

## Medical Abbreviations

<b>A</b>	
<b>AAA</b>	abdominal aortic aneurysm
<b>A-a gradient</b>	alveolar to arterial gradient
<b>AAD</b>	antibiotic-associated diarrhea
<b>AAO</b>	alert, awake, and oriented
<b>A&amp;O</b>	alert & oriented
<b>AAS</b>	acute abdominal series
<b>ABD</b>	abdomen
<b>ABG</b>	arterial blood gas
<b>AC</b>	before eating
<b>ACLS</b>	advanced cardiac life support
<b>ACTH</b>	adrenocorticotropic hormone
<b>ADH</b>	anti-diuretic hormone
<b>ADR</b>	adverse drug reaction.   acute dystonic reaction
<b>ad lib</b>	as much as needed
<b>AED</b>	antiepileptic drug
<b>AF</b>	atrial fibrillation or afebrile
<b>AFB</b>	acid-fast bacilli
<b>AFP</b>	alpha-fetoprotein
<b>A /G</b>	albumin/globulin ratio
<b>AI</b>	aortic insufficiency
<b>AKA</b>	above the knee amputation
<b>ALD</b>	alcoholic liver disease
<b>ALL</b>	acute lymphocytic leukemia
<b>amb</b>	ambulate
<b>AML</b>	acute myelogenous leukemia
<b>ANA</b>	antinuclear antibody
<b>ANS</b>	autonomic nervous system
<b>AOB</b>	alcohol on breath
<b>AODM</b>	adult onset diabetes mellitus
<b>AP</b>	anteroposterior or abdominal - perineal
<b>ARDS</b>	acute respiratory distress syndrome
<b>ARF</b>	acute renal failure
<b>AS</b>	aortic stenosis
<b>ASAP</b>	as soon as possible
<b>ASCVD</b>	atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
<b>ASD</b>	atrial septal defect

<b>ASHD</b>	atherosclerotic heart disease
<b>AV</b>	atrioventricular
<b>A-V</b>	arteriovenous
<b>A-VO2</b>	arteriovenous oxygen
<b>B</b>	
<b>BBB</b>	bundle branch block
<b>BCAA</b>	branched chain amino acids
<b>BE</b>	barium enema
<b>BEE</b>	basal energy expenditure
<b>bid</b>	twice a day
<b>BKA</b>	below the knee amputation
<b>BM</b>	bone marrow or bowel movement
<b>BMR</b>	basal metabolic rate
<b>BOM</b>	bilateral otitis media
<b>BP</b>	blood pressure
<b>BPH</b>	benign prostatic hypertrophy
<b>BPM</b>	beats per minute
<b>BRBPR</b>	bright red blood per rectum
<b>BRP</b>	bathroom privileges
<b>BS</b>	bowel or breath sounds
<b>BUN</b>	blood urea nitrogen
<b>BW</b>	body weight
<b>BX</b>	biopsy
<b>C</b>	
<b>c</b>	with
<b>C&amp;S</b>	culture and sensitivity
<b>CA</b>	cancer
<b>Ca</b>	calcium
<b>CAA</b>	crystalline amino acids
<b>CABG</b>	coronary artery bypass graft
<b>CAD</b>	coronary artery disease
<b>CAT</b>	computerized axial tomography
<b>CBC</b>	complete blood count
<b>CBG</b>	capillary blood gas
<b>CC</b>	chief complaint
<b>CCU</b>	clean catch urine or cardiac care unit
<b>CCV</b>	critical closing volume
<b>CF</b>	cystic fibrosis

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<b>CGL</b>	chronic granulocytic leukemia
<b>CHF</b>	congestive heart failure
<b>CHO</b>	carbohydrate
<b>CI</b>	cardiac index
<b>CML</b>	chronic myelogenous leukemia
<b>CMV</b>	cytomegalovirus
<b>CN</b>	cranial nerves
<b>CNS</b>	central nervous system
<b>CO</b>	cardiac output
<b>C/O</b>	complaining of
<b>COLD</b>	chronic obstructive lung disease
<b>COPD</b>	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
<b>CP</b>	chest pain or cerebral palsy
<b>CPAP</b>	continuous positive airway pressure
<b>CPK</b>	creatine phosphokinase
<b>CPR</b>	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
<b>CRCL</b>	creatinine clearance
<b>CRF</b>	chronic renal failure
<b>CRP</b>	C-reactive protein
<b>CSF</b>	cerebrospinal fluid
<b>CT</b>	computerized tomography
<b>CVA</b>	cerebrovascular accident or costovertebral angle
<b>CVAT</b>	CVA tenderness
<b>CVP</b>	central venous pressure
<b>CXR</b>	chest X-ray
<b>D</b>	
<b>DAT</b>	diet as tolerated
<b>DAW</b>	dispense as written
<b>DC</b>	discontinue or discharge
<b>D&amp;C</b>	dilation and curettage
<b>DDx</b>	differential diagnosis
<b>D5W</b>	5% dextrose in water
<b>DI</b>	diabetes insipidus
<b>DIC</b>	disseminated intravascular coagulopathy
<b>DIP</b>	distal interphalangeal joint
<b>DJD</b>	degenerative joint disease
<b>DKA</b>	diabetic ketoacidosis
<b>dL</b>	deciliter

