

ante	before	AKA	above knee amputation	AV	atrioventricular
A&D	admit & discharge	ALA	aminolevulinic acid	ax	axillary
A&P	auscultation percussion	alb	white	B&B	bowel & bladder
A-P	anterior posterior	alk	alkaline	Ba	barium
A/G	albumin-globulin ratio	ALL	acute lymphocytic leukemia	BaE	barium enema
AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm	ALS	amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	bal	bath
AB	abortion/abnormal/abdominal	ALT	alanine aminotransferase	Basos	basophils
A2	aortic second sound	ama	against medical advice	BB	blow bottles
AAL	anterior axillary line	amb	ambulate	BBB	blood-brain barrier
AAROM	active assistive range of motion	AMI	acute myocardial infarction	BCP	birth control pill
abd	abdomen	AML	acute myelogenous leukemia	BE	barium enema
ABG	arterial blood gas	AMML	acute myelomonocytic leukemia	BER	basic electrical rhythm
ABO	ABO incompatibility	AMP	adenosine monophosphate	bib	drink
a.c	before eating (ante cebum)	ANA	antinuclear antibodies	BID	twice daily
ACD	absolute cardiac dullness	ANS	autonomic nervous system	BK	below the knee
ACE	angiotensin converting enzyme/adrenal cortical extract	AODM	adult onset diabetes mellitus	BKA	below knee amputation
ACL	anterior cruciate ligament	AP	antepartum/anterior-posterior	BM	bowel movement
ACLS	advanced cardiac life support	Ap	apical	BMR	basal metabolic rate
ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone	APM	arterial pressure monitoring	BP	blood pressure
ACVD	acute cardiovascular disease	aq	water (aqua)	BPD	bronchopulmonary displasia
a.d	right ear	ARDS	adult respiratory distress syndrome	BPH	benign prostatic hypertrophy
AD	Alzheimer's disease	ARF	acute respiratory failure or acute renal failure	Br	breastfeeding
ADH	antidiuretic hormone	AROM	active range of motion	BrC	breast care
ADL	activities daily living	AS	aortic stenosis	Bronch	bronchoscopy
ADP	adenosine diphosphate	ASA	aspirin (acetosalycilic acid)	BS	bowel sounds
adst	present	a.s	left (sinister) ear	BSA	body surface area
AE	above elbow	ASCVD	arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease	BSC	bedside commode
AFB	acid fast bacilli	ASHD	arteriosclerotic heart disease	BSD	bedside drainage
Afib	atrial fibrillation	ASO	arteriosclerosis obliterans	BSNA	bowel sounds normal & active
ag	increases	Asst	assistance	BUN	blood urea nitrogen
AGA	appropriate gestational age	AST	aspartate aminotransferase	BUR	back up rate ventilator
AI	aortic insufficiency	ASTIG	astigmatism	BUS	Bartholin urethra skenes
AIDS	acquired immune deficiency syndrome	ATP	adenosine triphosphate	bx	biopsy
AIH	artificial insemination husband	auto	automobile	C&S	culture & sensitivity
AK	above knee	a.u	each ear	C	cervical
				č	without
				c/m	counts per minute
				C/S	cesarean section

CA	Neoplasm/cancer	co	cardiac output	D&C	dilation curettage
Ca	calcium	CO2	carbon dioxide	D/C	discharge or discontinue
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft	COAD	chronic obstructive airway disease	D/R	dayroom
CAC	cardioacceleratory center	COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	DDST	Denver Developmental Screening Test
CAD	coronary artery disease	CORD	chronic obstructive respiratory disease	DE	dose equivalent
cAMP	cyclic AMP	CORF	comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility	DEA	Drug Enforcement Agency
Cancer	Malignant neoplasm	CP	cerebral palsy	decub	decubitus ulcer
caps	capsule	CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure	Dep	dependent
