	type and cross
TAH	total abdominal hysterectomy		T&H	type and hold
TB	tuberculosis		TBG	total binding globulin
Td	tetanus-diphtheria toxoid		TIA	transient ischemic attack
TIBC	total iron binding capacity		tid	three times a day
TIG	tetanus immune globulin		TKO	to keep open
TLC	total lung capacity		TMJ	temporo mandibular joint
TNTC	too numerous to count		TO	telephone order
TOPV	trivalent oral polio vaccine	Top	TPN	total parenteral nutrition
TSH	thyroid stimulating hormone		TT	thrombin time
TTP	thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura		TU	tuberculin units
TUR	transurethral resection		TURBT	TUR bladder tumors
TURP	transurethral resection of prostate		TV	tidal volume
TVH	total vaginal hysterectomy		tw	twice a week
Tx	treatment, transplant	Top	UA	urinalysis
UAC	uric acid		ud	as directed

UGI	upper gastrointestinal		URI	upper respiratory infection
US	ultrasound		UTI	urinary tract infection
UUN	urinary urea nitrogen	Top	VC	vital capacity
VCUG	voiding cysourethrogram		VMA	vanillylmaleic acid
VO	verbal or voice order		V/Q	ventilation - perfusion
VSS	vital signs stable		WB	whole blood
WBC	white blood cell or count		WD	well developed
WF	white female		WM	white male
WN	well nourished	Top	WNL	within normal limits
WPW	Wolf-Parkinson-White		XRT	X-ray therapy
yo	years old		ZE	Zollinger-Ellison

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ABBREVIATIONS

(let me know if you find errors)

@	at
aa	before
AAL	anterior axial line
AAROM	active assistive range of motion
abd	abdomen
ABG	arterial blood gas
a.c.	before meals
a/c	anterior chamber of the eye
AC	alternating current
acc	according
ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone
add	adduction
ADLs	activities of daily living
adm	admission
A/E	above elbow
A fib	atrial fibrillation
AFB	acid-fast bacilli
A/G	albumin/globulin
AI	aortic insufficiency
A/K	above knee
alb	albumin
a.m., AM	morning
AMA	against medical advice
amb	ambulatory, ambulate, ambulation
amp	amputation
amt	amount
ant	anterior
A&P	auscultation and Percussion
AP & lat	anterior/posterior and lateral approximately
approx	approximately
appt	appointment
apt	apartment
aPTT	activated partial thromboplastin time
AROM	artificial rupture of membranes
AS	aortic stenosis
ASA	aspirin
ASAP	as soon as possible
ASCBD	arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease
ASHD	arteriosclerotic heart disease
assoc	associated
asst	assistant
AVB	atrioventricular block
ax	axillary
ba swallow	barium swallow
BBB	bundle branch block
BCC	basal cell carcinoma
BCP	birth control pills
BE	barium enema
BH	boarding home
b.i.d.	two times daily
bil	bilateral
B/K	below knee
BLE	both lower extremities
BM	bowel movement
BP	blood pressure
BPH	benign prostatic hypertrophy
BRP	bathroom privileges

BS	blood sugar
BSO	bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy
BUE	both upper extremities
BUN	blood urea nitrogen
BVR	Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation
bx	Biopsy
C	centigrade
c	with
CA	carcinoma, cancer
Ca	calcium
CAD	coronary artery disease
CAT	computerized transaxial tomography
cath	catheter
CBC	complete blood count
CBD	common bile duct
cc	cubic centimeter
CC	chief complaint
CC	copies
CCU	coronary care unit
CHF	congestive heart failure
circ	circulation
Cl	chloride
cm	centimeter
CMHC	Community Mental Health Center
CNS	central nervous system
Co	county
C/O	complains of
CO2	carbon dioxide
Code 6	cardiac or respiratory arrest
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
cond	condition
con't	continued
cor	heart
CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure
CPK	creatinine phosphokinase
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
C&S	culture and sensitivity
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
CV	cardiovascular
CVA	cerebrovascular accident, costovertebral angle
CVP	central venous pressure
cx	cervical
CXR	chest x-ray
cysto	cystoscopy
cx	Cancel
DAU	daughter
D/C	discontinue
D&C	dilation and curettage
D,C&E	dilation, curettage and evacuation
DD	dignified death
D&E	dilation and evacuation
dec	decrease
del	delivery
DFSP	dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans
D-5-LR	dextrose 5% in Lactated Ringer's
D-2.5	in dextrose 2.5%
1/4NS	in saline 0.25%
D-2.5	in dextrose 2.5%
1/2NS	in saline, 0.45%
D-5-NS	dextrose 5% in saline 0.9%