<b>DM</b>	diabetes mellitus
<b>DNR</b>	do not resuscitate
<b>DOA</b>	dead on arrival
<b>DOE</b>	dyspnea on exertion
<b>DPL</b>	diagnostic peritoneal lavage
<b>DPT</b>	diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus
<b>DTR</b>	deep tendon reflexes
<b>DVT</b>	deep venous thrombosis
<b>DX</b>	diagnosis
<b>E</b>	
<b>EAA</b>	essential amino acids
<b>EBL</b>	estimated blood loss
<b>ECG</b>	electrocardiogram
<b>ECT</b>	electroconvulsive therapy
<b>EFAD</b>	essential fatty acid deficiency
<b>EMG</b>	Electromyogram
<b>EMV</b>	eyes, motor, verbal response (Glasgow coma scale)
<b>ENT</b>	ears, nose, and throat
<b>EOM</b>	extraocular muscles
<b>ESR</b>	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
<b>ET</b>	endotracheal
<b>ETT</b>	endotracheal tube
<b>ERCP</b>	endoscopic retrograde cholangio -pancreatography
<b>ETOH</b>	ethanol
<b>EUA</b>	examination under anesthesia
<b>F</b>	
<b>FBS</b>	fasting blood sugar
<b>FEV</b>	forced expiratory volume
<b>FFP</b>	fresh frozen plasma
<b>FRC</b>	functional residual capacity
<b>FTT</b>	failure to thrive
<b>FU</b>	follow-up
<b>FUO</b>	fever of unknown origin
<b>FVC</b>	forced vital capacity
<b>Fx</b>	fracture
<b>G</b>	
<b>GC</b>	gonorrhea

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<b>GETT</b>	general by endotracheal tube
<b>GFR</b>	glomerular filtration rate
<b>GI</b>	gastrointestinal
<b>gr</b>	grain; 1 grain = 65mg. Therefore Vgr = 325mg
<b>GSW</b>	gun shot wound
<b>gt or gtt</b>	drops
<b>GTT</b>	glucose tolerance test
<b>GU</b>	genitourinary
<b>GXT</b>	graded exercise tolerance (Stress test)
<b>H</b>	
<b>HA</b>	headache
<b>HAA</b>	hepatitis B surface antigen
<b>HAV</b>	hepatitis A virus
<b>HBP</b>	high blood pressure
<b>HCG</b>	human chorionic gonadotropin
<b>HCT</b>	hematocrit
<b>HDL</b>	high density lipoprotein
<b>HEENT</b>	head, eyes, ears, nose, throat
<b>Hgb</b>	hemoglobin
<b>H/H</b>	henderson- hasselbach equation or hemoglobin/ hematocrit
<b>HIV</b>	human immunodeficiency virus
<b>HLA</b>	histocompatibility locus antigen
<b>HJR</b>	hepatojugular reflex
<b>HO</b>	history of
<b>HOB</b>	head of bed
<b>HPF</b>	high power field
<b>HPI</b>	history of present illness
<b>HR</b>	heart rate
<b>HS</b>	at bedtime
<b>HSM</b>	hepatosplenomegaly
<b>HTLV-III</b>	human lymphotropic virus, type III (AIDS agent, HIV)
<b>HSV</b>	herpes simplex virus
<b>HTN</b>	hypertension
<b>Hx</b>	history
<b>I</b>	
<b>I&amp;D</b>	incision and drainage

