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**ABBREVIATIONS APPROVED FOR MEDICAL RECORDS**

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>A</b>	
A	Asian
AA	Alcoholics Anonymous
AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm
A2	aortic component of second heart sound
A-aDO <sub>2</sub>	alveolar arterial O <sub>2</sub> difference of each
AAROM	active assisted range of motion
AB, ab	abortion
abd	abdominal
abd.gr.	abdominal girth
ABG	arterial blood gas
ABLA	acute blood loss anemia
AC	acromo-clavicular
ac	before meals (ante cibum)
ACE Inhibitor or ACEI	Angiotensin – converting Enzyme Inhibitors
AC Joint	acromioclavicular joint
ACL	anterior cruciate ligament
ACLS	Advanced Cardiac Life Support
ACS	Acute Coronary Syndrome
ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone
activ.	activity
ACV	assist control ventilation
add.	addiction
ADH	antidiuretic hormone
ADHF	acute diastolic heart failure
ADL	activities of daily living
ad. lib.	as desired (ad libitum)
adm.	admit, admission
AE	Acute exacerbation
AED	Automated External Defibrillator
AET	alternating esotropia
A-Fib	atrial fibrillation
AFL	atrial flutter
AFO	ankle foot orthosis
AFV	amniotic fluid volume

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A-F	aortofemoral
AFB	acid fast bacilli
AGA	appropriate for gestational age
AI	aortic insufficiency
AICD	Automated Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
AJ	ankle jerk
AK	above knee
AKA	above knee amputation
AKI	Acute Kidney Injury
Alb	albumin
ALL	acute lymphocytic leukemia
ALP	Alkaline Phosphatase
ALT (SGPT)	alanine aminotransferase
AM	morning, before noon
AMA	against medical advice
amb	ambulate
AMI	acute myocardial infarction
AML	acute myelocytic leukemia
AMML	acute myelomonocytic leukemia
amp.	ampule
AMS	Altered Mental Status
amt.	amount
ANA	antinuclear antibody
anast.	anastomosis
ant.	anterior
Ant. Tib.	anterior tibial
Ao	aorta
AOCD	Anemia of Chronic Disease
A&O	alert and oriented
Ap	apex/apical
a.p.	ante partum
AP	anterior-posterior
APC	atrial premature contraction
APD	Automated Peritoneal Dialysis
APL	abductor pollicis longus
approx	approximately
aq.	aqueous
AR	aortic regurgitation

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ARDS	adult respiratory distress syndrome
AROM	artificial rupture of membranes
ARF	Acute renal failure
art.	arterial
AS	aortic stenosis
ASA	Aspirin
ASAP	as soon as possible
ASCVD	arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease
A.S.D.	atrial septal defect
ASHF	Acute systolic heart failure
A.S.H.D.	arteriosclerotic heart disease
AST (SGOT)	Asparate Aminotransferase
A.T.	anterior tibial
ATN	atubular necrosis
AV	atrio-ventricular
A-V	arteriovenous
AVD	atrioventricular dissociation
AV Fistula	Arteriovenous Fistula
AVI	automatic volume infusion pump
AVM	arteriovenous malformation
AVR	aortic valve replacement
AWOL	absence without leave
ax	axillary
AXT	alternating exotropia
<b>B</b>	
B	bilateral or both
BAL	blood alcohol level
bal. susp.	balanced suspension
BBB	bundle branch block
BBT	basal body temperature
BCLS	Basic Cardiac Life Support
BCP	birth control pill
BE.	barium enema
BF	breastfeeding
BGM	blood glucose monitoring
bid	twice a day
BFR	blood flow rate

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bili	bilirubin
BIH	bilateral inguinal herniorraphy
BiPAP	Bilevel Positive Airway Pressure
BJ	body jacket
BK	below knee
BKA	below knee amputation
Bkfst	<u>breakfast</u>
B.M.	bowel movement
BME	biomedical engineering
B-Med	Behaviorial Medicine
BMI	body mass index
<u>BMP</u>	<u>Basic metabolic panel</u>
BMR	basal metabolic rate
BNP	B-type Natriuretic Peptide
BO	Bowel obstruction
BOC	biopsy of cervix
BP	blood pressure
BPD	Bronchopulmonary dysplasia
BPH	benign prostatic hypertrophy
BPM	beats per minute
BPP	biophysical profile
BR	bedrest
br	bathroom
BRBPR	Bright Red Blood Per Rectum
brp	bathroom privileges
brady	bradycardia
BRB	bright red blood
BRRB	bright red rectal bleeding
BS	bowel sounds
BSC	bed side commode
BSI	body substance isolation
BSO	bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy
BSS	balanced salt solution
BTBV	beat to beat variability
BTL	bilateral tubal ligation
BUN	blood urea nitrogen
BVT	bilateral ventilation tubes
bx, Bx	biopsy

