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***The Official Abbreviation List***  
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## OFFICIAL ABBREVIATIONS LIST

### DANGEROUS ABBREVIATIONS – Not accepted in orders or medication-related documents

The following abbreviations have been **REMOVED** from The University Hospital Official Abbreviation List because they have the potential to jeopardize patient safety by being misunderstood, resulting in medication errors.

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Abbreviation	Intended Meaning	Misinterpretation	Preferred Practice
<b>U or u</b>	unit	Read as a zero (0) or a four (4), causing a 10-fold overdose or greater (4U seen as "40" or 4u seen as "44").	<b>Write "units"</b>
<b>IU</b>	international unit	Misread as "IV" (intravenous) or 10 (ten)	<b>Write "International Unit"</b>
<b>qd or QD</b> <b>qod or QOD</b>	once daily every other day	Misinterpreted as "right eye" (OD - oculus dexter, causing administration of oral medications in the eye). Period after Q or "O" can be mistaken for "I"	<b>Write "daily"</b> <b>Write "every other day"</b>
<b>Trailing Zero (X.0mg);</b> <b>Lack of Leading Zero (.Xmg)</b>		Decimal point is missed	<b>Remember, "Always lead, never follow"</b>  <b>Always write a leading Zero before a decimal point (0.X mg) and never write a Zero by itself after a decimal point (X mg)</b>
<b>MS</b> <b>MSO<sub>4</sub></b> <b>MgSO<sub>4</sub></b>	morphine sulfate or magnesium sulfate	Confused for one another – can mean morphine sulfate or magnesium sulfate	<b>Write "magnesium Sulfate" or "morphine sulfate"</b>

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(E)CW	(Essex) County Welfare
1/u	one finger over umbilicus
P/F	PaO <sub>2</sub> /FiO <sub>2</sub> ratio
100 hue	Farnsworth Munsell 100 hue test
2°	secondary
A/P	assessment/plan
A-P D	anteroposterior diameter
A-aP0 <sub>2</sub>	alveolar-arterial oxygen tension gradient
A-V*	arteriovenous
A:G	albumin globulin ration
A.Fib	atrial/auricular fibrillation
A-P	Aorto-Pulmonary
A&Ox3	alert & oriented times 3,2,1,0
A&P	Anterior and Posterior Colporrhaphy
A2	aortic second sound
A <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> and A <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub>	relation of aortic and pulmonic heart sounds
AA*	alcoholics anonymous; atlantoaxial; African American
AAA*	Ascending Aortic Aneurysm; Abdominal aortic aneurysm
AAO	awake, alert, oriented
AAROM	active assistive range of motion
Ab*	abortion; Antibody;
abd*	abdomen; abduction
ABE	arterial blood electrolytes
ABG	arterial blood gases
ABI	Ankle-Brachial Index
ABP	Arterial Blood Pressure; after bypass
ac	before meals
AC REC AB	acetylcholine receptor antibody
AC*	Anterior Chamber; abdominal circumference (ultrasound); acromial clavicular joint; alternating current.
ACCAP	Community Medicaid waiver program for AIDS
ACD	citric acid, trisodium citrate, dextrose solution
ACE	Angiotensin converting enzyme
acetyl – CoA	Acetyl – coenzyme A
ACL	anterior cruciate ligament
ACLS	advanced cardiac life support
act	Activated clotting time
ACTH	corticotrophin, adrenocorticotropic hormone
ad lib	as much as needed; as desired
ADD	Attention deficit disorder
add*	adduction
ADH	antidiuretic hormone
ADHD	Attention deficit hyperactive disorder
ADHF	Acute decompensated heart failure
Adj.	Adjustment
ADL	activities of daily living
adm	Admission
ADP	adenosine diphosphate
Adv.Dir.	Advance Directives
AE*	above elbow; air entry (on physical exam on lungs)

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<b>AEA</b>	<b>above elbow amputation</b>
<b>AEP</b>	<b>auditory evoked potential</b>
<b>AF</b>	<b>Atrial Fibrillation</b>
<b>AFB</b>	<b>Acid fast bacteria</b>
<b>AFDC</b>	<b>Aid to families with dependent children</b>
<b>AFI</b>	<b>amniotic fluid index</b>
<b>AFO</b>	<b>ankle foot orthosis</b>
<b>AFP</b>	<b>alpha fetoprotein</b>
<b>AFX</b>	<b>Air fluid exchange</b>
<b>AG, ag</b>	<b>antigen</b>
<b>AGA</b>	<b>appropriate for gestational age</b>
<b>AGE</b>	<b>acute gastroenteritis</b>
<b>AgNo<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>silver nitrate</b>
<b>AHF</b>	<b>antihemolytic factor</b>
<b>AHG</b>	<b>antihemophilic globulin</b>
<b>AIDS</b>	<b>acquired immunodeficiency syndrome</b>
<b>AJ</b>	<b>ankle jerk</b>
<b>AK</b>	<b>above knee</b>
<b>AKA*</b>	<b>Alcoholic keto acidosis; above knee amputation; also known as</b>
<b>AL</b>	<b>arterial line</b>
<b>ALA</b>	<b>amino levulinic acid</b>
<b>alb</b>	<b>albumin</b>
<b>alk p'tase (alk phos)</b>	<b>alkaline phosphatase</b>
<b>ALK HT</b>	<b>heat stable alkaline phosphatase</b>
<b>ALK P FR</b>	<b>alkaline phosphatase fractionation</b>
<b>ALPC</b>	<b>Argon Laser Photocoagulation</b>
<b>ALS</b>	<b>amyotrophic lateral sclerosis</b>
<b>ALT</b>	<b>Alanine Aminotransferase</b>
<b>ALTP</b>	<b>Argon laser trabeculoplasty</b>
<b>am fl</b>	<b>amniotic fluid</b>
<b>AM</b>	<b>morning</b>
<b>AMA</b>	<b>against medical advise</b>
<b>Amb</b>	<b>ambulation</b>
<b>AMD or ARMD</b>	<b>Age related macular degeneration</b>
<b>AMI</b>	<b>Anterior Myocardial Infarction</b>
<b>amp</b>	<b>ampule</b>
<b>AMP</b>	<b>adenosine monophosphate</b>
<b>amt</b>	<b>amount</b>
<b>ANA</b>	<b>antinuclear antibody (blood test)</b>
<b>ANC</b>	<b>absolute neutrophil count</b>
<b>ANH</b>	<b>Acute Normovolemic Hemodilution</b>
<b>ANS</b>	<b>autonomic nervous system</b>
<b>Ant. Sag. D.</b>	<b>anterior sagittal diameter</b>
<b>ant*</b>	<b>anterior; antegrade</b>
<b>ante</b>	<b>before</b>
<b>Ao</b>	<b>Aortic</b>
<b>AO</b>	<b>atlantooccipital</b>
<b>Ao.Diss.</b>	<b>Aortic Dissection</b>
<b>AOB</b>	<b>alcohol on breath</b>
<b>AOG</b>	<b>age of gestation</b>
<b>AORN</b>	<b>Association of Operating Room Nurses</b>
<b>AP*</b>	<b>antepartum; anteroposterior</b>