D-5-1/4NS dextrose 5% in saline 0.25%
 D-5-1/2NS dextrose 5% in saline 0.45%
 D-5-S 5% dextrose in saline
 D-5-W dextrose 5% in water
 D-10-W dextrose 10% in water
 decub decubitus
 diff differential (blood count)
 DIPJ distal interphalangeal joint divided by
 DJD degenerative joint disease
 dl deciliter
 DM diabetes mellitus
 DOA dead on arrival
 DOE dyspnea or exertion
 DPA Department of Public Assistance
 DPW Department of Public Welfare
 Dr doctor (physician)
 DR delivery room
 DSD dry sterile dressing
 DNR do not resuscitate
 DT diphtheria/tetanus injection
 DTR deep tendon reflex
 DTRs deep tendon reflexes
 DTs delirium tremens
 DUB dysfunctional uterine bleeding
 dx diagnosis

 ECF extended care facility
 ECG, EKG electrocardiogram
 EDC estimated (or expected) dates of confinement
 EEG electroencephalogram
 EGD esophagogastroduodenoscopy
 EMG electromyogram
 ENT ears, nose, throat
 EOMs extraocular movements
 EOMI extraocular movements intact
 epi epidural
 epis episiotomy
 ER emergency room
 ES electric stimulation
 esp especially
 ESR erythrocyte sedimentation rate
 ETH elixir terpin hydrate
 ETOH alcohol
 E evaluation
 exc excision
 ext extremity
 ext rot external rotation
 & and

 1" first degree
 F (or &) female
 fam family
 FBS fasting blood sugar
 Fe Iron

FETAL POSITION AND PRESENTATION:

LFA (RFA) left frontoanterior (right)
 LFP (RFP) left frontoposterior (right)
 LFT (RFT) left frontotransverse (right)
 LMA (RMA) left mentoanterior (right)
 LMP (RMP) left mentoposterior (right)
 LMT (RMT) left mentotransverse (right)

LOA left occiput anterior
 LOP left occiput posterior
 LSA (RSA) left sacrum anterior (right)
 LSP (RSP) left sacrum posterior (right)
 LST (RST) left sacrum transverse (right)
 ROA right occiput anterior
 ROP right occiput posterior
 ROT right occiput transverse
 (end, fetal positions)

FB foreign body
 FeSO₄ ferrous sulfate
 FEV₁ forced expiratory volume in 1 sec.
 FEV₂ forced expiratory volume in 2 secs.
 FEV₃ forced expiratory volume in 3 secs.
 FH family history
 FHS fetal heart sounds
 FHT fetal heart tone
 FIB finger in belt
 flex flexion
 fl fluid
 F&M L&W father and mother, living and well
 F/U follow-up
 FUO fever of unknown origin
 FVC forced vital capacity
 FWB full weightbearing
 fx fracture