CAT	computerized axial tomography	CPD	cephalopelvic disproportion	derm	relating to
cath	catheterize	CPM	continuous passive motion	DEXA	dual energy x-ray absorptiometry
CBC	complete blood count	CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	DHEA	dehydroepiandrosterone
CC	chief complaint	CPT	chest physical therapy	DHT	dihydrotestosterone
CCK	cholecystokinin	CRF	chronic renal failure	DIC	disseminated intravascular coagulopathy
CCU	coronary care unit	CRH	corticotropic releasing hormone	DIF	direct immunofluorescence
CDH	congenital dislocation hip	crit	hematocrit	Diff	differential (white blood) count
CEA	carcinoembryonic antigen	CRP	C-reactive protein	DIP joint	distal interphlangeal joint
CF	cystic fibrosis	CS	central service/cesarean section	Disp	disposition
CHD	congenital heart disease	CSF	cerebrospinal fluid	DJD	degenerative joint disease
CHF	congestive heart failure	CT	computerized tomography/CAT	DM	diabetes mellitus
chr	chronic	CTS	carpal tunnel syndrome	DMD	Duchenne muscular dystrophy
CIC	cardioinhibitory center	CTZ	chemoreceptor trigger zone	DME	durable medical equipment
CI	chloride	CV	cardiovascular	DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
CLC	creative living center	CVA	cerebrovascular accident	DNR	do not resuscitate
CLL	chronic lymphatic leukemia	CVL	central venous line	DOB	date of birth
cm	centimeter	CVMS	clean voided midstream urine	DOE	dyspnea on exertion
CMC	carpometacarpal	CVP	central venous pressure	DOI	date of injury
CMG	cystometrogram	CVS	chorionic villi sampling	dolent	aching
CMHC	community mental health center	CVU	cerebrovascular unit	DPT	diphtheria pertussis tetanus
CML	chronic myelogenous leukemia	CW	closed ward	DR	delivery room
CMRI	cardiac magnetic resonance imaging	CXR	chest x-ray	DRG	dorsal root ganglia or diagnosis related group
CMS	circulation motion sensation	CXy	chest x-ray	DSA	digital subtraction angiography
CMV	cytomegalovirus	cysto	cystoscopic examination	DSR	dynamic spatial reconstructor
cn	cranial nerves	D	day	DSS	dioctyl sulfosuccinate
CNM	Certified Nurse Midwife	D5W	5% dextrose/water solution	DSU	day surgery unit
CNP	continuous negative airway pressure				
CNS	central nervous system				

DTs	delirium tremens	ESWL	extracorporeal shock wave	FVC	forced vital capacity
DTRs	deep tendon reflexes		lihotripsy	fx	fracture
DUB	dysfunctional uterine bleed	ET	endotracheal	G	gram
DVT	deep vein thrombosis	ETOH	alcohol	GALT	gut-associated lymphoid tissue
DX	diagnosis	EVR	evoked visual response	gav	gavage
E&M	evaluation and management	EX	examination	GB	gallbladder
EBL	estimated blood loss	exam	examination	GH	growth hormone
EBV	Epstein-Barr virus	ext	extremity or external	G.I	gastrointestinal
ECF	extended care facility or extracellular fluid	FB	foreign body	GIFT	gamete intrafallopian transfer
ECG	electrocardiogram	FBR	foreign body removal	GLC	gas liquid chromatography
ECHO	enterocytopathogenic human orphan	FBS	fasting blood sugar	Gly	glycerin
ECMO	extracorporeal membrane oxygenation	FDP	fibrin degradation products	GMP	guanosine monophosphate
ECT	emission computerized tomography	Fe	iron	GnRH	gonadotropin-releasing hormone
EEG	electroencephalogram	feb	fever	GS	general surgeon
EENT	eye ear nose & throat	FEV	forced expiratory volume	GSR	galvanic skin response
EGA	estimated gestational age	FFP	fresh frozen plasma	gsw	gunshot wound
EGD	esophagus stomach duodenum	FFS	fee for service	GTF	glucosyl tranferase
EKG	electrocardiogram	FH	family history	GU	genitourinary
EM	electron microscope/micrograph	FHT	fetal heart tone	Gu	guiac
