

Medical Abbreviations

Words

AD

AV

ASD

AF

ASHD

ADL

ASAP

ad lib

A-VO₂

A-V

ABG

AS

AI

ANA

ADH

OS

OU

PPD

PS

PI

Abbreviations

autonomic dysreflexia

atrioventricular

atrial septal defect

atrial fibrillation or afebrile

atherosclerotic heart disease

activity of daily living

as soon as possible

as much as needed

arteriovenous oxygen

arteriovenous

arterial blood gas

aortic stenosis

aortic insufficiency

antinuclear antibody

anti-diuretic hormone

left eye

both eyes

purified protein derivative

pulmonic stenosis

pulmonic insufficiency disease

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AP	anteroposterior or abdominal
AFO	ankle foot orthosis
ASIA	American Spinal Injury Association
amb	ambulate
A-a gradient	alveolar to arterial gradient
AFP	alpha-fetoprotein
AOB	alcohol on breath
A/G	albumin/globulin ratio
ACLS	advanced cardiac life support
AODM	adult onset diabetes mellitus
ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone
AAS	acute abdominal series
ARF	acute renal failure
AML	acute myelogenous leukemia
ALL	acute lymphocytic leukemia
PFT	pulmonary function tests
PAP	pulmonary artery pressure
PSA	prostate-specific antigen
PMH	previous medical history



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bid	twice a day
BBB	bundle branch block
BRBPR	bright red blood per rectum
BCAA	branched chain amino acids
BS	bowel or breath sounds
BC	bowel care
BM	bone marrow or bowel movement
BW	body weight
BUN	blood urea nitrogen
BP	blood pressure
BX	biopsy
BOM	bilateral otitis media
bilat	bilateral
BPH	benign prostatic hypertrophy
BKA	below the knee amputation
PVC	premature ventricular contraction
PAC	premature atrial contraction
PTSD	post-traumatic stress disorder
PP	postprandial or pulsus paradoxus



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CMV
CF
CVAT
C&S
CAA
CCV
CPK
CRCL
CRP
CN
CAD
CABG
CBG
CHF
CT
PPS
POD
PA
PVR

Abbreviations

cytomegalovirus
cystic fibrosis
CVA tenderness
culture and sensitivity
crystalline amino acids
critical closing volume
creatinine phosphokinase
creatinine clearance
C-reactive protein
cranial nerves
coronary artery disease
coronary artery bypass graft
capillary blood gas
congestive heart failure
computerized tomography
post-polio syndrome
post-op day
posteroanterior
post voiding residual



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CAT	computerized axial tomography
CBC	complete blood count
C/O	complaining of
CNS	central nervous system
CRF	chronic renal failure
CO	cardiac output
COLD	chronic obstructive lung disease
CML	chronic myelogenous leukemia
CGL	chronic granulocytic leukemia
CC	chief complaint
CXR	chest X-ray
CP	chest pain or cerebral palsy
CSW	certified social worker
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
CVP	central venous pressure
PEEP	positive end expiratory pressure
PMN	polymorphonuclear leukocyte
PMI	point of maximal impulse
pg	picogram



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Words

DOE

DNR

DIP

DAW

DC

DPT

D&C

DDx

DAT

DPL

DX

DKA

DM

DI

DNA

PDR

PKU

PVD

PaO2

Abbreviations

dyspnea on exertion

do not resuscitate

distal interphalangeal joint

dispense as written

discontinue or discharge

diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus

dilation and curettage

differential diagnosis

diet as tolerated

diagnostic peritoneal lavage

diagnosis

diabetic ketoacidosis

diabetes mellitus

diabetes insipidus

deoxyribonucleic acid

physicians desk reference

phenylketonuria

peripheral vascular disease

peripheral arterial oxygen content



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DPT
D&C
DDx
DAT
DPL
DX
DKA
DM
DI
DNA
DJD
DVT
DTR
dL
DOA
P&PD
PUD
Pt
PDA

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diabetes mellitus
diabetes insipidus
deoxyribonucleic acid
degenerative joint disease
deep venous thrombosis
deep tendon reflexes
deciliter
dead on arrival
percussion and postural drainage
peptic ulcer disease
patient
patent ductus arteriosus



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EBL	estimated blood loss
EFAD	essential fatty acid deficiency
EAA	essential amino acids
ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
ED	erectile dysfunction
ETT	endotracheal tube
ET	endotracheal
EMG	Electromyogram
ECT	electroconvulsive therapy
ECG	electrocardiogram
PTT	partial thromboplastin time
PAT	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
PTH	parathyroid hormone
P	para
PRBC	packed red blood cells
PR	by rectum
PO	by mouth
PRN	as needed



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ECG	electrocardiogram
Qt	total cardiac output
Qs/Qt	shunt fraction
QNS	quantity not sufficient
qid	four times a day
qod	every other day
qh	every hour
qd	every day
q4h	every 4 hours, every 6 hours etc.
q	every



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FRC	functional residual capacity
FES	functional electrical stimulation
FFP	fresh frozen plasma
Fx	fracture
FVC	forced vital capacity
FEV	forced expiratory volume
FU	follow-up
FUO	fever of unknown origin
FBS	fasting blood sugar
FTT	failure to thrive
Rx	treatment
R/O	rule out
RVH	right ventricular hypertrophy
RUQ	right upper quadrant
RUL	right upper lobe
RML	right middle lobe
RLQ	right lower quadrant
RLL	right lower lobe
RIH	right inguinal hernia