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<b>C</b>	
C	centigrade
C1, C2, C3, etc	cervical vertebra #1, #2, #3 etc
Ca	Calcium
CA	Cancer
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft
CAD	coronary artery disease
CAGE (questions)	controlling, anger/annoyance, guilt, eye opener
Cal. ct.	Calorie count
CAP	Community Acquired Pnuemonia
CAPD	continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis
cal.	calorie
cap	capsule
cath	catheterize, catheterization
CAT scan	computerized axial tomography
CAVP	continuous arterial venous pressure
CB	Carotid Bruit
CBC	complete blood count
CBD	common bile duct
CBDE	common bile duct exploration
CBG	capillary blood gas
CCE	clubbing, cyanosis edema
CCNU	lomustine
CCPD	continuous cycling peritoneal dialysis
CCRA	cardiac cath recovery area
CCU	coronary care unit
CD	chemical dependency
CDH	congenital dislocation hip
CDHF	Chronic diastolic heart failure
CDL	Circulatory Disorders Lab
C&DB	cough and deep breath
CEA	carotid endarterectomy or carcinoembryonic disease
cerv	cervical
CHD	congenital heart disease
Chole, chole	cholecystectomy
CF	cystic fibrosis
CHF	congestive heart failure

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CHI	closed head injury
CHO	carbohydrate
Chol	Cholesterol
CI	cardiac index
CIB	Carnation Instant Breakfast
CIN	Contrast Induced Nephropathy
circ	circumcision
CIS	Computer Information System
CIWA	Clinical Intervention and Withdrawal Assessment
CKD	Chronic Kidney Disease
Cl	Chloride
CLL	chronic lymphocytic leukemia
cm	centimeter
CMC	carpo metacarpal
CMG	cystometrogram
cmp	cardiomyopathy
CMP	Comprehensive metabolic panel
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
C.M.S.	color, movement, sensation
CNS	central nervous system
CNSC	Certified Nutrition Support Clinician
C.O.	cardiac output
CO2	Carbon dioxide
c/o	complaining of
COC	cauterization of the cervix
compress	compression
cong.	congenital
cont	continue
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CORE	Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services
COWS	Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale
C&P	crowning & pushing
C&P	complete and pushing
CPD	cephalic pelvic disproportion
CMV	cytomegalovirus
CPAP	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
CPK/CK	creatine phosphokinase
CPM	Continuous Passive Motion
CPPV	continuous positive pressure ventilation

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CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CPT	Chest Physiotherapy
CR	closed reduction
creat	creatinine
CRF	chronic renal failure
CRI	Chronic renal insufficiency
CRNA	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
CRP	C-Reactive Protein
CRT	Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy
C&S	culture and sensitivity
C/S,	consult
c-section	Cesarean Section
CSF	cerebrospinal Fluid
CSHF	chronic systolic heart failure
C.S.S.	central supply service
CST	contraction stress test
C.T.	chest tube
CT Scan	computerized axial tomography scan
CTA	Computerized Tomography Angiography
C.T.P.	color, temperature, pulse
CTS	Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
CTSP	called to see patient
ctx	contraction
CV	controlled ventilation/cardiovascular
CVA	cerebrovascular accident
CVC	central venous catheter
CVP	central venous pressure
CVS	Cardiovascular System
cx	cervix/cervical
Cx	Cancel
CX	circumflex
CXR	chest x-ray
cysto/Cysto	cystoscopy
<b>D</b>	
D (T) D <sub>1</sub> D <sub>2</sub> D <sub>3</sub> etc T <sub>1</sub> , T <sub>2</sub> , T <sub>3</sub> etc	coral/thoracic vertebrae
DAT	diet as tolerated
dbp	diastolic blood pressure

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DB&C	deep breathing and coughing
D&C	dilatation and curettage
D/C, disc	discontinue
d/c	discharge
D.D.	delivery date
D&E	dilatation and evacuation
decel	deceleration
dept	department
DES	diethylstilbestrol
devt	development, develop
DFS	doppler flow studies
D/I	dry and intact
DIC	disseminated intravascular coagulation
dil	dilation
DIP	distal interphalangeal joint
D/G	double lumen groshong
disch., D.C.	discharge
dissoc.	dissociation
dist.	distal
D.J.D.	degenerative joint disease
DLH	double lumen Hickman
DKA	diabetic ketoacidosis
DL-PICC	double lumen peripherally inserted central catheter
DLVC	double lumen vascular catheter
DM	Diabetes Mellitus
DM Type I	Diabetes Mellitus DM Type I
DM Type II	Diabetes Mellitus DM Type II
D.M.I.	diaphragmatic myocardial infarction
DNI	Do Not Intubate
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
DMSO	dimethyl sulfoxide
DO	Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
D/O	disorder
DOA	dead on arrival
DOB	date of birth
DOE	dyspnea on exertion/date of exam
D.P.	dorsalis pedis
DPAP	diastolic pulmonary artery pressure
DPT	diphtheria/pertussis/etanus



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DR	delivery room
dsg	dressing
d/t	Due/to
DT	diphtheria/tetanus
DTs	delerium tremors
DTIC	Dacarbazine
DTR	deep tendon reflexes
DUB	dysfunctional uterine bleeding
DVI	deep venous insufficiency
DVT	deep venous thrombosis
d/w	Discussed With
DW	distilled water
D/W	dextrose in water
D5W	dextrose (5%) IN WATER
dx, DX	diagnosis/diagnosis
Dz	Disease
<b>E</b>	
E	enema
EBL	estimated blood loss
ECC	endocervical curettage
ECCE	extracapsular cataract extraction
ECG/EKG	electrocardiogram
ECHO	echocardiogram
E. Coli	escherichia coli
ECMO	extracorporeal membrane oxygenation
ECRB	extensor carpi radialis brevis
ECRL	extensor carpi radialis longus
ECT	electroconvulsive therapy
ECV	extra cellular volume
ED	emergency department
E.D.	Erectile dysfunction
EDC	expected date of confinement
EEG	electroencephalogram
EENT	eyes, ears, nose, throat
EF	ejection fraction
EFM	electronic fetal monitor
EFW	estimated fetal weight