<b>I&amp;O</b>	intake and output
<b>ICS</b>	intercostal space
<b>ICU</b>	intensive care unit
<b>ID</b>	infectious disease or identification
<b>IDDM</b>	insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
<b>IG</b>	immunoglobulin
<b>IHSS</b>	idiopathic hypertropic subaortic stenosis
<b>IM</b>	intramuscular
<b>IMV</b>	intermittent mandatory ventilation
<b>INF</b>	intravenous nutritional fluid
<b>IPPB</b>	intermittent positive pressure breathing
<b>IRBBB</b>	incomplete right bundle branch block
<b>IRDM</b>	insulin resistant diabetes mellitus
<b>IT</b>	interthecal
<b>ITP</b>	idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura
<b>IV</b>	intravenous
<b>IVC</b>	intravenous cholangiogram   inferior vena cava
<b>IVP</b>	intravenous pyelogram

### J

<b>JODM</b>	juvenile onset diabetes mellitus
<b>JVD</b>	jugular venous distention
<b>K</b>	
<b>KOR</b>	keep open rate
<b>KUB</b>	kidneys, ureters, bladder
<b>KVO</b>	keep vein open
<b>L</b>	
<b>L</b>	left
<b>LAD</b>	left axis deviation or left anterior descending
<b>LAE</b>	left atrial enlargement
<b>LAHB</b>	left anterior hemiblock
<b>LAP</b>	left atrial pressure or leukocyte alkaline phosphatase
<b>LBBS</b>	left bundle branch block
<b>LDH</b>	lactate dehydrogenase
<b>LE</b>	lupus erythematosus
<b>LIH</b>	left inguinal hernia
<b>LLL</b>	left lower lobe

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<b>LMP</b>	last menstrual period
<b>LNMP</b>	last normal menstrual period
<b>LOC</b>	loss of consciousness or level of consciousness
<b>LP</b>	lumbar puncture

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<b>LPN</b>	licensed practical nurse
<b>LUL</b>	left upper lobe
<b>LUQ</b>	Left Upper Quadrant
<b>LV</b>	left ventricle
<b>LVEDP</b>	left ventricular end diastolic pressure
<b>LVH</b>	left ventricular hypertrophy
<b>M</b>	
<b>MAO</b>	monoamine oxidase
<b>MAP</b>	mean arterial pressure
<b>MAST</b>	medical antishock trousers
<b>MBT</b>	maternal blood type
<b>MCH</b>	mean cell hemoglobin
<b>MCHC</b>	mean cell hemoglobin concentration
<b>MCV</b>	mean cell volume
<b>MI</b>	myocardial infarction or mitral insufficiency
<b>mL</b>	milliliter
<b>MLE</b>	midline episiotomy
<b>MMEF</b>	maximal mid expiratory flow
<b>mmol</b>	millimole
<b>MMR</b>	measles, mumps, rubella
<b>MRI</b>	magnetic resonance imaging
<b>MRSA</b>	methicillin resistant staph aureus
<b>MS</b>	multiple sclerosis or mitral stenosis, or morphine sulfate
<b>MSSA</b>	methicillin-sensitive staph aureus
<b>MVA</b>	motor vehicle accident
<b>MVI</b>	multivitamin injection
<b>MVV</b>	maximum voluntary ventilation
<b>N</b>	
<b>NAD</b>	no active disease
<b>NAS</b>	no added salt
<b>NCV</b>	nerve conduction velocity
<b>NED</b>	no evidence of recurrent disease
<b>ng</b>	nanogram
<b>NG</b>	nasogastric
<b>NIDDM</b>	non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
<b>NKA</b>	no known allergies

<b>NKDA</b>	no known drug allergies
<b>NMR</b>	nuclear magnetic resonance
<b>NPO</b>	nothing by mouth
<b>NRM</b>	no regular medications
<b>NSAID</b>	non-steroidal anti- inflammatory drugs
<b>NSR</b>	normal sinus rhythm
<b>NT</b>	nasotracheal
<b>O</b>	
<b>OB</b>	obstetrics
<b>OCG</b>	oral cholecystogram
<b>OD</b>	overdose or right eye
<b>OM</b>	otitis media
<b>OOB</b>	out of bed
<b>OOP</b>	out of plaster
<b>OPV</b>	oral polio vaccine
<b>OR</b>	operating room
<b>OS</b>	left eye
<b>OU</b>	both eyes
<b>P</b>	
<b>P</b>	para
<b>PA</b>	posteroanterior
<b>PAC</b>	premature atrial contraction
<b>PAO2</b>	alveolar oxygen
<b>PaO2</b>	peripheral arterial oxygen content
<b>PAP</b>	pulmonary artery pressure
<b>PAT</b>	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
<b>P&amp;PD</b>	percussion and postural drainage
<b>PC</b>	after eating
<b>PCWP</b>	pulmonary capillary wedge pressure
<b>PDA</b>	patent ductus arteriosus
<b>PDR</b>	physicians desk reference
<b>PE</b>	pulmonary embolus, or physical exam or pleural effusion
<b>PEEP</b>	positive end expiratory pressure
<b>PFT</b>	pulmonary function tests
<b>pg</b>	picogram
<b>PI</b>	pulmonic insufficiency disease
<b>PKU</b>	phenylketonuria
<b>PMH</b>	previous medical history