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HO	history of
Hx	history
HLA	histocompatibility locus antigen
HPF	high power field
HDL	high density lipoprotein
HBP	high blood pressure
HSV	herpes simplex virus
HSM	hepatosplenomegaly
HJR	hepatojugular reflex
HAA	hepatitis B surface antigen
HAV	hepatitis A virus
Hgb	hemoglobin
HCT	hematocrit
HR	heart rate
HA	headache
RBBB	right bundle branch block
RAP	right atrial pressure
RAE	right atrial enlargement
RAD	right atrial axis deviation



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IV	intravenous
IM	intramuscular
IT	interthecal
HS	at bedtime
IMV	intermittent mandatory ventilation
ICS	intercostal space
ICU	intensive care unit
I&O	intake and output
IRDM	insulin resistant diabetes mellitus
IDDM	insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
ID	infectious disease or identification
IVP	intravenous pyelogram
I&D	incision and drainage
IG	immunoglobulin
HOB	head of bed
R	right
RNA	ribonucleic acid
ROS	review of systems
RTC	return to clinic



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JVD	jugular venous distention
JODM	juvenile onset diabetes mellitus
KAFO	knee ankle foot orthosis
KT	kinesio therapy or kinesiotherapist
KUB	kidneys, ureters, bladder
KVO	keep vein open
KOR	keep open rate
LE	lupus erythematosus
LP	lumbar puncture
LDL	low density lipoprotein
LPN	licensed practical nurse
LVH	left ventricular hypertrophy
LV	left ventricle
LUL	left upper quadrant
LLL	left lower lobe
LIH	left inguinal hernia
LBBB	left bundle branch block
LAE	left atrial enlargement
LAHB	left anterior hemiblock



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Words

MVI
MVA
MAO
mmol
mL
MLE
MSSA
MRSA
MUSE
MAST
MMR
MCV
NMR
MCH
MAP
MVV
MMEF
MBT
MRI

Abbreviations

multivitamin injection
motor vehicle accident
monoamine oxidase
millimole
milliliter
midline episiotomy
methicillin-sensitive staph aureus
methicillin resistant staph aureus
medicated urethral system erection
medical antishock trousers
measles, mumps, rubella
mean cell volume
nuclear magnetic resonance
mean cell hemoglobin
mean arterial pressure
maximum voluntary ventilation
maximal mid expiratory flow
maternal blood type
magnetic resonance imaging



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NPO	nothing by mouth
NSR	normal sinus rhythm
OR	operating room
OB	obstetrics
NRM	no regular medications
NKDA	no known drug allergies
NKA	no known allergies
NED	no evidence of recurrent disease
NAS	no added salt
NAD	no active disease
NCV	nerve conduction velocity
NT	nasotracheal
NG	nasogastric
ng	nanogram
OD	overdose or right eye
OOB	out of bed
OM	otitis media
OPV	oral polio vaccine
OCG	oral cholecystogram



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RUG	retrograde urethogram
RPG	retrograde pyelogram
RBP	retinol-binding protein
RT	respiratory or radiation therapy
RU	resin uptake
RV	residual volume
RTA	renal tubular acidosis
RDW	red cell distribution width
RBC	red blood cell
RRR	regular rate and rhyth
RDA	recommended daily allowance
ROM	range of motion
RIA	radioimmunoassay
sig	write on label
s	without
SEM	systolic ejection murmur
SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus
SAA	synthetic amino acid
Sx	symptoms



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SG	Swan-Ganz
S&E	sugar and acetone
sl	sublingual
SQ	subcutaneous
SBE	subacute bacterial endocarditis
SVD	spontaneous vaginal delivery
SCI/D	spinal cord injury and disorder
SCI	spinal cord injury
SW	social worker
SGA	small for gestational age
SBFT	small bowel follow through
SMO	slips made out
SA	sinoatrial
SOB	shortness of breath
SBS	short bowel syndrome
SCr	serum creatinine
STAT	immediately
ss	one-half
SW	social worker



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SGA	small for gestational age
SBFT	small bowel follow through
SMO	slips made out
SA	sinoatrial
SOB	shortness of breath
SBS	short bowel syndrome
TOPV	trivalent oral polio vaccine
Tx	treatment, transplant
TUR	transurethral resection
SCr	serum creatinine
TIA	transient ischemic attack
ss	one-half
STAT	immediately
T&H	type and hold
T&C	type and cross
tw	twice a week
TURBT	TUR bladder tumors
TB	tuberculosis
TU	tuberculin units



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TVH
TPN
TLC
TIBC
TBG
TAH
TNTC
TKO
TV
TSH
TT
tid
Td
TIG
TMJ
TO
UUN
UTI
UA

Abbreviations

total vaginal hysterectomy
total parenteral nutrition
total lung capacity
total iron binding capacity
total binding globulin
total abdominal hysterectomy
too numerous to count
to keep open
tidal volume
thyroid stimulating hormone
thrombin time
three times a day
tetanus-diphtheria toxoid
tetanus immune globulin
temporo mandibular joint
telephone order
urinary urea nitrogen
urinary tract infection
urinalysis