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EGA	estimated gestational age
EHL	extensor hallucis longus
elev.	elevated
Elix	elixir
EMG	electromyogram
EMM	expressed mother's milk
EMR	Electronic medical record
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
EN	Enteral Nutrition
ENDO	Endoscopy
Enf	enfamil
ENT	ears, nose, throat (otorhinolaryngology)
EOG	electrooculogram
EOM	extraocular movement
eos	eosinophils
EP	Exercise Physiology
EPB	extensor pollicis brevis
EPEP	end positive expiratory pressure
EPL	extensor pollicis longus
EPS	electrophysiologic study
EPSE	extrapyramidal side effects
ER	emergency room
ERCP	endoscopic retrograde choledochopancreatography
ERG	electroretinogram
ES	electrical stimulation
ESBL	Extended Spectrum Beta-Lactamases
ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
ESRD	end stage renal disease
est	estimated
ET	endotracheal
etc.	etcetera, and so on
ETOH	alcohol
ETT	endotracheal tube
EUA	examination under anesthesia
eval	evaluation
exer	exercise
exp	expansion
Expl	exploratory
ext	extend, extension

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Ext	extremities
<b>F</b>	
F	Fahrenheit
FA	Folic Acid
Fa	femoral artery
FAS	fetal alcohol syndrome
F&C	foam & condoms
FB	foreign body
FBH	football hold
FBM	fetal breathing movements
FBS	fasting blood sugar
FCR	flexor carpi radialis
FCU	flexor carpi ulnaris
fdg	feeding
Fdg Wt	Feeding weight
FD	forceps delivery
FD	fetal demise, death
FDS	flexor digitorum sublimis
Fe	iron
FECO2	forced expiratory carbon dioxide
FEM/Fem/fem	femoral
FHR	fetal heart rate
FIM	functional independent measure
flex	flexion
Fevl	forced expiratory volume
FF	fundus firm
FF@ u	fundus firm at umbilicus
FF @ u/1	fundus firm at one finger breadth below umbilicus
FFP	fresh frozen plasma
FH	fundal height
FHT	fetal heart tones
FHx	family history
fib	fibrillation
FI02	fraction of inspired oxygen
fl.	fluid
flex sig	flexible sigmoid

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<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
FM	fetal movement
FMC	fetal movement chart
FME	full mouth extraction
FNA	fine needle aspiration
FOB	foot of bed
font	Fontanelle
F-P, fem pop	femoral-popliteal
FP	flat plate
FPL	flexor pollicis longus
Fr	French (such as French Catheter)
FR	Friction Rub
FROM	full range of motion
FS	Flow Sheet
ft	foot
FT	flexor tendon
FTI	free testosterone index
FTN	finger to nose
FTT	failure to thrive
f/u	follow-up
func	function
FUO	fever of unknown origin
FVC	forced vital capacity
Fx , fx	fracture
FWB	full weight bearing
<b>G</b>	
G	gravida
GA	gestational age
gal.	gallon
GB	gallbladder
GDM	gestational diabetes mellitus
GE	gastroesophageal
GEA/GETA	general endotracheal anesthesia
gen	general
GERD	Gastroesophageal reflux disease
GC	gonorrhea, gonococcus
GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale
GFR	glomerular filtration rate

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g=g	grips equal and good
GGT	gamma glutamyl transferase
GGTP	gamma gluteryl transpeptidase
Gh	glenohumeral
GH	Growth Hormone or HGH Human Growth
GI	gastrointestinal
Glu	glucose
gm	gram
G6PD	glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase
gr	grain
grav	gravida
GSW	gun shot wound
GT	gait training
gtt	drop
GTT	glucose tolerance test
GU	genitourinary
GYN	gynecology
GXT	graded exercise test
<b>H</b>	
H	hypodermic
h.	hour
HA	headache
Ham	hamstrings
HB	head box
Hb, Hgb	hemoglobin
HBAg	hepatitis B antigen
H-BIG	hepatitis B immune globulin
HBP	high blood pressure
hc	head circumference
HC	hydrocortisone
HCAP	Healthcare Associated Pnuemonia
HCG	human chorionic gonadotrophin
HCL	hard contact lens
HCl	hydrochloridic acid
HCM	hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
HCO3	Bicarbonate
HCP	health care provider

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Hct	hematocrit
HCTZ	hydrochlorothiazide
HD	hemodialysis
HDL	High Density Lipoprotein
HDT	home dialysis training
HEENT	head, eyes, ears, nose and throat
HELLP	hemolysis, elevated liver enzymes, low platelets
HEMO	Hematology
HEP	home exercise program
Hep B	Hepatitis B
Hep C	Hepatitis C
HF	heart failure
HgbA1c or A1c	Glycosylated Hemoglobin
HH	Hiatal hernia
H&H	hemoglobin and hematocrit
HHNK	hyperglycemic hyperosmolar nonketotic (syndrome)
Hib	Haemophilus
HIC	Health Information Center
High RA	high right atrium
HIM	Health Information Management
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIT	Heparin- Induced Thrombocytopenia
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HJR	hepato jugular reflux
HL	heparin lock
HM	hand movement
HMD	hyaline membrane disease
HOH	hard of hearing
H&P	history and physical
HNP	herniated nucleus pulposus
HP	hot packs
HPI	history of present illness
H2O	water
Hx/O	history of
HOB	head of bed
hpf	high power field
HPV	Human Papillomavirus
HR	heart rate
hr	hour