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<b>APC</b>	<b>Acute Pericarditis</b>
<b>APD</b>	<b>Afferent Pupil Defect</b>
<b>APH</b>	<b>anterior pituitary hormone</b>
<b>APN</b>	<b>Advanced Practice Nurse</b>
<b>APRV</b>	<b>airway pressure release ventilation</b>
<b>aPTT</b>	<b>Activated partial thromboplastin time</b>
<b>AR*</b>	<b>Auto-refraction; aortic regurgitation</b>
<b>ARC</b>	<b>aids related complex</b>
<b>ARDS</b>	<b>adult respiratory distress syndrome</b>
<b>ARF</b>	<b>acute renal failure</b>
<b>AROM*</b>	<b>artificial rupture of membranes; active range of motion</b>
<b>AS</b>	<b>aortic stenosis</b>
<b>ASA</b>	<b>aspirin</b>
<b>ASAP</b>	<b>as soon as possible</b>
<b>ASC AO</b>	<b>Ascending Aorta</b>
<b>ASCVD</b>	<b>arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease</b>
<b>ASD</b>	<b>Atrial Septal Defect</b>
<b>ASHD</b>	<b>arteriosclerotic heart disease</b>
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>American Spinal Cord Injury Association</b>
<b>ASIS</b>	<b>anterior superior iliac spine</b>
<b>ASO</b>	<b>antistreptolysin O</b>
<b>AST</b>	<b>Aspartate Aminotransferase</b>
<b>ATC*</b>	<b>Around the clock; automatic tube compensation</b>
<b>atm</b>	<b>atmosphere</b>
<b>ATP</b>	<b>adenosine triphosphate</b>
<b>AUC</b>	<b>area under the curve</b>
<b>AV</b>	<b>atrioventricular</b>
<b>AVA</b>	<b>Aortic Valve Area</b>
<b>AVD</b>	<b>AVD Dissociation</b>
<b>AVM</b>	<b>arteriovenous malformation</b>
<b>AVN</b>	<b>avascular necrosis</b>
<b>AVNRT</b>	<b>Atrioventricular nodal re-entrant tachycardia</b>
<b>AVR</b>	<b>Aortic Valve Replacement</b>
<b>AVRT</b>	<b>Artioventricular re-entrant tachycardia</b>
<b>AX</b>	<b>axillary</b>
<b>B &amp; S</b>	<b>Bartholin's and Skene's glands</b>
<b>B.E.E.</b>	<b>Basal energy expenditure</b>
<b>B.T.B.</b>	<b>Break Thru Bleeding</b>
<b>B<sub>12</sub></b>	<b>Vitamin B<sub>12</sub></b>
<b>Ba</b>	<b>barium</b>
<b>BACT</b>	<b>bacteria</b>
<b>BAL*</b>	<b>British antilewisite; bronchialveolar lavage</b>
<b>baso</b>	<b>basophile</b>
<b>BBB</b>	<b>bundle branch block</b>
<b>BBP</b>	<b>Before bypass</b>
<b>BC</b>	<b>birth control</b>
<b>BCG</b>	<b>Bacillus Calmette - Guerin</b>
<b>BCL</b>	<b>Bandage contact lens</b>
<b>BDR</b>	<b>Background Diabetic Retinopathy</b>
<b>BE*</b>	<b>base excess; barium enema; below elbow</b>



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<b>BEA</b>	<b>below elbow amputation</b>
<b>BF*</b>	<b>Body fluid; Black female/woman</b>
<b>BG</b>	<b>Blood Glucose</b>
<b>bid</b>	<b>twice a day</b>
<b>Bif</b>	<b>Bifurcation</b>
<b>BIG</b>	<b>Bigeminy</b>
<b>BILI</b>	<b>bilirubin</b>
<b>bisp.</b>	<b>bispinous or interspinous diameter</b>
<b>BIVAD</b>	<b>Bi Ventricular Assist Device</b>
<b>BK</b>	<b>below knee</b>
<b>BKA</b>	<b>below knee amputation</b>
<b>bl or bil.</b>	<b>Bilateral</b>
<b>bld</b>	<b>blood (as in blood culture)</b>
<b>bld cx</b>	<b>blood culture</b>
<b>BLS</b>	<b>basic life support</b>
<b>bm or BM*</b>	<b>bowel movement; Black male/man; Bone marrow</b>
<b>BMP</b>	<b>Basic metabolic profile</b>
<b>BOA</b>	<b>born on arrival</b>
<b>BP</b>	<b>blood pressure</b>
<b>BPD*</b>	<b>borderline personality disorder; bi-polar disorder; Biparietal diameter; bronchopulmonary dysplasia</b>
<b>BPH</b>	<b>benign prostatic hypertrophy</b>
<b>bpm</b>	<b>Breaths or beats per minute</b>
<b>BPP</b>	<b>Biophysical profile</b>
<b>BR*</b>	<b>bedrest; breast</b>
<b>BRAO</b>	<b>Branch retinal artery occlusion</b>
<b>BRAT</b>	<b>Bananas, rice cereal, applesauce and toast</b>
<b>BRBPR</b>	<b>bright red blood per rectum</b>
<b>Bronch</b>	<b>Bronchoscopy</b>
<b>BRP</b>	<b>bathroom privileges</b>
<b>BRVO</b>	<b>Branch vein artery occlusion</b>
<b>BS*</b>	<b>breath sounds/Bowel sounds/Blood Sugar</b>
<b>BSA</b>	<b>Body surface area</b>
<b>BSD</b>	<b>Bed Side Drainage</b>
<b>BSE</b>	<b>breast self examination</b>
<b>BSEP</b>	<b>brain stem evoked potential</b>
<b>BSN</b>	<b>Bachelor of Science in Nursing</b>
<b>BSO</b>	<b>Bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy</b>
<b>BSS</b>	<b>Balanced saline solution</b>
<b>BSSO</b>	<b>bilateral sagittal split osteotomies</b>
<b>BSW</b>	<b>Bachelor of social work</b>
<b>BTB</b>	<b>Breakthrough Bleeding</b>
<b>BTU</b>	<b>British Thermal Unit</b>
<b>BUN</b>	<b>blood urea nitrogen</b>
<b>BW</b>	<b>Body weight</b>
<b>bx</b>	<b>biopsy</b>
<b>c/o</b>	<b>complain of</b>
<b>c or C</b>	<b>with; Medical/Surgical Certified Nurse</b>
<b>C &amp; S, C/S*</b>	<b>Culture and sensitivity</b>
<b>C-</b>	<b>without contrast</b>