EMG	electromyogram	Fib	fibrillation	gyn	gynecology
en	enema clyster	fibular	fibula	H	hertel measurement
eng	engorged	fl	fluid	H&H	hemoglobin & hematocrit
ENT	ear nose throat	fluro	fluoroscopy	H&P	history physical
EOG	electrooculography	FM	face mask	HA	Headache
EOM	extraocular motion	FMG	fine mesh gauze	HAA	hepatitis antigen B
EOMI	extraocular motion intact	FNP	Family Nurse Practitioner	HAAb	hepatitis antibody A
EOP	external occipital protuberance	fort	strong	HaAg	hepatitis antigen A
Eosins	eosinophils	FP	family planning	HAI	hemagglutination test
ER	emergency room or endoplasmic reticulum	FR	family relationship	HAV	hepatitis A virus
ERG	electroretinogram	FRA's	flexor reflex afferents	Hb	hemoglobin
ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate	fractured	fracture	HBsAb	hepatitis surface antibody B
ESRD	end stage renal disease	FRAT	free radical assay test	HBcAg	hepatitis antigen B
EST	electroshock therapy	FSE	fetal scalp electrode	HBD	hydroxybutyryl dehydrogenase
		FSH	follicle stimulating hormone	HBeAb	hepatitis antibody Be
		FTSG	full thickness skin graft	HBeAg	hepatitis antigen Be
		FTT	failure to thrive	Hbg	hemoglobin
		F/U or FU	follow-up	HBO	hyperbaric oxygen
		FUO	fever unknown origin	HBP	high blood pressure

HBsAb	hepatitis antibody B	IABP	intra-aortic balloon pump	K	potassium
HBsAg	hepatitis antigen B	IBS	irritable bowel syndrome	KCL	potassium chloride
HBV	hepatitis B virus	IBW	ideal body weight	KJ	knee jerk
hCG	human chorionic gonadotropin	IC	infant care	KUB	kidney-ureter-bladder
HCl	hydrochloric acid	ICF	intermediate care facility	L	left or lumbar
Hct	hematocrit	ICH	cerebral hemorrhage	L-S	lumbosacral
Hctz	hydrochlorothiazide	ICP	intracranial pressure	LA	left atrium
HCVD	hypertensive cardiovascular disease	ICS	intercostal space	LAD	left anterior descending
HD	hip disarticulation or hemodialysis	ICSH	interstitial cell-stimulating hormone	LAP	leucine aminopeptidase
HDL	high density lipoproteins	ICU	intensive care unit	LAT	lateral
HEENT	head eyes ears nose throat	ID	intradermal or infective dose	LAVH	laparoscopic assisted vaginal hysterectomy
Hg	mercury	IDDM	insulin dependent diabetes mellitus	LB	legbag
Hg/Hgb	hemoglobin	IDH	isocitric dehydrogenase	LBB	left bundle branch
HGH	human growth hormone	IDM	infant diabetic mother	LBP	lower back pain
HIAA	hydroxyindolacetic acid	IH	infectious hepatitis	LD	lethal dose
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus	II	icteric index	LDH	lactate dehydrogenase
HMD	hyaline membrane disease	IM	internal medicine/intramuscular	LDL	low-denisty lipoproteins
HMS	hepatosplenomegaly	IMV	intermittent mandatory ventilation	LE	lower extremityor lupuserythematosis
HOB	head of bed	indep	independent	LEEP	loop electrocautery excision procedure
HORF	high output renal failure	inj	injection	LGA	large for gestational age
HPs	hot packs	IOP	intraocular pressure	LH	luteinizing hormone
HPF	high power field	IP	intraperitoneal	LHR	leukocyte histamine release
HPG	human pituitary gonadotropin	IP joint	interphlangeal joint	lido	lidocaine
HPI	history of the present illness	IPPB	intermittent positive pressure breathing	LKS	liver kidney spleen
HPL	human placental lactogen	IQ	intelligence quotient	LLETZ	loop excision cervix uterus
HR	heart rate	ISC	infant servo-control	LLL	left lower lobe
HSBG	heelstick blood gas	ISG	immune serum globulin	LLQ	left lower quadrant
HSG	hysterosalpingography	iu	international units	LM	light microscope/micrograph