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hs	hour of sleep or bedtime
HSG	hysterosalpingogram
HSM	hepatosplenomegaly
HSV	herpes simplex virus
ht	height
HT	hubbard tank
HTLV	Human T-cell Lymphotropic Virus
HTN	hypertension
HUS	Hemolytic-Uremic Syndrome
hx	history
hz	hertz
<b>I</b>	
IABC	intraaortic balloon counterpulsation
IABP	intraaortic balloon pressure
IABP	intra-aortic balloon pump
IBC	iron binding capacity
IBS	Irritable bowel syndrome
IBW	ideal body weight
I-125	Iodine 125
I-131	Iodine 131
ICA	internal carotid artery.
ICCE	intracapsular cataract extraction
ICD	Internal Cardiac Defibrillator
ICH	Intracerebral hemmorrhage
ICLH	Imperial College London Hospital
ICMP	Ischemic Cardiomyopathy
ICP	intracranial pressure
ICU	intensive care unit
I&D	incision and drainage
ID	Infectious Disease
IDM	infant of diabetic mother
IDU	Idouridizine
IFC	interferential current
IHSS	idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis
IJ	internal jugular
IM, im	intramuscular
IMA (L/R)	internal mammary artery-left/right

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IMP, Imp	impression
IMV	intermittent mandatory ventilation
inf.	inferior
Info	information
ing	Inguinal
INH	Isoniazid
inj	injury
INR	International Normalized Ratio
INSP	Inspiratory
INT	intermittent
inter	intermittently
I&O	intake and output
IOL	intraocular lens
IP	interphalangeal
IPD	intermittent peritoneal dialysis
IPAP	inspired positive airway pressure
IPG	impedance plethysmography
IPOC	Interdisciplinary Plan of Care
IPPB	Intermittent Positive Pressure Breathing
IPV	Intrapulmonary Percussive Ventilation
IR	internal rotation
IS	incentive spirometry
ISE	internal spiral electrode
isol	isolation
IT	intrathecal
ITP	Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura
IUD	intrauterine device
IUFD	intrauterine fetal demise, death
IUGR	intrauterine growth retardation
IUP	intrauterine pregnancy
IUPC	intrauterine pressure catheter
IV	intravenous
IVC	inferior vena cava
IVF	intravenous feeding
IVH	intraventricular hemorrhage
IVHA	intravenous hyperalimentation
IVIG	Intravenous Immunoglobulin
IVP	intravenous pyelogram



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<b>J</b>	
J	Jejunal or Jejunum
JL	Judkins left (catheter)
JL4	Judkins left #4 curve catheter
JP	Jackson-Pratt drain
JR	junctional rhythm
JR4	Judkins right #4 curve catheter
Jt	joint
JVD	jugular venous distention
<b>K</b>	
K+	potassium
KA	ketoacidosis
KC	knee chest
Kcal	kilocalories
KCl	potassium chloride
KDU	kidney dialysis unit
kg	kilogram
K.J.	knee jerk
KPC	Klebsiella Pneumonia Carbapenemase
KUB	kidney, ureters, bladder
<b>L</b>	
L	Left
L1, L2, etc	lumbar vertebra
La	Lactic Acidosis
LA	left atrium
lab	laboratory
lac	laceration
LAC	left antecubital
LAD	left anterior descending
LADD	diagonal branch of the left anterior
LAE	left atrial enlargement
LAFa	left anterior forearm
LAFB	left anterior fascicular block
LAVH	laparoscopic assisted vaginal hysterectomy

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lat	lateral
LB	lower body
lb.	pound
LBBB	left bundle branch block
LBP	low back pain
LBW	low birth weight
LCD	liquor carbonis detergens
LCL	lateral collateral ligament
L Cx	left circumflex
L&D	labor and delivery
LDH	lactic dehydrogenase
LDL	Low density Lipoprotein
LDR	labor, delivery, recovery
LE	lower extremity
LEEP	loop electro surgical excision procedure
LVF	left ventricular function
LFT	liver function test
LGA	large for gestational age
LH	left hand
LHC	Left Heart Catherization
LIMA	left internal mammary artery
liq	liquid
LLB	long leg brace
LLC	long leg cast
LLETZ	large loop excision of transformation zone
LL	left lateral
LLFa	left lateral forearm
LLL	left lower lobe
LLW	left lower wrist
L/Min L/m	liters per minute
LMA	left medial ankle
LMFa	left medial forearm
LML	left mediolateral
LMCA	left main coronary artery
L.M.P.	last menstrual period
LMW	left medial wrist
LNMP	last normal menstrual period
LOA	leave of absence
LOC	level of consciousness