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C/D	Cup/Disc Ratio
C sp	cervical spine
C/S*	c-section; Conjunctiva/sclera
c.c.	Chief complaint
C.P.M.	continuous passive motion
C.T.S.	carpal tunnel syndrome
C+	with contrast
C*	centigrade; cervical vertebra; Cornea
Ca++	Calcium
CA*	carcinoma
CAB	Coronary artery bypass
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft
CAD*	Carotid Artery Disease; coronary artery disease
calc.	Calculation
CAOD	Carotid Artery Occlusive Disease
cap	capsule
CAPD	Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis
Card*	cardiac; Cardiotomy
CAT	Computerized axial tomography
CATC	catecholamine
Cath.	catheter
CBC	complete blood count
CBGD	complete blood count and differential
CBG*	Capillary Blood Gas; Corticosteroid-binding globulin, transcortin
CBI	continuous bladder irrigation
CBVI or CFB	Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
cc or CC*	with correction; Chief complaint
CCA	Common Carotid Artery
CCP	Certified Clinical Perfusionist
CCPED	Community Medicaid waiver program for nursing care
CCRN	Certified Critical Care Registered Nurse
CCU	coronary care unit
CD	Cesarean delivery
CDH	congenital dislocated hip
CEA	carcinoembryonic antigen
CET	common extensor tendon
CF*	Count fingers visual acuity; Cystic Fibrosis
CFA	Common Femoral Artery
CFT	common flexor tendon
CFV	Common Femoral Vein
CHB	Complete Heart Block
CHD	coronary heart disease
CHF	congestive heart failure
CHI	closed head injury
chole. est	cholesterol esters
chol.	cholesterol
CIRC	Circumflex
circ	circumcision
CIWA	Clinical Inventory for Withdrawal of Alcohol
CI	Cardiac Index
CKMB	Creatine kinase MB isoenzyme

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CL	Clostridium
cl. liq.	clear liquid
CL.	chloride
cm	centimeter
CM	Cardiomyopathy
CMC	carpal metacarpal
CMHC	Community Mental Health Center
CML	chronic myelogenous leukemia
CMMI	Center for Molecular Medicine and Immunology
CMP*	Comprehensive metabolic profile, Cardiomyopathy
CMV*	cytomegalovirus; controlled mechanical ventilation
CNS*	central nervous system; Clinical Nurse Specialist
CNV	Choroidal neovascularization
CO	cardiac output
CO <sub>2</sub>	carbon dioxide
CoA	coenzyme A
COA	Certified Ophthalmic Assistant
COAG	chronic open angle glaucoma
coag	coagulation
Cog.	cognitive
Col	Colonoscopy
conc.	Concentration
Conj.	Conjunctiva
cont.*	continuous; content
coord.	Coordination
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
COS	Constant Observation
COT	Certified Ophthalmic Technician
CP	cerebral palsy
CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure
CPB	Cardiopulmonary Bypass
CPC	clinical pathological conf., clinicopathological conf.
CPD	cephalo-pelvic disproportion
CPDA	Citrate, phosphate, dextrose and adenosine
CPK	creatinine phosphokinase
CPM	Continuous pass of motion
CPP	Cranial perfusion pressure
CPR	cardio-pulmonary resuscitation
CPS	Cardioplegia solution
CPT	chest physical therapy
Cr/Cre	Creatinine; serum creatinine
CR deg	cone rod degeneration
CRAO	Central retinal artery occlusion
CRIF	closed reduction internal fixation
CRNA	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
CRP	C-reactive protein
CRRT	Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy
CRVO	Central retinal vein occlusion
cryo*	Cryoretinopexy; cryoglobulins; cryoprecipitate
cryst	Crystalloid Solution
CS*	Certified Specialist; Cell saver; coronary sinus
CSA	Cross-sectional area

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CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
CSME	Clinically significant macular edema
CSP	Coronary sinus pressure
CST*	Contraction stress test; Craniosacral therapy
CSW	Certified social worker
CT*	computerized tomography; chest tube
CTA	cat scan of abdomen
CTH	cat scan of head
CTP	cat scan of pelvis
CTS	Cardiothoracic Surgery
CTX	cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis
CTXs.	contractions
cva or CVA*	costovertebral angle; cerebrovascular accident
CVD	cardiovascular disease
CVF	Confrontation visual field
CVP	Central venous pressure
CVTS	Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery
CVVH	Continuous Veno-Venous Hemofiltration
CVVHD	Continuous Veno-Venous Hemofiltration with Dialysis
CVVHDF	Continuous Veno-Venous Hemodiafiltration
CX	cervix
cx	culture
CXR	chest X-ray
cyro	Cryoprecipitate
cysto.	cystoscopy
D/S	dextrose and saline
D	diopter
D/W	dextrose and water
D & C	dilation and curettage
D/C*	discharge; discontinue
D/O	disorder
D & E	dilatation and evacuation
D.Bil	Direct Bilirubin
D.T.	Dietetic technician
D + E	Dilation and evacuation
D3	distal third
D5 1/3 NSS	dextrose in .33% normal saline solution
D5 1/4 NSS	dextrose in 0.225% normal saline solution
D5 1/2 NSS	dextrose in 1/2 normal saline solution (0.45%)
D5NS5%	dextrose in normal saline solution
D5RL	dextrose in ringer's lactate
D5W	dextrose in water
DA	diagnostic arthroscopy
DAT	Direct antiglobulin test
db	decibel
DBC	Distance between center of spectacle correction
DBI	Digital-Brachial Index
DBP	diastolic blood pressure
DBW	Desirable Body Weight
dc*	direct current