GB gallbladder
 G/DW glucose in distilled water
 gen'l general
 gest gestation
 GI gastrointestinal
 glu glucose
 gm gram
 G/NSS glucose in normal saline solution
 grs grains
 gr grain
 grav gravida
 > greater than
 gt., gtt. drop, drops
 GU genitourinary
 Gyn gynecology

h, hr hour
 HACVD hypertensive arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease
 HBP high blood pressure
 HCL hydrochloric acid
 hct hematocrit
 HCVD hypertensive cardiovascular disease
 Hg mercury
 Hgb hemoglobin
 H&H hemoglobin and hematocrit
 HEENT head, ear, eye, nose and throat
 HHS home health service
 H/O history of
 hosp hospital
 H₂O water
 HPI history of present illness
 h.s. hour of sleep
 ht height
 HT Hubbard tank

H & P	history and physical examination
hx	history
HP	hot pack
HR	heart rate
HTN	hypertension
husb	husband
I	interventions
ICF	intermediate care facility
ICT	intermittent cervical traction
ICU	intensive care unit
I&D	incision and drainage
IM	intramuscularly
imp	impression
inc	increase
IMV	intermittent mandatory ventilation
info	information
int rot	internal rotation
I&O	intake and output
IPPB	intermittent positive pressure breathing
indep	independent
IR	infrared
=	is equal to
IUD	intrauterine device
IV	intravenous
IVP	intravenous pyelogram
jt	joint
JVP	jugular venous pressure
K	potassium
KCL	potassium chloride
KPO4	potassium phosphate
kg	kilogram
KUB	kidney, ureter, bladder
KVO	keep vein open
lab	laboratory
lac	laceration
LOC	loss of consciousness
lb., lbs. or #	pound, pounds
L	left
L	liter
lat	lateral
LBBB	left bundle branch block
LE prep	lupus erythematosus preparation
<	less than
LDH	lactic dehydrogenase
lg	large
LGPN	licensed graduate practical nurse
LLB	long leg brace
LLC	long leg cast
LLE	left lower extremity
LLL	left lower lobe
LLQ	left lower quadrant
LMD	local medical doctor
LMP	last menstrual period
LNMP	last normal menstrual period
LP	lumbar puncture
LPN	licensed practical nurse
LPT	licensed physical therapist
LR	lactated ringers

L-S	lumbosacral
L-S scan	liver and spleen scan
LS4A	lichen sclerosis et atrophicus
LUE	left upper extremity
LUL	left upper lobe
LUQ	left upper quadrant
LV	left ventricular
lymphs	lymphocytes
lytes	electrolytes
liq	liquid
M	meter
m	murmur
MA	medical assistance
MC	Medicare
mcg	microgram
MCP	metacarpal phalangeal
meds	medication
mEq	milliequivalent
mg	milligram
MgSO4	magnesium sulfate
MI	myocardial infarction
MinA	minimum assistance
min	minute
ml	milliliter
ML	median line
mM	millimoles
mmHg	millimeters of mercury
MMT	manual muscle test
mo	month
mod	moderate
MOM	Milk of Magnesia
mono	monocytes
MPJ	metatarsal phalangeal joint
MR	mitral regurgitation
MS	mitral stenosis
M or %	male
MTP joint	metatarsophalangeal joint
MVA	motor vehicle accident
MWD	microwave diathermy
NAD	no acute disease
N, nl	normal
N/A	not applicable
NaCl	sodium chloride (salt)
NB	newborn
NED	no evidence of disease
neg	negative or none
neuro	neurology; neurosurgery
N/G	nasogastric
NH	nursing home
NICU	neonatal intensive care unit
NKDA	no known drug allergies
NKMA	no known medical allergies
NN	nurses note
NP	nasopharynx (geal)
NPH	neutral protein Hagedorn (insulin)
NPO	nothing by mouth
NSA	no significant abnormalities
nsg	nursing
NSR	normal sinus rhythm
NSS	normal saline, sodium chloride, 0.9%