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LOM	limitation of motion
LOS	Length of stay
LP	lumbar puncture
LPcP	light perception with projection
LPFB	left posterior fascicular block
LPN	licensed practical nurse
LSO	left salpingo-oophorectomy
L/S ratio	lecithin to sphingomyelin ratio
LSC	left subclavian
LT	left tilt
LTC	low transverse cervical (C/S)
LTV	long term variability
LUA	left upper arm
LUL	left upper lobe
LUQ	left upper quadrant
LVG	left ventriculogram
LV	left ventricle/ventricular
LVEF	left ventricular ejection fraction
LVH	left ventricular hypertrophy
LWS	low wall suction
LXT	exotropia (left)
lytes	electrolytes
I & w	living and well
<b>M</b>	
M	murmur
m	meter
m	meter
mA	milliampere
mand	mandible, mandibular
MAC	monitored anesthesia care
MAE	moving all extremities
MAO	Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors
MAP	mean arterial pressure
MAR	medication administration record
max	maxilla, maxillary
MCA	motor cycle accident
MCC	Motorcycle Collision
mcg.	microgram

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MCH	mean corpuscular hemoglobin
MCHC	mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration
MCL	medial collateral ligament
MCP	metacarpal phalangeal
MCV	mean corpuscular volume
MD	medical doctor
Mdd	Major depressive disorder
MDI	Metered Dose Inhaler
mdi	manic depressive illness
ME	medical examiner
Med	medicine
med	medial
meds	medicines
MET	Medical Emergency Team
mEq	milliequivalent
MF	mid forceps
mg.,	milligram
MHR	maternal heart rate
MHR	maximum heart rate
MI	myocardial infarction
Min	minute
MICU	Medical Intensive Care Unit
MIVF	maintenance intravenous fluid
ML	medication lock
ML	midline (episiotomy)
ml	milliliter
MLC	multi lumen catheter
mm	millimeter
MMK	Marshall Marchetti Krantz
mMol	millimoles
MMPI	Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory
MMR	measles, mumps, rubella vaccine
MMT	manual muscle test
MN	Midnight
mod	moderate
MOM	milk of magnesia
MP	metacarpal phalangeal joint
MPAP	mean pulmonary artery pressure
MR	mitral regurgitation

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MRCP	Medical Resonance Cholangiopancreatography
MRI	Medical Resonance Imaging
MRSA	Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus
M/S	Muscoskeletal
MS	mitral stenosis
MS	multiple sclerosis
MSE	mental status examination
MSG	massage / monosodium glutamate
MSOF	multi system organ failure
MSR	motor sensory reflex
mult	multiple
mv	millivolt
MVA	motor vehicle accident
MVC	Motor vehicle collison
MVV	maximum ventilatory volume
mv.	movement
MVR	mitral valve replacement
MVI	multivitamin injection
<b>N</b>	
N or nl	normal
Na+	sodium
NA	nurses' aide
NA	Narcotics Anonymous
N/A	not applicable
	not administered, in Medication Administration Check (MAK) system
NABS	normal active bowel sounds
NAD	no acute distress
NAT	Non-Accidental Trauma
navic	navicular
NB	newborn
NBN	newborn nursery
NC	nasal cannula
NCAT	normocephalic, atraumatic
NCS	Non-concentrated Sweets
NE	neurological examination

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<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
NEC	necrotizing enterocolitis
NED	no evidence of disease
neg	negative
NER	no evidence of recurrence
NG	nasogastric
NGR	nasogastric replacement
NH3	Ammonia
NI	non immune
NICMP	Nonischemic cardiomyopathy
NICU	newborn intensive care unit
NIF	negative inspiratory force
NIPVL	non-invasive peripheral vascular laboratory
NGT	nasogastric tube
NKA	no known allergies
NKDA	no known drug allergies
NKFA	no known food allergies
NL	needle localized
NM	non monitored
NMS	neuroleptic malignant syndrome
Norm	Normal
NOS	Not-otherwise specified
NP	nasopharyngeal
NPC	Non-protein Calories
NPO	nothing by mouth
NR	non reactive
NQMI	non Q wave myocardial infarction
NR-NST	non-reactive non-stress test
NSAID	nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drug
NS	normal saline
NSC	Nutrition Support Committee
NSD	normal spontaneous delivery
Nsg	Nursing
NSICU	neurosciences intensive care unit
NSR	normal sinus rhythm
NST	non-stress test
NSTEMI	Non-ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction
NSVD	normal spontaneous vaginal delivery
NTB	neural tube defect
NT	non tender

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<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
NTG	Nitroglycerine
Nutr	Nutrition
NV, n/v	nausea and vomiting
nv	visual acuity for near
NVT	neurovascular and tendon
NW	nursed well
NWB	non weight bearing
<b>O</b>	
O	oral
O2	oxygen
O2 sat	oxygen saturation
OA	osteoarthritis, osteoarthrosis
OB	obstetrics
OB+	occult blood positive
OBUS	obstetrical ultrasound
OBS	organic brain syndrome
OC'S	oral contraceptives
occ	occasionally
OCT	oxytocin challenge test
OD	right eye
OG	orogastric
OGT	orogastric tube
OJ	orange juice
OMB	obtuse marginal branch
OOB	out of bed
OOR	out of room
O and P, O&P	ova and parasites
OP	Outpatient
OPD	outpatient department
OPG	oculoplethysmography
OPIVT	outpatient intravenous therapy
OPV	oral polio vaccine
OR	operating room
ORIF	open reduction, internal fixation
Ortho	orthopedics
OS	left eye
os	mouth