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<b>PMI</b>	point of maximal impulse
<b>PMN</b>	polymorphonuclear leukocyte (neutrophil)
<b>PND</b>	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
<b>PO</b>	by mouth
<b>POD</b>	post-op day
<b>PP</b>	postprandial or pulsus paradoxus
<b>PPD</b>	purified protein derivative
<b>PR</b>	by rectum
<b>PRBC</b>	packed red blood cells
<b>PRN</b>	as needed
<b>PS</b>	pulmonic stenosis
<b>PT</b>	prothrombin time, or physical therapy
<b>Pt</b>	patient
<b>PTCA</b>	percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
<b>PTH</b>	parathyroid hormone
<b>PTHC</b>	percutaneous transhepatic cholangiogram
<b>PTT</b>	partial thromboplastin time
<b>PUD</b>	peptic ulcer disease
<b>PVC</b>	premature ventricular contraction
<b>PVD</b>	peripheral vascular disease
<b>Q</b>	
<b>q</b>	every (e.g. q6h = every 6 hours)
<b>qd</b>	every day
<b>qh</b>	every hour
<b>q4h, q6h....</b>	every 4 hours, every 6 hours etc.
<b>qid</b>	four times a day
<b>QNS</b>	quantity not sufficient
<b>qod</b>	every other day
<b>Qs/Qt</b>	shunt fraction
<b>Qt</b>	total cardiac output

### R

<b>R</b>	right
<b>RA</b>	rheumatoid arthritis or right atrium
<b>RAD</b>	right atrial axis deviation
<b>RAE</b>	right atrial enlargement
<b>RAP</b>	right atrial pressure
<b>RBBB</b>	right bundle branch block

<b>RBC</b>	red blood cell
<b>RBP</b>	retinol-binding protein
<b>RDA</b>	recommended daily allowance
<b>RDW</b>	red cell distribution width
<b>RIA</b>	radioimmunoassay
<b>RIH</b>	right inguinal hernia
<b>RLL</b>	right lower lobe
<b>RLQ</b>	right lower quadrant
<b>RML</b>	right middle lobe
<b>RNA</b>	ribonucleic acid
<b>R/O</b>	rule out
<b>ROM</b>	range of motion
<b>ROS</b>	review of systems
<b>RPG</b>	retrograde pyelogram
<b>RRR</b>	regular rate and rhythm
<b>RT</b>	respiratory or radiation therapy
<b>RTA</b>	renal tubular acidosis
<b>RTC</b>	return to clinic
<b>RU</b>	resin uptake
<b>RUG</b>	retrograde urethrogram
<b>RUL</b>	right upper lobe
<b>RUQ</b>	right upper quadrant
<b>RV</b>	residual volume
<b>RVH</b>	right ventricular hypertrophy
<b>Rx</b>	treatment

### S

<b>s</b>	without   ss = one-half
<b>SA</b>	sinoatrial
<b>SAA</b>	synthetic amino acid
<b>S&amp;E</b>	sugar and acetone
<b>SBE</b>	subacute bacterial endocarditis
<b>SBFT</b>	small bowel follow through
<b>SBS</b>	short bowel syndrome
<b>SCr</b>	serum creatinine
<b>SEM</b>	systolic ejection murmur
<b>SG</b>	Swan-Ganz
<b>SGA</b>	small for gestational age
<b>SGGT</b>	serum gamma- glutamyl transpeptidase