HSV	herpes simplex virus	IUD	intrauterine device	LMD	local medical doctor
Ht	height	IV	intravenous	LML	left medio lateral position
HTN	hypertension/ hypertensive	IVC	intravenous cholangiography	LML	left middle lobe of lung
HVA	homovanillic acid	IVF	in vitro fertilization	LMN	lower motor neuron
Hx	history	IVH	intraventricular hemorrhage	LMP	last menstrual period
I&D	incision & drainage	IVP	intravenous pyelogram	LMS	left mentum anterior position
I&O	intake & output	JODM	juvenile onset diabetes mellitus	LMT	left mentum transverse position
Id31	radioactive iodine	JVD	jugular venous distention		
IA	intra-arterial				

LOC	loss consciousness	MG	myasthenia gravis	NCV	nerve conduction & velocity
LOM	limitation motion	MH	marital history	NE	norepinephrine
LOP	left occiput posterior	MHC	mental health clinic	NEC	not elsewhere classified
LOT	left occiput transverse	MI	myocardial infarction	neg	negative
LP	lumbar puncture	ML	midline	NF	National Formulary
LR	lactated Ringer's	ml	milliliter	NG	nasogastric
LRI	lower respiratory infection	mm	millimeter	NGU	non-gonococcal urethritis
LS	lumbar sacral	mmHg	millimeters mercury	NICU	neonatal intensive care unit
LSA	left sacrum anterior position	MMPI	Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory	NIDDM	non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
LSB	left sternal border				
LT	left	MOM	milk magnesia	NJ	nasojejunal
LTC	long term care	mono	monocyte	NKA no	known allergies
LTH	lactogenic/luteotropic hormone	MP joint	metacarpopharangeal joint	NKDA	no known drug allergies
LUL	left upper lobe	MPD	maximum permissible dose	NKMA	no known medical allergies
luq	left upper quadrant	MR	mitral regurgitation	NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance
LV	left ventricle	MRA	magnetic resonance angiography	NP	neuropsychiatry
lymphs	lymphocytes	MRI	magnetic resonance imaging	NP-CPAP	nasopharyngeal positive airway pressure
lytes	electrolytes	mRNA	messenger RNA		
M	manifest refraction	MS	multiple sclerosis	NPN	nonprotein nitrogen
M1	mitral first sound	MSH	melaocyte-stimulating hormone	NPO	nothing by mouth (nil per os)
M2	mitral second sound	MSLT	multiple sleep latency testing	NS	normal saline/not significant
MA1	volume respirator	MTM	metamucil	NSAID	nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug
MCH	mean corpuscular hemoglobin	MTP	metatarsophalangeal		
MCHC	mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration	multip	multipara pregnant	NSD	nominal standard dose
		MVP	mitral valve prolapse	NSR	normal sinus rhythm
MCL	midclavicular line	MWS	Mickety-Wilson syndrome	NST	nonstress test
MCP	metacarpophalangeal	MYOP	myopia	NSVB	normal spontaneous vaginal bleeding
MCT	mediastinal chest tube	N	normality		
MCV	mean corpuscular volume	N&V	nausea vomiting	NSVD	normal spontaneous vaginal delivery
MD	muscular dystrophy	Na	sodium		
MDD	manic-depressive disorder	NaCl	salt	NT	nasotracheal/nontender
Mec	meconium	NAT	nonaccidental trauma	NTE	neutral thermal environment
MED	minimal effective dose	NB	newborn	O2	oxygen
meds	medications	NBICU	newborn intensive care unit	OB	obstetrics
mEq	milliequivalent	NBT	nitroblue tetrazolium	OB-GYN	obstetrics gynecology
mEq/l	milliequivalent per liter	NCA	neurocirculatory asthenia	OC	oral contraceptive
MFD	minimum fatal dose	NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics	OCT	ornithine carbamyl transterase
mg	milligram			o.d	right eye

OFC	occipitofrontal circumference	PEG	pneumoencephalogram	PSA	prostate specific antigen