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<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
OSA	Obstructive Sleep Apnea
OT	occupational therapy
OU	both eyes
oz	Ounce
<b>P</b>	
P	pulse
P2	pulmonary component of second sound
pa	pulmonary artery
PA	Physician's Assistant
P&A	percussion & auscultation
PAC	premature atrial contraction
PAC	patient access center
PACU	post anesthesia care unit
PACW	pulmonary artery capillary wedge
PADP	pulmonary artery diastolic pressure
PAL	peripheral arterial line
PALS	Pediatric Advance Life Support
palp	palpable
Pap	papanicolaou (smear)
PAR	paraffin
Para I, II, etc.	having born one child etc.
para	paraplegic
PAS	para aminosalicylic acid
pat	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
PAT	preadmission testing
path, Path	pathology
PAW	pulmonary airway pressure
PAWP	pulmonary artery wedge pressure
PB	puddendal block or peripheral blood
PC	packed cells
pc	after food (post cibum)
PCA	patient controlled analgesia
PCKD	Polycystic Kidney Disease
PCL	posterior cruciate ligament
PCN	penicillin
PCCU	post cardiac cath unit
PCCR	post cardiac cath recovery



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<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
PCO2	partial pressure of CO2
PCOS	Polycystic Ovary Syndrome
PCP	Primary Care Provider
PCWP	pulmonary capillary wedge pressure
PD	peritoneal dialysis
PDA	patent ductus arteriosus
PD&P	postural drainage and percussion
PE	physical examination
pe	pulmonary embolus
PEA	Pulseless Electrical Activity
Peds	pediatrics
PEEP	positive end expiratory pressure
peg	Percutaneous Endoscopy Gastrostomy
PEG	pneumoencephalogram
PEJ	Percutaneous Endoscopy Jejunostomy
peron	peroneal
PERRLA	pupils equal, round, reactive to light and accommodate
PF	plasmapheresis
PFC	permanent flexure contractur
PFO	Patent Foramen Ovale
PFT	pulmonary function test
PG	phosphatidylglycerol
PH, PHx	past history
PharmD	Doctor of Pharmacy
PHP	partial hospitalization program
pH	logarithm of reciprocal of hydrogen ion
PHI	Protected Health Information
phni	pinhole no improvement
PI	present illness
PICC	peripherally inserted central catheter
PICU	pediatric intensive care unit
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
PIG	pigtail catheter
PIH	pregnancy induced hypertension
PIP	peak inspiratory pressure
PIP	proximal interphalangeal
PIV	peripheral intravenous
PKU	phenylketonuria
PL	palmaris longus

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<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
PLL	postero-lateral left
PM	afternoon
PMH	past medical history
PMI	point of maximum impulse
PNA	pneumonia
PNF	proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation
PNV	prenatal vitamins
po	by mouth (per os)
PO2	partial pressure of oxygen
POCT	Point of Care Testing
POD	post operative day
PONV	Post-operative nausea & vomiting
Port.	portable
POST	Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (r/t Advance Medical Directives)
post	posterior, after
post op	post operative
PP	post partum
PP1	post partum day 1, etc.
PPD	Tuberculin Purified Protein Derivative
PPE	personal protective equipment
PPH	primary pulmonary hypertension
PPHN	persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn
PPN	peripheral parenteral nutrition
PPROM	Prolonged Preterm Premature Rupture of Membranes
PPS	postpartum sterilization
PPT	Partial Prothombin Time
PR	pulmonic regurgitation
p=r	pupils equal and reactive
PRBC	packed red blood cells
PRC	packed red cells
PRE	progressive resistive exercises
pre-op	preoperative
prep	preparation
PRIT	posterior resection of inferior turbinates
PRN	as needed (pro re note)
procto	proctosigmoidoscopy
prob	probable, probably
PROM	passive range of motion

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<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
PPROM	preterm premature rupture of membranes
PRON	pronation
PRVC	Pressure Regulated Volume Control
prox	proximal
PS	pulmonic stenosis
PSA	Prostrate Specific Antigen
PSCU	pediatric special care unit
PT	physical therapy
pt	Prothombin Time
PTL	pre-term labor
Pt	patient
PTA	prior to admission
PTB	patellar tendon bearing
PTCA	percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
PTE	pulmonary thromboembolism
PTL	preterm labor
PTX	Pnuemothorax
PUD	peptic ulcer disease
PVC	premature ventricular contraction
PVD	peripheral vascular disease
PVR	pulmonary vascular resistance
PWB	partial weight bearing
<b>Q</b>	
q	every
QB	bloodflow
qhr	every hour
q2hr etc	every two hours etc
qid	four times per day
QMP	Qualified Medical Practitioner
qns	quantity not sufficient
q.s.	a sufficient quantity
QS/QS	intrapulmonary shunting
qt.	quart
quad	quadriceps
QUAD	Quadriplegic
<b>R</b>	