1/2-NSS	normal saline, sodium chloride 0.45%
NTG	nitroglycerine
N&V	nausea and vomiting
NWB	nonweightbearing
0	none
one	
O2	oxygen
O2sat	oxygen saturation
OBS	organic brain syndrome
OD	right eye
OJ	orange juice
OOP	out of bed
OR	operating room
Ortho	orthopedic
OS	left eye
OU	each eye
oz., ozs.	ounce, ounces
#	pounds
p	after
P	phosphorus
PAC	premature atrial contraction
palp	palpable
para	indicating women of so many children
// bars	parallel bars
PAS	paramedical ambulance service
path	pathology
Pb	lead
PBI	protein bound iodine
p.c.	after meals
PCA	Philadelphia Corporation for the Aging
PE	physical examination
PEEP	positive and expiratory pressure
PERLA	pupils equal reactive to light and accommodation
PCN	penicillin
PFT	pulmonary function test
pH	hydrogen ion concentration
%	percent
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
PKU	phenylketonuria
PIPJ	proximal interphalangeal joint
+	plus or positive
PM, p.m.	afternoon
PM&R	physical medicine and rehabilitation
PMH	past medical history
PMI	point of maximum impulse
PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
PO, p.o.	by mouth
POD	postop day
poss	possible
post	after
postop	postoperative
PPBS	postprandial blood sugar
PPD	postpartum day
pharm	pharmacy
PRBC	packed red blood cell
PRC	packed red cells
PRE	progressive resistive exercises
Preop	preoperatively
prep	preparation; prepare
PRN	as indicated/needed

PROM premature rupture of membranes
protime prothrombin time
PSYCH FAC psychiatric facility
pt patient
PT physical therapy
PTC percutaneous transhepatic cholangiography
PTCA percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
PTT partial thromboplastin time
PUD peptic ulcer disease
pul emb pulmonary embolus(ism)
PVC premature ventricular contraction
PVD peripheral vascular disease
PWB partial weightbearing
Px prognosis
PZI protamine zinc insulin

q. every or each
q.a.c. every meal
q.d. every day
q.h. every hour
q.i.d. four times daily
q.n. every night
q.o.d. every other day
qs quantity sufficient
qt. quart

R rectal
R, rt right
RA rheumatoid arthritis
RBA risks, benefits and alternatives
RBBB right bundle branch block
rbc red blood cell
RBC red blood count
re in reference to
ref referral
rehab rehabilitation
resp, RR respirations
retic reticulocyte
Rh Rhesus (blood factor)
RLE right lower extremity
RLL right lower lobe
RLQ right lower quadrant
RML right middle lobe
RN registered nurse
R/O rule out
ROM range of motion
ROS review of systems
RR recovery room
RRR regular rate and rhythm
RT respiratory therapy
RUE right upper extremity
RUQ right upper quadrant
rx therapy; prescription

SBE subacute bacterial endocarditis
SBO small-bowel obstruction
sx signs or symptoms
SO4 sulfate radical
S/P status post
sc, sq subcutaneous
sec. second
secs. seconds

2" second degree
 SR sed rate, erythrocyte sedimentation rate
 SGOT serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase
 SGPT serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase
 SH social history
 sib sibling
 SLB short leg brace
 SLC short leg cast
 SLE systemic lupus erythematosus
 SLR straight leg raise
 sm small
 SNF skilled nursing facility
 SOB shortness of breath
 sp gr specific gravity
 spont spontaneous
 SqCCA squamous cell carcinoma
 SROM spontaneous rupture of membranes
 ss one-half
 SN student nurse
 SNA student nurse assistant
 SSE soap suds enema
 staph staphylococcus
 STAT at once
 strep streptococcus
 STS serological test for syphilis
 supp suppository
 SUS strained urinary sediment
 SWD short wave diathermy
 sl slight
 s without