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<b>SGOT</b>	serum glutamic- oxaloacetic transaminase
<b>SGPT</b>	serum glutamic- pyruvic transaminase
<b>SIADH</b>	syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone
<b>sig</b>	write on label
<b>SIMV</b>	synchronous intermittent mandatory ventilation
<b>sl</b>	sublingual
<b>SLE</b>	systemic lupus erythematosus
<b>SMO</b>	slips made out
<b>SOAP</b>	subjective, Objective, Assessment, Plan
<b>SOB</b>	shortness of breath
<b>SQ</b>	subcutaneous
<b>STAT</b>	immediately
<b>SVD</b>	spontaneous vaginal delivery
<b>Sx</b>	symptoms
<b>T</b>	
<b>T&amp;C</b>	type and cross
<b>TAH</b>	total abdominal hysterectomy
<b>T&amp;H</b>	type and hold
<b>TB</b>	tuberculosis
<b>TBG</b>	total binding globulin
<b>Td</b>	tetanus-diphtheria toxoid
<b>TIA</b>	transient ischemic attack
<b>TIBC</b>	total iron binding capacity
<b>tid</b>	three times a day
<b>TIG</b>	tetanus immune globulin
<b>TKO</b>	to keep open
<b>TLC</b>	total lung capacity
<b>TMJ</b>	temporo mandibular joint
<b>TNTC</b>	too numerous to count
<b>TO</b>	telephone order
<b>TOPV</b>	trivalent oral polio vaccine
<b>TPN</b>	total parenteral nutrition
<b>TSH</b>	thyroid stimulating hormone
<b>TT</b>	thrombin time
<b>TTP</b>	thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura
<b>TU</b>	tuberculin units
<b>TUR</b>	transurethral resection
<b>TURBT</b>	TUR bladder tumors

<b>TURP</b>	transurethral resection of prostate
<b>TV</b>	tidal volume
<b>TVH</b>	total vaginal hysterectomy
<b>tw</b>	twice a week
<b>Tx</b>	treatment, transplant

<b>U</b>	
<b>UA</b>	urinalysis
<b>UAC</b>	uric acid   umbilical artery catheter
<b>UAO</b>	upper airway obstruction
<b>UBD</b>	universal blood donor
<b>UC</b>	ulcerative colitis   umbilical cord
<b>ud</b>	as directed
<b>UFH</b>	unfractionated heparin
<b>UGI</b>	upper gastrointestinal
<b>URI</b>	upper respiratory infection
<b>URQ</b>	upper right quadrant
<b>US</b>	ultrasound
<b>UTI</b>	urinary tract infection
<b>UUN</b>	urinary urea nitrogen
<b>UVA</b>	ultraviolet A light
<b>V</b>	
<b>VAD</b>	venous access device
<b>VC</b>	vital capacity
<b>VCT</b>	venous clotting time
<b>VCUG</b>	voiding cystourethrogram
<b>VDRL</b>	Venereal Disease Research Laboratory (test for syphilis)
<b>VMA</b>	vanillylmandelic acid
<b>VO</b>	verbal or voice order
<b>V/Q</b>	ventilation - perfusion
<b>VRE</b>	vancomycin-resistant enterococcus
<b>VSS</b>	vital signs stable
<b>VT</b>	ventricular tachycardia
<b>VV</b>	varicose veins
<b>VW</b>	vessel wall
<b>VWD</b>	von Willebrand's disease
<b>VZV</b>	varicella zoster virus
<b>W</b>	

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<b>WB</b>	whole blood
<b>WBC</b>	white blood cell or count
<b>WBR</b>	whole body radiation
<b>WD</b>	well developed
<b>WF</b>	white female
<b>WIA</b>	wounded in action
<b>WID</b>	widow, widower
<b>WM</b>	white male
<b>WN</b>	well nourished
<b>WNL</b>	within normal limits
<b>WO</b>	written order   weeks old   wide open.
<b>WOP</b>	without pain
<b>W.P.</b>	whirlpool
<b>WPW</b>	Wolff-Parkinson-White
<b>W-T-D</b>	wet to dry
<b>W/U</b>	workup
<b>X</b>	
<b>X2d</b>	times 2 days.
<b>XI</b>	eleven
<b>XII</b>	twelve
<b>XL</b>	extended release.   extra large.
<b>XM</b>	crossmatch
<b>XMM</b>	xeromammography
<b>XOM</b>	extraocular movements
<b>XRT</b>	X-ray therapy (radiation therapy)
<b>XS</b>	excessive
<b>XULN</b>	times upper limit of normal
<b>Y</b>	
<b>YF</b>	yellow fever
<b>YLC</b>	youngest living child
<b>yo</b>	years old
<b>YOB</b>	year of birth
<b>yr</b>	year
<b>ytd</b>	year to date
<b>Z</b>	
<b>ZDV</b>	zidovudine
<b>ZE</b>	Zollinger-Ellison
<b>Z-ESR</b>	zeta erythrocyte sedimentation rate

<b>Zn</b>	zinc
<b>ZnO</b>	zinc oxide
<b>ZSB</b>	zero stools since birth