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<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
R	right
(R)	rectal
RA.	rheumatoid arthritis
RA	right atrium
RAC	right antecubital
rb	right bundle
RB	Read Back
RBBB	right bundle branch block
rad.	radical
RAE	right atrial enlargement
RAFa	right anterior forearm
RAM	rapid alternating movements
R.B.C.	red blood cells
RCA	right coronary artery
R.D.S.	respiratory distress syndrome
RED.	redness, edema, drainage
RFt	right foot
Ref	refused
regurg/Regurg	regurgitation
REM	rapid eye movements
Resp	respiratory, respirations
RET	esotropia (right)
retics	reticulocytes
RH	right hand
Rh	Rhesus
RHD	rheumatic heart disease
RL	right lateral
RLL	right lower lobe
RLQ	right lower quadrant
RLW	right lateral wrist
RLFa	right lateral forearm
RMA	right medial ankle
R.M.L.	right middle lobe
RML	right mediolateral
reps.	repetitions
RMFa	right medial forearm
RN	registered nurse
RNC	registered nurse certified
RND	radical neck dissection

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<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
RNST	reactive non stress test
R/O	rule out, ruled out
ROM	range of motion
ROP	retinopathy of prematurity
ROS	review of systems
RPP	rate pressure product
RR	recovery room
RRR	regular rate and rhythm
RSC	right subclavian
RSO	right salpingo oophorectomy
RSV	respiratory syncytial virus
RT	radiation therapy
RTC	return to clinic
RTUS	routine ultrasound
RUA	right upper arm
RUL	right upper lobe
RUQ	right upper quadrant
Rupt OM	rupture of membranes
RV	right ventricle/ventricular
R-V	rectovaginal
RVF	right ventricular function
RVH	right ventricular hypertrophy
RVM	right ventricular mean
RVR	Rapid Ventricular Response
Rx	prescription, treatment
Rxn	reaction
RXT	exotropia (right)
RYGB	Roux-en-y Gastic Bypass
<b>S</b>	
S	sacral
S-A	sino-atrial
S1	1st heart sound
S2	2nd heart sound
S3	3rd heart sound
S4	4th heart sound
SA	sinus arrhythmia
sa	semen analysis

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<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
S/A	sugar and acetone
SAC	short arm cast
SAH	subarachnoid hemorrhage
SAQ	short arc quads
sat	saturate, saturation
SB	sinus bradycardia
sb	small bowel
SBFT	small bowel follow through
SBK	spinnbarkeit
SBO	small bowel obstruction
sbp	Spontaneous bacterial peritonitis
SBP	systolic blood pressure
sc	subclavian
SCD	sequential compression device
SCL	soft contact lens
SCI	spinal cord injury
scol	scoliosis
SDAT	senile dementia-Alzheimer's type
SDH	Subdural Hematoma
sec	second
SEM	systolic ejection murmur
SEMI	subendocardial myocardial infarction
SF	serum ferritin
SFe	Serum Iron
SGA	small for gestational age
SGOT	serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase
SGPT	serum glutamic pyruvate transaminase
SH	social history
SHI	standard heparin infusion
SHP	Hyperparathyroidis
Si	Suicidal Idiation
SICU	surgical intensive care unit
SIDS	sudden infant death syndrome
sim	Similar and simplated
SIMD	Substance-Induced Mood Disorder
SIMV	synchronized I.M.V.
SIVP	slow intravenous push
sl	slight
SL	sublingual

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<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
SLB	short leg brace
SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus
SLH	single lumen Hickman
SLR	straight leg raise
SMR	submucous /resection
SOB	short of breath
sol	solution
S/P	status post
Sp	sphere
SPAP	systolic pulmonary artery pressure
Sp gr	specific gravity
spec	specimen
sq	squamous
SR	sinus rhythm
SROM	spontaneous rupture of membranes
s/s	signs & symptoms
SSE	soap suds enema
SSKI	saturated solution of potassium iodide
SSRI	Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor
ST	sinus tachycardia
st	straight
STAT	immediately
ster	sterile
STD/STI	sexually transmitted disease
STICU	Surgical Trauma Intensive Care Unit
STSG	split thickness skin graft
STV	short term variability
SSS	short stay surgery
SQ/SC	subcutaneous
subling	sublingual
sup	supination
SVC	superior vena cava
SVD	spontaneous vaginal delivery
SVR	systemic vascular resistance
SVT	supraventricular tachycardia
s/w	somewhat
SWD	short wave diathermy
sx	symptoms
Sz	Seizure

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Abbreviation	Meaning
<b>T</b>	
TI	thallium
T	temperature
T3RIA	triiodothyronine by radioimmunoassay
T3RU	triiodothyronine by resin uptake
T4	thyroxine
T&A	tonsillectomy & adenoidectomy
T Air	airpuff tonometry
T App	applanation tonometry
TAR	total ankle replacement
T&C	type and cross
tab	tablet
tachy	tachycardia
TAH	total abdominal hysterectomy
TAT	tetanus antitoxin
TB	tuberculosis
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TBP	thrombophlebitis
TCA	tricyclic antidepressants
TCH	turn, cough, hyperinflated
TCN	tetracycline
Tdap or DPT	Tetanus Diphtheria Pertussis Vaccine
TDWB	touch down weight bearing
TED	Thrombo Embolic Deterrent
TEE	transesophageal echocardiogram
TEF	tracheoesophageal fistula
TENS	transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation
Testost	testosterone
TF	tube feeding
TRF	total fluid removed
T&H	type and hold
THA	Total Hip Arthroplasty
THR	total hip replacement
TIA	transient ischemic attacks
Tib	tibial
TIBC	total iron binding capacity
tid	three times a day