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DCA	Directed Coronary Athrectomy
DD	differential diagnosis
DDAVP	Vasopressin
DDD	Division of Developmental Disabilities
DDS	Doctor of Dental Surgery
DDT	dichloro-diphenyl trichoroethane
dec./decr.	deceased/decreased
Depr.	Depression, depressed
Derm.	dermatology
DESC Ao	Descending Aorta
dev.*	development, developmental; deviations
df	dorsiflexion
DHEAS	Dihydroepiandrosterone sulfate
DI	diabetes insipidus
DIAG or D	Diagonal
DIC	Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation
diff*	difficult; differential count; different
dil	dilute or dissolve
DIPJ	distal interphalangeal joint
Dis.	disorder
disloc	dislocation
DIT	diiodotyrosine
div	divide
DJD	degenerative joint disease
DKA	diabetic keto acidosis
DM	diabetes mellitus
DMD	Doctor of Dental Medicine
DME	Durable medical equipment
DMV	Disc, macula, vessels
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
DNase	deoxyribonuclease
DNR	do not resuscitate
DO	Doctor of Osteopathy
DOA*	date of admission; Dead on arrival
DOB	date of birth
DOC	Doctors Office Center
DOCA	deoxycorticosterone acetate
DOE	Dyspnea on Exertion
DOI	Date of injury
DOL	duration of labor
DOPA	3:4 dihydroxyphenylalanine
DOT	Direct Observation Therapy
DPL	diagnostic peritoneal lavage
DPM	Doctor of Podiatric Medicine
DPN	diphosphopyridine nucleotide
DPNase	enzyme hydrolyzing DPN
DPNH	(reduced) diphosphopyridine nucleotide
DPW	Department of Public Welfare
DR*	Diabetic retinopathy; delivery room
DSA	digital substration angiography
DSD	dry sterile dressing
dsg	dressing

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<b>DTR</b>	deep tendon reflexes
<b>DTs</b>	delirium tremens
<b>DUB</b>	dysfunctional uterine bleeding
<b>DVI</b>	digital visual imaging
<b>DVR</b>	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
<b>DVT</b>	deep vein thrombosis
<b>Dx</b>	diagnosis
<b>DYFS</b>	Division of Youth and Family Services
<b>E.O.G.H.</b>	East Orange General Hospital
<b>E.R./ER</b>	Emergency Room
<b>E</b>	Estrogen
<b>EBL</b>	estimated blood loss
<b>ECA</b>	External Carotid Artery
<b>ECCE</b>	extra capsular cataract extraction
<b>ECF</b>	extracellular fluid
<b>ECG or EKG</b>	electrocardiogram
<b>ECHC</b>	Essex County Hospital Center
<b>ECHO virus</b>	enterocytopathogenic human orphan virus
<b>ECMO</b>	Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation
<b>ECT</b>	electric convulsive therapy
<b>ED</b>	Emergency Department
<b>EDC</b>	expected date of confinement
<b>EDH</b>	epidural hematoma
<b>EDTA</b>	Edetate disodium
<b>EDTA*</b>	edathamil; Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid; edetic acid
<b>EDW</b>	Estimated Dry Weight
<b>EDX</b>	electrodiagnostic test
<b>EECP</b>	Enhanced external counter pulsation
<b>EEG</b>	electro encephalogram
<b>EENT</b>	eye, ear, nose, throat
<b>EMG</b>	electromyogram
<b>ERV</b>	expiratory reserve volume
<b>ESR</b>	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
<b>ESRD</b>	End Stage Renal Disease
<b>ETC0<sub>2</sub> (etCO<sub>2</sub>)</b>	end tidal carbon dioxide
<b>FCE</b>	functional capacity evaluation
<b>FDA</b>	Food and Drug Administration
<b>FDP</b>	flexor digitorum profundus
<b>FDS</b>	flexor digitorum sublimis
<b>Fe</b>	iron
<b>FEES</b>	Fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing
<b>Fem-Fem Graft</b>	Femorafemoral Graft
<b>Fem-Pop Graft</b>	Femoralpopliteal Graft
<b>Fem-Tib Graft</b>	Femoral Tibial Graft
<b>fERG</b>	Focal electroretinogram
<b>FES</b>	functional electrical stimulation
<b>FEV</b>	forced expiratory volume
<b>FFA</b>	free fatty acid