oint	ointment	PERRLA	pupils equal regular reactive	PSP	phenolsulfonphthalein
ONH	optic nerve head	PET	positron emission tomography	PT	physical therapy
ophth	ophthalmology	PFC	persistent fetal circulation	Pt	patient
ORIF	open reduction internal fixation	pH	hydrogen ion concentration - acid/base	PTB	patellar tendon bearing
o.s	left eye			PTCA	percutaneous transluminal
oris	mouth	PH	past history		coronary angioplasty
os	mouth	phos	phosphate	PTH	parathyroid hormone
OST	oxytocin stress test	PI	present illness	PU	pregnancy urine test
OT	occupational therapy or oxytocin	PID	pelvic inflammatory disease	PUD	peptic ulcer disease
OTD	organ tolerance dose	PKU	phenylketonuria	pulv	powder
OTO	otology	PMHx	past medical history	PVC	premature ventricular contraction
o.u	eyes	PMI	point maximum intensity	PVD	premature ventricular
P&A	percussion auscultation	PMN	polvnormphonuclear neutrophil		depolarization
P+PD	percussion postural drainage		leukocytes	PVL	paraventricular leukomalasia
P2	pulmonic 2nd sound	PN	pneumonia	PZI	protamine zinc insulin
PA	pulmonary artery	PNC	premature nodal contraction	QID	4 times daily
PAC	premature atrial contraction	PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea	qs	quantity sufficient
PAD	pulmonary artery diastolic	PNS	peripheral nervous system	R	respiration
PAH	para-aminohippurate	po	given orally (per or)	r	roentgen
PAP	papanicolaou	POD	post operative day	R/O	rule out
PAR	post anesthesia recovery	polys	polymorphonuclear neutrophil	RA	rheumatoid arthritis
PAT	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia		leukocytes	RBB	right bundle branch
path	pathology	PER	problem oriented record	RBC	red blood cell or red blood cell
PBI	protein-bound iodine	PP	after meals (postprandial)		count
pc	after meals (post cibum)	pp	near point visual accommodation	RBOW	ruptured bag water
PC	packed cells	P.D.	percussion postural drainage	RCD	relative cardiac dullness
PCG	phonocardiogram	P.H.	post pactum hemorrhage	RDS	respiratory distress syndrome
PCN	penicillin	P.P.	protamine paracoagulation	RE	reticuloendothelial system
PCR	polymerase chain reaction	PPT	partial prothrombin time	REM	rapid eye movement
PCT	positron-computed tomography	p.r	far point visual accommodation	resp	respiration
PCV	packed cell volume	pr	per return	Rh	Rhesus / blood factor
PD	postural drainage	PRE's	progressive resistive exercises	RHD	rheumatic heart disease
PDA	patent ductus arteriosus	previa	placenta previa	RIA	radioimmunoassay
PDR	Physician's Desk Reference	primip	primipara	RL	Ringer's lactate
PE	pulmonary embolism or physical examination	PRL	prolactin	RLE	right lower extremity
		PRN	as necessary	RLF	rentrolental fibroplasia
Peds	pediatrics	PROM	premature rupture membranes	RLL	right lower lobe

rlq	right lower quadrant	Seno	Senokot	T&C	type crossmatch
RMA	right mentum anterior	SG	Swan-Ganz	T	temperature or thoracic
RML	right middle lobe	SGA	small gestational age	T tubule	transverse tubule
RMP	right mentum posterior	SGOT	serum glutamic oxaloacetic acid -	T&A	tonsils adenoids
RMT	right mentum transverse		liver enzyme test(s)	T,C,DB	turn cough deep breathe
RN	Registered Nurse	SGPT	liver enzyme test	TA	tension applanation
RNA	Ribonecleic acid	SH	social history	tab	tablet
ROA	right occiput anterior position	SHBG	sex hormone binding globulin	tach	tachycardia
ROM	range of motion	SI joint	sacro-iliac joint	TAT	tetanus antitoxin
ROP	right occiput posterior position	SIDS	sudden infant death syndrome	Tb or TB	tuberculosis