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<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
TJC	The Joint Commission
TKE	terminal knee extension
TKR	total knee replacement
TLC	tender loving care
TM	tympanic membrane
TMJ	temporalmandibular joint
TMP	total membrane pressure
TMT	treadmill test
TNBP	transurethral needle biopsy of prostate
TNF	Tumor Necrosis Factor
TNM	Tumor Nodes Metastosis
TNS	transcutaneous nerve stimulation
TO	telephone order
tol	tolerate
TORCH	toxoplasmosis, rebecca, cytomegalovirus, herpes
TORP	total ossicles replacement
tPA	Tissue Plasminogen Activator
TPE	total plasma exchange
TPN	total parenteral nutrition
TPR	temperature, pulse, respirations
tr	trace
TR	tricuspid regurgitation
trach	tracheostomy
TRALI	Transfusion Related Acute Lung Injury
TRH	thyroid releasing hormone
Trig	Triglyceride
TS	tricuspid stenosis
TSH	thyroid stimulating hormone
TT	tetanus toxoid
TT	tilt table
TTP	thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura
TUR	transurethral resection
TURP	transurethral resection of prostate
TVH	total vaginal hysterectomy
TVol	Total Volume
TWE	tap water enema
Tx	Transplant
TX	treatment

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<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>U</b>	
UA	umbilical artery
U/A	urinalysis
UAC	umbilical artery catheter
UAP	unstable angina pectoris
UC	uterine contraction
UF	ultrafiltration
UFR	ultrafiltration rate
UGI	upper gastrointestinal
ul	ulnar
u/o	urine output
U/P	uretero pelvic
UPJ	uretero pelvic junction
URI	upper respiratory infection
Urol	urology
Uls	ultrasound
usa	unstable angina
UTD	up to date
UTI	urinary tract infection
UVC	umbilical venous catheter
UV	umbilical vein
UVJ	uretero vesicle junction
<b>V</b>	
V	vision
vag	vaginal
VAS	vibroacoustic stimulator
VB	vaginal bleeding
VBAC	vaginal birth after cesarean
VBG	Venous Blood Gas
VC	vascular catheter
vc	vital capacity
VCOE	Vascular Center of Excellence
VD	venereal disease
vent	ventilate
VE	vaginal exam
VF	visual field

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<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
VF	ventricular fibrillation
V-Fib	ventricular fibrillation
VEP	visually evoked potential
VER	visual evoked response
vib	vibratory sense
VIP	voluntary interruption of pregnancy
VLBW	Very low birth weight
VLDL	Very Low Density Lipoprotein
VP	venous pressure
VP Shunt	ventricular peritoneal shunt
vit	vitamin
VO	verbal order
Vol	volume
VRE	Vancomycin resistant Enterococcus
VPC	ventricular premature contraction
VS	vital signs
vs	versus
VSD	ventricular septal defect
Vsl	vessel
VSS	vital signs stable
vol	volume
VT	ventricular tachycardia
TVol	Total volume
V tach	ventricular tachycardia
vtx	vertex
<b>W</b>	
W	white
WAP	wandering atrial pacer
w/	with
wt	weight
WB	weight bearing
WBAT	weight bearing as tolerated
WBC	white blood count
w/c	wheelchair
W/D	withdrawal
WD	well developed
WF	waveforms

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<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
w/f	white female
WH	well hydrated
WIC	women, infants, children
w/m	white male
WN	well nourished
WNL	within normal limits
w/o	without
W/U	Work-up

**X**

xfer	transfer
x-ray	radiology

**Y**

yo	year old
yr	year

**Z**

Zn	Zinc
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**FETAL POSITION AND PRESENTATION**

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
LOA	left occiput anterior
LOT	left occiput transverse
LOP	left occiput posterior
ROA	right occiput anterior
ROT	right occiput transverse
ROP	right occiput posterior
LSA (RSA)	left sacrum anterior (right)
LST (RST)	left sacrum transverse (right)
LSP (RSP)	left sacrum posterior (right)
LFA (RFA)	left fronto-anterior (right)
LFT (RFT)	left fronto-transverse (right)
LFP (RFT)	left fronto-posterior (right)
LMA (RMA)	left mento-anterior (right)
LMT (RMT)	left mento posterior (right)

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<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>PELVIC MEASUREMENTS (pelvimetry)</b>	
<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
DC	diagonal conjugate
OC	obstetrical conjugate
bisp.	bispinous diameter (interspinous diameter)
IT	intertuberous
Ant. Sag.	anterior sagittal diameter
Post. Sag.	posterior sagittal diameter
AP D	anteroposterior diameter
Trans D	transverse diameter
6F	#6 French Catheter (cath)
<b>SYMBOLS</b>	
<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
x —	Except
∅	None
ea	each
1	primary
2	secondary
3°	Add Tertiary
♀	female
♂	male
+	increase
-	decrease
O-	negative
O+	positive
/O	none
~	about (approximate)
ii	two
I	one
P	after
Δ	change
=	equal
≤	less than or equal to
>	greater than

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<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Æ	none
®	to
¬	from
«	to and from
//	parallel bars
\	flexion
/	extension
?	questionable
±	either or
↑ ↓	up and down
#	pound
—c	with
—s	without
X	times
°	degree