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<b>FH*</b>	<b>fundal height; family history</b>
<b>FHP</b>	<b>Foster home placement</b>
<b>FHR</b>	<b>fetal heart rate</b>
<b>FHS</b>	<b>fetal heart sounds</b>
<b>FiO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>fractional inspired oxygen</b>
<b>fl</b>	<b>fluid</b>
<b>FL</b>	<b>Femur length (ultrasound)</b>
<b>Flex</b>	<b>flexion</b>
<b>Flex. Sig.</b>	<b>Flexible Sigmoidoscopy</b>
<b>FNA</b>	<b>Fine Needle Aspiration</b>
<b>FOB</b>	<b>Father of baby</b>
<b>FOI</b>	<b>Flight of ideas</b>
<b>FP</b>	<b>Family Planning</b>
<b>FRC</b>	<b>functional residual capacity</b>
<b>FS</b>	<b>fingerstick</b>
<b>FSH</b>	<b>follicle stimulating hormone</b>
<b>ft4</b>	<b>free T4</b>
<b>FT</b>	<b>full term</b>
<b>FTA</b>	<b>Flourescent treponemal antigen</b>
<b>FTT</b>	<b>failure to thrive</b>
<b>FUO</b>	<b>fever unknown origin</b>
<b>FVC</b>	<b>Forced vital capacity</b>
<b>FVER</b>	<b>Flash visual evoked responses</b>
<b>FWB</b>	<b>full weight bearing</b>
<b>Fx.</b>	<b>Fracture</b>
<b>G-1-P</b>	<b>glucose-Iphosphate</b>
<b>G-6-PD</b>	<b>glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase</b>
<b>GA</b>	<b>gastric analysis</b>
<b>GB</b>	<b>gallbladder</b>
<b>GC</b>	<b>gonococcal</b>
<b>GCE</b>	<b>general conditioning exercises</b>
<b>GCS</b>	<b>Glasgow Coma Scale</b>
<b>gct</b>	<b>Glucose Challenge Test</b>
<b>gds Tx</b>	<b>group &amp; supportive therapy</b>
<b>GDX/HRT</b>	<b>glaucoma diagnostic imaging</b>
<b>Gen.</b>	<b>Generalized</b>
<b>GENTA</b>	<b>gentamicin</b>
<b>GERD</b>	<b>Gastroesophegeal Reflux Disease</b>
<b>GFR</b>	<b>glomerular filtration rate</b>
<b>GFX</b>	<b>Gas fluid exchange</b>
<b>GGTP</b>	<b>gamma-glutamic trasnferase</b>
<b>GH</b>	<b>growth hormone, anterior pituitary</b>
<b>GI</b>	<b>gastrointestinal</b>
<b>GIFT</b>	<b>gamete-in-intrafallopian tube transfer</b>
<b>gls</b>	<b>Eyeeglasses</b>
<b>GLU</b>	<b>Glucose</b>
<b>gm</b>	<b>gram</b>
<b>GMC</b>	<b>General medical condition</b>
<b>gms</b>	<b>Grams</b>
<b>GNR</b>	<b>gram-negative rods</b>
<b>Gr*</b>	<b>gran; group</b>



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grav  
GCS  
GSW  
gtt  
GTT  
GU  
Gyn

gravid  
Glasgow Coma Scale  
gunshot wound  
drop  
glucose tolerance test  
genito urinary  
gynecology

H or h  
H/O  
H.N.V.  
H.S.  
H&H  
H&P  
H<sub>2</sub>O  
HA\*  
ham  
HAP  
HAV  
HB, Hb  
HC  
HCAP  
HCC  
HCG  
Hct  
HCVD  
HD  
HDL  
HEAP  
HEENT  
HELLP Syndrome  
Hemo  
HEP  
HFP  
Hgb  
HHA  
HHC  
HHD  
HHNK  
HI  
HIPP  
HIV  
HKAO  
HL  
HM  
HMO  
HMS  
HN<sub>2</sub>  
HNP  
HNT  
HOB  
horiz  
HPF

hourly  
history of  
Has not voided  
high school  
hemoglobin and hematocrit  
history & physical  
water  
Homatropine; headache; Hydroxiapatite  
hamstrings  
hospital-acquired pneumonia  
Hallux abducto valgus  
hemoglobin  
head circumference (ultrasound)  
health care associated pneumonia  
Home Care Coordinator  
human chorionic gonadotrophin  
hematocrit  
hypertensive cardiovascular disease  
Hemodialysis  
high density lipoprotein  
Home Energy Assistance Program  
head, eyes, ears, nose & throat  
hemolysis, elevated liver enzymes, and low platelet  
Hemoconcentrator  
home exercise program  
Hepatic function profile  
hemoglobin  
Home Health Aid  
Home Health Care  
hypertensive heart disease  
hyperosmolar hyperglycemic non-ketotic acidosis  
homicidal ideation  
Hyperthermic Intra-Peritoneal Perfusion  
human immunodeficiency virus  
hip knee ankle orthosis  
humeral length (ultrasound)  
hand movement  
Health Maintenance Organization  
Hepcon Management System  
a nitrogen mustard, methyl bis (B-chloroethyl)-amp  
herniated nucleus pulposus  
head, neck & trunk  
head of bed  
horizontal  
high power field



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HIP	history of present illness
HR	heart rate
HRT	Hormone replacement therapy
hs	at bedtime
HSA	human serum albumin
HSV	Herpes simplex virus
HT	Hypertropia
HTLV	human T-cell lymphotropic virus
HTN	hypertension
HV	high volt
HVF	Humphrey visual field
Hx	history
HZV	Herpes zoster virus
I & O	intake and output
I.C.M.S.	intensive case management services
I.D.	identifying data
I.S.	Incentive Spirometry
I*	iris
I&D	incision and drainage
IAB	Intraaortic Balloon
IABP	Intra Aortic Balloon Pump
IAN	inferior alveolar nerve
IBW	Ideal body weight
ICA	Internal Carotid Artery
ICCE	intracapsular cataract extraction
ICE	Irido corneal endothelial syndrome
ICF	intracellular fluid
ICGA	Indocyanine green angiography
ICN	intensive care nursery
ICP	Isihara color plates
ICP*	Ishihara Color Plates; Intracranial pressure (bolt)
ICSH	interstitial cell-stimulating hormone
ICU	intensive care unit
ID-K	internal derangement (L or R or B) knee
IDDM	insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
IDM	infant of diabetic mother
IDPN	Intradialytic Parenteral Nutrition
IDUM	infant of drug using mother
ie*	that is; initial evaluation
IEP	immuno-electrophoresis
IFA	immunofluorescent antibody
IHD	ischemic heart disease
ILV	independent lung ventilation
IM	intramuscular
IMF	intermaxillary fixation
IMI	Inferior myocardial infarction
imp*	impacted (impaction); Impression
IMV	intermittent mechanical ventilation
inc. or incr.	Increased or increasing
incl	include
ind*	independent; individual