3" third degree
 TM tympanic membrane
 T temp temperature
 T&A tonsils and adenoids
 tab tablet
 TAH total abdominal hysterectomy
 TB tuberculosis
 Tbsp. tablespoon
 TE therapeutic exercise
 tel telephone
 TENS, TNS transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulator
 TIA transient ischemic attack
 t.i.d. three times daily
 tinct tincture
 TMJ temporomandibular joint
 TO telephone order
 TOB termination of benefits
 TPR temperature, pulse and respirations
 tsp. teaspoon
 T-table tilt table
 TUR transurethral resection
 Tv tidal volume
 2D echo two-dimensional echocardiogram
 two

U units
 UA urinalysis
 UCHD usual childhood disease
 UGI upper gastrointestinal
 UR utilization review
 URI upper respiratory infection

US	ultrasound
UTI	urinary tract infection
UV	ultraviolet
VA	Veterans' Administration
VD	venereal disease
VDRL	venereal disease reaction level
vag	vaginal
vit	vitamin
VMA	vanillylmandelic acid
VNS	visiting nurse service
VO	verbal orders
VS	vital signs
s	without
WBC, wbc	white blood count
WC	wheelchair
WD WN	well developed, well nourished
W/F	white female
wk	week
W/M	white male
WNL	within normal limits
WP	whirlpool
wt	weight
x	times
X	ten
y/o	years old
yr.	year

PHYSICAL THERAPY ABBREVIATIONS

AAROM	active assistive range of motion
add	adduction
B/E	below elbow
BLE	both lower extremities
BUE	both upper extremities
CT	crutch training
ES	electric stimulation
ext	extremity
FIB	finger in belt
FWB	full weightbearing
HT	Hubbard tank
HP	hot pack
ICT	intermittent cervical traction
LLB	long leg brace
LLC	long leg cast
LLE	left lower extremity
LPT	licensed physical therapist
LUE	left upper extremity
max A	maximum assistance
MHP	moist hot pack
min A	minimum assistance
MMT	manual muscle test
mod	moderate
mod A	moderate assistance
muscle S	muscle strength
MWD	microwave diathermy
NWB	non-weight bearing
//bars	parallel bars
OT	occupational therapy(ist)
PRE	progressive resistive exercises

PT	physical therapy
PTA	physical therapist assistant
PWB	partial weight bearing
RLE	right lower extremity
ROM	range of motion
RPT	registered physical therapist
RUE	right upper extremity
SLB	short leg brace
SLC	short leg cast
SLR	straight leg raise
SWD	short wave diathermy
TE	therapeutic exercise
TENS, TNS	transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulator
T-Table	tilt table
tx	traction/therapy
WP	whirlpool

SOCIAL SERVICE ABBREVIATIONS

apt	apartment
BH	boarding home
BVR	Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation
CHMC	Community Mental Health Center
Co	county
DAU	daughter
DPA	Department of Public Assistance
DPW	Department of Public Welfare
ECF	extended care facility
F&M L&W	father and mother, living and well
HHS	home health services
husb	husband
ICF	intermediate care facility
info	information
indep	independent
MA	Medical Assistance
MC	Medicare
NH	nursing home
PAS	paramedical ambulance service
PCA	Philadelphia Corporation of Aging
PSYCH FAC	psychiatric facility
ref	referral
rehab	rehabilitation
SNF	skilled nursing facility
SSI	social security income
TOB	termination of benefits
UR	utilization review
VA	Veterans' Administration
VNS	Visiting Nurse Service

PHARMACY ABBREVIATIONS

D-5-LR	dextrose 5% in lactated Ringer's
D-2.5	in dextrose 2.5%
1/4NS	in saline 0.25%
D-2.5	in dextrose 2.5%
1/2NS	in saline 0.45%
D-5-NS	dextrose 5% in saline 0.9%
D-5-1/4NS	dextrose 5% in saline 0.25%
D-5-1/2NS	dextrose 5% in saline 0.45%
D-5-S	5% dextrose in saline
D-5-W	dextrose 5% in water
D-10-W	dextrose 10% in water
G/DW	glucose in distilled water
G/NSS	glucose in normal saline

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