ROS	review of systems	SISI	short increment sensitivity index	Tbc	tuberculosis
RP	retrograde pyelogram	s.l	sublingual	TBG	thyroxine
RPR	venereal disease report	SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus	TBSA	total body surface area
RR	recovery room	SMO	slip made out	TDF	testis determining factor
RRA	registered record administrator	SNF	skilled nursing facility	Temp	temperature
RRNA	ribosomal riboneucleic acid	S.O.A.P	subjective objective assessment	TENS	transcutaneous electrical
RRR	regular rate & rhythm		plan		neurostimulator
RS	reducing substances	SOB	shortness of breath	TFT	transfer factor test
RSV	respiratory syncytial virus	sol	solution	THA	total hip arthroplasty
RT	right	SP or S/P	status post	THC	tetrahydrocannabinol
RTC	return to clinic	SpGr	specific gravity	TI	tricuspid insufficiency
RUL	right upper lobe	SQ	subcutaneous	TIA	transient ischemic attack
RUQ	right upper quadrant	SROM	spontaneous rupture membranes	TIBC	total iron binding capacity
Rx	prescription	SSE	soap suds enema	tib	tibia
RxN	reaction	ST	sinus tachycardia	TKA	total knee arthroplasty
s	left (sinister)	staph	staphylococcus	TM	tympanic membrane
š	without	STAT	immediately	TMJ	temporomandibular joint
S	sacral	STD	sexually transmitted disease	TNS	transcutaneous nerve stimulator
S&A	sugar acetone	STH	somatotropic hormone	TO	telephone order
S/P	status post	strep	streptococcus	TOA	tubo-ovarian abcess
SA	sinoatrial node	STS	serology test for syphilis	TP	total protein
SAH	subarachnoid hemorrhage	STSG	split thickness skin graft	TPN	total parenteral nutrition
SB	sinus bradycardia	STU	skin test unit	TPR	temperature pulse respiration
SBFT	small bowel follow through	Subcu	subcutaneous	Tr	trace
s.c	subcutaneous	SUBQ	subcutaneous	TRF	thyrotropin releasing factor
SCI	spinal cord injury	supp	suppository	TRH	thyrotropin releasing hormone
SEM	systolic ejection murmur or scanning electron microscope	Sv	scalp vein	tRNA	transfer ribonucleic acid
		Sx	symptom or surgery	Ts	tension Schiotz

TSH	thyroid stimulating hormone	VO	verbal order
TTN	transient tachypnea newborn	VP	voiding pressure
TUR	transurethral resection	VPC	ventricular premature contraction
TURP	transurethral resection prostate	VPRC	volume packed red cells
TWE	tap water enema	VS	vesicular sound
Tx	treatment	VSD	ventricular septal defect
U/A or UA	urinalysis	vv	veins
U & C	usual & customary	W-D	wet dry
UAC	umbilical artery catheter	w/HSBH	warmed heelstick blood gas
UC	uterine contractions or unit clerk	WB	whole blood
UCD	usual childhood diseases	WBC	white blood cell(s) or white blood [cell] count
UCHD	usual childhood diseases	W/C or WC	wheelchair
UE	upper extremity	WCC	well child care
UFR	uroflowmetry	WD	well developed
UGI	upper gastrointestinal	WLS	wet lung syndrome
ulnar	ulna	WN	well nourished
UM	unit manager	WNL	within normal limits
UMN	upper motor neuron	Wt	weight
ung	ointment	x	except
UPP	urethra pressure profile	Y-O	year-old
ur	urine	ZIFT	zygote intrafallopian transfer
URI	upper respiratory infection	zygoma	zygomatic arch
URN	utilization review nurse	zygomatic	zygomatic arch
US	ultrasound		
UTI	urinary tract infection		
UV	ultraviolet		
UVC	umbilical vein catheter		
V	ventricular		
Va	visual acuity		
VCG	vectorcardiogram		
VD	venereal disease		
VDH	valvular disease, heart		
VDRL	venereal disease report		
VF	ventricular fibrillation or vision field		
VIP	vasoactive intestinal peptide		
Vit	vitamin		
VLDL	very low-density lipoproteins		



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