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inf*	infusion; inferior
INH	isoniazid
inj.	Injection
inp/inpt	inpatient
INR	International normalized ratio (for pt)
Ins.	Insurance
inspir.	Inspiration or inspiratory
Inst.	Instruction
int*	internal; interpretation
inv	inversion
INVOS	In-Vivo Optical Spectroscopy
IOL	intraocular lens implant
IOP	intraocular pressure
IP*	intrapartum
IPD	Intermittent Peritoneal Dialysis
IPG	Impedance Plethysmography
IPPB	intermittent positive pressure breathing
IQ	intelligence quotient
IR*	internal rotation; interventional radiology
IRDS	idiopathic respiratory distress syndrome
IST	insulin shock therapy
IT	intratuberos
IUD	Intra Uterine Device
IUP	intrauterine pregnancy
IV	intravenous
IVC	inferior vena cava
IVDA	intra-venous drug abuse/abuser
IVF	in-vitro fertilization
IVFA	Intravenous fluorescein angiography
IVH	intraventricular hemorrhage
IVP*	Intravenous push; intravenous pyelogram
IVPB	intravenous piggyback
IVU	Intravenous Urogram
IWMI	inferior wall myocardial infarction
JCMC	Jersey City Medical Center
JIA	juvenile idiopathic arthritis
JRA	Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis
jt	joint
JVD	jugular vein distension
JW	Jehovah Witness
K	Potassium (uses both with and without the +)
K+	potassium
K-wire	Kirshner wire
KA	King Armstrong Units
KAO	knee ankle orthosis
KCI	Potassium chloride
Kev	kiloelectron volt
Kg	kilogram
KI	potassium iodine
KJ	knee jerks
KOH PREP	potassium hydroxide preparation

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KT/V	Clearance X Time/Volume
KUB	kidneys, ureters and bladder
KVO	keep vein open
L & D	labor and delivery
L & A	light and accommodation
L*	Left; liter
L.L.Q	left lower quadrant
L.U.Q.	left upper quadrant
L1,L2	1 <sup>st</sup> lumbar vertebra, etc.
LA	Left atrium
Lab	laboratory
Lac	laceration
LAD	Left anterior descending
LAE	Left atrial enlargement
LAP*	leukocyte alkaline phosphatase; Laparoscopic, Laparoscopy/laparotomy
lat	lateral
lb	pound (avoirdupois; apothecary)
LBBB	left bundle branch block
LBP	low back pain
LBW	lean body weight
LCL	lateral collateral ligament
LCSW	Licensed clinical social worker
LD	lethal dose
LD15	lanthony desaturated D15 test
LD50	median lethal dose
LDH	lactic dehydrogenase
LDL	low density lipoprotein
LE*	Lupus erythematosus; lower extremity
LFA	left frontoanterior
LFP	left frontoposterior
LFT*	left frontotransverse; Liver function test
Lg	large
LGA	large for gestational age
LGL	Lown-Ganovy Levine Syndrome
LGM	left gluteus maximus
LH	leutinizing hormone
LHC	Left heart catheterization
LHH	left homonymous hemianopsia
LIMA	Left internal mammary artery (graft)
Liq	liquid
LLD	leg length discrepancy
LLL	Left lower lobe (lung); Left lower lid
LM	Left main
LMA*	left mentoanterior; laryngeal mask airway
LMN	lower motor neuron
LMP*	last menstrual period; left mentoposterior
LMT	left mentotransverse
LNMP	last normal menstrual period
LOA	left occiput anterior/loosening of association
LOC	loss of consciousness

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LOP	left occiput posterior
LOS	length of stay
LOT	left occiput transverse
LOV	loss of vision
LP*	lumbar puncture; Light perception visual acuity
LPcP	Light perception with projections
LPM	Liter per minute
LPN	licensed practical nurse
LR	lactated ringer's solution
LS*	lumbosacral; Lecithin-Syphgomyelin
LSA	left sacrum anterior
LSD-25	lysergic acid diethylamide
LSK	liver, spleen, kidneys
LSL	Laser suture lysis
LSO	Left salpingo-oophorectomy
LSP*	left sacrum posterior; Long sitting position
LST*	left sacrum transverse; Low segment transverse (referring to uterine incision @ cesarean section)
LSW	Licensed social worker
LT	left thigh
LTG	long term goal
LTH	luteotrophic hormone
LTS	lipotrophic factor
LUE	Left upper extremity
LUL*	Left upper lid; Left upper lobe (lung)
LUQ	Left upper quadrant
LV	Left ventricular
LVA	Left ventricular aneurysm
LVAD	Left ventricular assist device
LVH	Left ventricular hypertrophy
Lymph.	Lymphocytes
M	Married
M/V/P	macula, vessels, periphery
M.H.	Malignant Hyperthermia
M.R.	mental retardation
M'Caid	Medicaid
M'Care	Medicare
M2	Meters squared
M <sub>3</sub>	middle third
Mac	macula
MAC	Mitral annular calcification
MAC*	Monitored Anesthesia Care; Mycobacterim Avium Cellulare
MAE	Moves all extremities
MAFO	molded ankle foot orthosis
MAI	Mycobacterium avium-intracellulare
maj.	Major
MAO	monoamine oxidase
MAS	Meconium aspiration syndrome
MAST	Military antishock trousers
max.	maximum
MBD	minimal brain damage
MBS	modified barium swallow

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mc	millicurie
mcg	microgram
MCG	Mount Carmel Guild
MCH	mean corpuscular hemoglobin
MCHC	mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration
MCL*	mid clavicular line; medial collateral ligament
MCP	metacarpal phalageal joint
MCV	mean corpuscular volume
MD*	physician; muscular dystrophy
MDI	Meter dose inhaler
ME	medical examiner
MedHx	medical history
meds	medications
MEP	maximum expiratory pressure
mEq	milliequivalent
mev	million electron volts
MFR	Myofascial release
Mg or MG*	Marcus Gunn/milligram
MGM	Maternal grandmother
MI	myocardial infarction
MIC	Maternal and infant care
MICA	mentally ill, chemical abuser
MICU	Medical intensive care unit
MIDCAB	Minimally invasive direct coronary artery bypass
min.*	minute; minimum
MIP	Maximum inspiratory pressure
MIPPV	mask intermittent positive-pressure ventilation
ml	milliliter or milliliters (preferred over cc.)
MLD	minimal lethal dose
mm	millimeter
mM	millimol
MMPI	Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inverntory
MMR	Measles, mumps and rubella
MMT	manual muscle test
MMV	mandatory minute volume ventilation
Mo(s)	month(s)
MOB	Mother of baby
Mob.	Mobilization
mod.	Moderate
MOM	milk of magnesia
mono.	Monocyte
Mosm	milliosmol
Mp	Membrane peel
mr	milliroentgen
MR*	mitral regurgitation; manifest refraction
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
MRM	modified radical mastectomy
MRSA	Methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus
ms or MS*	muscle; Master of Science; Membrane segmentation; Multiple Sclerosis
MSE	mental status exam
MSL	mid sternal line
MSN	Master of Science in Nursing
MSW	Masters of social work

