

Nursing Abbreviations



Abbreviations	Words
AU	Both Ears
ATP	Adenosine Triphosphatase
ATC	Around the Clock
AT	Axillary Temperature
AST	Aspartate Aminotransferase
ASO	Antistreptolysin-O
ASA	Acetylsalicylic Acid
AS	Left Ear
AROM	Active Range of Motion
aqua	Water or H ₂ O
APTT	Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time
Approx.	Approximately
AP	Appendectomy
AP	Apical Pulse
AP	Anterior/Posterior
AoA	Administration on Aging

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Abbreviations	Words
BUN	Blood Urea Nitrogen
BSN	Bachelor of Science In Nursing
BSL	Blood Sugar Level
BSI	Body Substance Isolation
BSE	Breast Self-Examination
BSA	Body Surface Area
BPM	Beats Per Minute
BPH	Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy
BP or B/P	Blood Pressure
BO	Bowels Opened
BNO	Bowels Not Opened
BMR	Basal Metabolic Rate
BMI	Body Mass Index
BMD	Bone Mineral Density
BKA	Below Knee Amputation
BK	Below Knee



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Abbreviations	Words
CVC	Central Venous Catheter
CVA	Cerebrovascular Accident or Stroke
Cu	Copper
CT scan	Computerized Axial Tomography Scan
CT	Computed Tomography
CSM	Circulation, Sensation, Motion
CSF	Cerebrospinal Fluid
CRNA	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
Cr	Chromium
CPR	Computerized Patient Record
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
COOH	Carboxyl Group
consult	Consultation
COBRA	Comprehensive Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
CO₂⁻	Carbon Dioxide Ion
CO₂	Carbon Dioxide



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Abbreviations	Words
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
EMG	Electromyogram
elix	Elixir
ELISA	Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay
EKG (ECG)	Electrocardiogram
EGD	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy
EEG	Electroencephalograph/Electroencephalogram
EDTA	Ethylenediaminetetraacetic Acid
ED	Emergency Department
ECG (EKG)	Electrocardiogram
ECF	Extracellular Fluid
ECF	Extended Care Facility
EAR	Estimated Average Requirement
ER	Emergency Room



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Gyn	Gynecology
GU	Genitourinary
gtt/min	Drops Per Minute
GTT	Glucose Tolerance Test
gtt	Drop
gr	Grain
GI	Gastrointestinal
GHB	Glycosylated Hemoglobin
GH	Growth Hormone
GGTP	Gamma-Glutamyl Transpeptidase
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GFR	Glomerular Filtration Rate
GER	Gastroesophageal Reflux
GED	General Education Development
GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale
GAS	General Adaptation Syndrome



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HLA	Human Leukocyte Antigen
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HIS	Hospital Information System
Hgb	Hemoglobin
Hg	Mercury
HFA	Hospice Foundation of America
Hep B	Hepatitis B
HDV	Hepatitis D Virus
HDL	High Density Lipoprotein
HCV	Hepatitis C Virus
Hct	Hematocrit
HCO ₃ ⁻	Bicarbonate Ion
HCl	Hydrochloric Acid, Hydrochloride
hCG	Human Chorionic Gonadotropin
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration
HBV	Hepatitis B Virus



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Abbreviations	Words
INR	International Normalized Ratio
in	Inch
IM	Intramuscular
IHCT	Interdisciplinary Health Care Team
IgM	Immunoglobulin M
IgG	Immunoglobulin G
ID	Intradermal
ID	Identification
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
ICN	International Council of Nurses
ICF	Intracellular Fluid
ICF	Intermediate Care Facility
IADLs	Instrumental Activities of Daily Living
I&O	Intake and Output
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I	Iodine