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<b>MTB</b>	<b>Mycobacterium Tuberculosis</b>
<b>MTHFR</b>	<b>Methylene tetrahydrofolate reductase</b>
<b>MTP*</b>	<b>medial tibial plateau</b>
<b>MTPJ</b>	<b>metatarsal phalangeal joint</b>
<b>MUA</b>	<b>manipulation under anesthesia</b>
<b>MV</b>	<b>minute volume</b>
<b>MVA*</b>	<b>motor vehicle accident; Mitral valve area</b>
<b>mvmt</b>	<b>movement</b>
<b>MVR</b>	<b>Mital Valve Replacement</b>
<b>MVV</b>	<b>maximum voluntary ventilation</b>
<b>n</b>	<b>nerve</b>
<b>N-V</b>	<b>neurovascular</b>
<b>N/V</b>	<b>nausea or vomiting</b>
<b>N/G</b>	<b>nasogastric</b>
<b>N</b>	<b>normal, no</b>
<b>N<sub>2</sub>O</b>	<b>nitrous oxide</b>
<b>Na.</b>	<b>sodium</b>
<b>NA*</b>	<b>Nursing assistant; non-aplicable</b>
<b>NaCl</b>	<b>sodium chloride</b>
<b>NAD*</b>	<b>nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide; no appreciable; no Acute/active disease OR no acute distress</b>
<b>NADP</b>	<b>nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate disease</b>
<b>NaHCO<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>Sodium Bicarbonate</b>
<b>NB</b>	<b>newborn</b>
<b>NBIMC</b>	<b>Newark Beth Israel Medical Center</b>
<b>NC*</b>	<b>Nasal cannula; no charge</b>
<b>NC/AT</b>	<b>normal cephalic atraumatic</b>
<b>NCA</b>	<b>Nutrition Care Assistant</b>
<b>NCV</b>	<b>nerve conduction velocity</b>
<b>NEC</b>	<b>necrotizing enterocolitis</b>
<b>NEFA</b>	<b>non-esterified fatty acids</b>
<b>neg</b>	<b>negative</b>
<b>neuro</b>	<b>neurology or neurological/neurologic</b>
<b>ng</b>	<b>nanogram</b>
<b>NGT</b>	<b>Nasogastric tube</b>
<b>NHP</b>	<b>Nursing home placement</b>
<b>NICU</b>	<b>neuro intensive care unit</b>
<b>NIDDM</b>	<b>non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus</b>
<b>NIF</b>	<b>Negative inspiratory force</b>
<b>NIPPV</b>	<b>non-invasive positive pressure ventilation</b>
<b>NIV</b>	<b>non-invasive ventilation</b>
<b>NKA</b>	<b>no known allergies</b>
<b>NKDA</b>	<b>No known drug allergies</b>
<b>NL</b>	<b>Normal</b>
<b>NLP</b>	<b>no light perception</b>
<b>NN</b>	<b>normal nursery, newborn nursery</b>
<b>no.</b>	<b>number</b>
<b>noct.</b>	<b>at night</b>
<b>NOS</b>	<b>not otherwise specified</b>
<b>NP</b>	<b>Nurse Practitioner</b>
<b>NPC</b>	<b>Near point of convergence</b>

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<b>NPD</b>	Newark Police Department
<b>NPDR</b>	non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy
<b>NPFA</b>	no previous films available
<b>NPH</b>	insulin-neutral protein insulin
<b>NPN</b>	non-protein nitrogen
<b>NPO</b>	nothing by mouth
<b>NRB</b>	Non re-breather
<b>NS*</b>	neurosurgery or no show; normal saline solution (0.9%)
<b>NSA</b>	no significant abnormality
<b>NSAID</b>	non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
<b>NSR</b>	normal sinus rhythm
<b>NST</b>	Non stress test
<b>NSVD</b>	normal spontaneous vaginal delivery
<b>NT</b>	nasotracheal
<b>NV*</b>	neovascularization; Near vision
<b>NVD*</b>	neovascularization of optic disc; nausea, vomiting, diarrhea;
<b>NVE</b>	neo-vascularization elsewhere
<b>NVG</b>	neo-vascular glaucoma
<b>NWB</b>	non weight bearing
<b>NWK</b>	Newark
<b>NYHA</b>	New York Heart Association

<b>O.R.</b>	Operating Room
<b>O<sub>2</sub></b>	Oxygen
<b>O<sub>2</sub>sat</b>	oxygen saturation
<b>OA*</b>	Occiput anterior; osteoarthritis/operative arthroscopy
<b>Ob/Gyn</b>	Obstetrics and Gynecology
<b>Ob</b>	Obstetrics
<b>OBS</b>	organic brain syndrome
<b>OC*</b>	Oral Contraceptives; obstetrical conjugate
<b>OCD</b>	obsessive-compulsive disorder
<b>OCG</b>	oral cholecystogram
<b>OCN</b>	Oncology Certified Nurse
<b>OCT</b>	Optical coherence tomography
<b>OGT</b>	Oro-Gastric tube
<b>OHS*</b>	Open heart surgery; obesity hypoventilation syndrome
<b>oint</b>	ointment
<b>OM</b>	Obuse marginal
<b>OMFS</b>	Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
<b>OMS*</b>	organic mental syndrome; Occupational Medicine Services
<b>ONC</b>	Oncology
<b>ONS</b>	Overnight stay
<b>OOB</b>	out of bed
<b>OP or op*</b>	light perception; Occiput posterior; operation
<b>OPCAB</b>	Off pump coronary artery bypass
<b>OPD</b>	outpatient department
<b>OPG</b>	Ocular Pneumo-Olethysmography
<b>Ophth.</b>	Ophthalmology
<b>OPT or PDT</b>	ocular photodynamic therapy
<b>ORIF</b>	open reduction internal fixation
<b>Ortho</b>	Orthopedics
<b>OT*</b>	otology; old tuberculin; occupational therapy

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OTC	over the counter (medications)
outpt	outpatient
OXY	Oxygenator
Oz.	Ounce
p or P*	after; phosphorous, pulse, para; pressure
P-A	Posteroanterior
P/C	Posterior capsule
P.A.C.T.	Program of Assertive Community Treatment
P	peak
P & V	percussion & vibration
P & P	pelvic and pap test or pin & plate
P & A	percussion and auscultation
P.A.	Physician Assistant
P.H.	personal history
P <sub>2</sub>	pulmonic second sound
P <sub>3</sub>	proximal third
PA	Physician's Assistant
PA	Pulmonary artery
PA*	Popliteal Artery
PA*	Pernicious anemia
PAAD	Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged
PABA	para-aminobenzoic acid
PAC	Premature artrial contraction
PAC compd	phenacetin, aspirin & caffeine compound
PACU	Post Anesthesia Care Unit
PAM	Potential acuity meter
PAP*	prostatic acid phosphatase; Pulmonary artery pressure;
	Papanicolaou smear
PAR	post-anesthesia recovery
para*	parity; paraplegic
paracent.	Paracentesis
PAS STAIN	periodic acid Schiff stain
PAS*	para-aminosalicylic (acid); peripheral anterior synechiae
PAT*	progressive ambulation training; paroxysmal atrial tachycardia; Pre-admission testing
Path.	Pathology
PAWP	pulmonary wedge pressure
PBI	Penile-Brachial Index
pc or PC*	after meals; posterior chamber
PCA	patient controlled analgesia
PCEA	patient controlled epidural analgesia
PCL	posterior cruciate ligament
PCN	penicillin
PCO <sub>2</sub>	pressure, carbon dioxide
PCP*	Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia; Primary Care Physician
PCR*	polymerase chain reaction; Protein catabolic rate
PCV	pressure control ventilation
P.D.	personality disorder
PD	Peritoneal dialysis
PD	Distance between pupils
PDA	patent ductus arteriosus

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PDA	Posterior decending artery
PDD	Pervasive developmental disorder
PDN	private duty nurse
PDR*	physician's desk reference; proliferative diabetic retinopathy
PE*	pulmonary edema; Pulmonary embolism; physical examination
Peds	pediatrics
PEEP	positive end-expiratory pressure
PEEPi	intrinsic PEEP
PEF	peak expiratory flow
PEFR	peak exploratory flow rate
PEG*	pneumoencephalogram (graph); Percutaneous endoscopic gastrotomy
PEJ	Percutaneous Endoscopic Jejunostomy
PERG	pattern visually evoked responses
PERL	pupils equal and react to light
PERRELA	pupils equal, round, react equally to light and accommodation
PES	Psychiatric Emergency Services
PETN	pentaerythriitol tetra nitrate
pf	plantarflexion
PF*	palpebral fissure
PFC	Persistent fetal circulation
PFT	pulmonary function test
PG	phosphatidal, picograms
PGM	Paternal grandmother
ph or PH	pinhole visual acuity
pH	hydrogen ion concentration
PH	present history
Phaco	phacoemulsification
PI*	Performance improvement; present illness; peripheral iridectomy
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
PIPJ	proximal interphalangeal joint
PK	penetrating keratoplasty
PKP	Penetrating keratoplasty
pks	packets
PKU	phenylketonuria
PLSO	posterior leaf spring orthosis
PLTS	Platelets
PLTS	Platelets
pm	afternoon
PM	Post Mortem
PM&R	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
PMD	private medical doctor
PMH	past medical history
PMI	point of maximun impulse
PMN	polymorphonuclear neutrophil leukocyte
PMP	previous menstrual period
PNA	Pneumonia
PNC*	Prenatal care; premature nodal contraction
PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
PNF	proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation
PNH	paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria
PNI	peripheral nerve injury



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<b>PNP</b>	pediatric nurse practitioner
<b>PNS</b>	peripheral nervous system
<b>Pnthx</b>	pneumothorax
<b>po</b>	by mouth
<b>PO/Post-op</b>	Post-operative
<b>PO.1</b>	occlusion pressure
<b>PO<sub>4</sub></b>	Phosphate
<b>POC</b>	products of conception
<b>POCT</b>	point of care testing
<b>POD</b>	post-operative day
<b>polys.</b>	Polymorphonuclearleucocytes
<b>poplit.</b>	Popliteal
<b>Post BUN</b>	postdialysis blood urea nitrogen
<b>post. Sag. D.</b>	posterior sagittal diameter
<b>PP day</b>	post partum day
<b>PP</b>	pressure patch
<b>PPBS</b>	post prandial blood sugar
<b>PPD</b>	purified protein derivative test for tuberculosis
<b>PPH*</b>	Persistent pulmonary hypertension or Primary pulmonary hypertension
<b>PPL</b>	pars plana lensectomy
<b>ppm</b>	parts per million
<b>PPP</b>	Platelet Poor Plasma
<b>PPROM</b>	prolonged PROM
<b>PPV</b>	pars plana vitrectomy
<b>pr</b>	per rectum
<b>PRBC</b>	packed red blood cells
<b>pre-op</b>	pre-operative
<b>preg.</b>	Pregnancy, pregnant
<b>prep</b>	prepare
<b>Press</b>	Pressure
<b>prev.</b>	Previous
<b>PRK</b>	Photorefractive keratectomy
<b>prn</b>	whenever necessary
<b>PRO</b>	protein
<b>Prog</b>	prognosis
<b>PROM</b>	passive range of motion or premature rupture of membranes
<b>PRP*</b>	Pan-retinal photocoagulation; Platelet Rich Plasma
<b>PSA</b>	prostate specific antigen
<b>psi</b>	pounds per square inch
<b>PSIS</b>	posterior superior iliac spine
<b>PSP</b>	phenolsulfonphtalein test
<b>PSV*</b>	Premature supraventricular, pressure support ventilations
<b>PSVT</b>	paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia
<b>psych</b>	psychiatry, psychiatric, psychological
<b>pt*</b>	patient; pint
<b>PT*</b>	prothrombin time; physical therapy
<b>PTA*</b>	prior to admission; Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty; Posterior tibial artery; Physical Therapy Assistant; plasma thromboplastin antecedent
<b>PTC*</b>	Pseudo-tumor Cerebri; plasma thromboplastin component
<b>PTCA</b>	Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
<b>PTD</b>	prior to delivery
<b>PTFE</b>	Polytetrafluoroethylene Graft



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<b>PTH</b>	parathyroid hormone
<b>PTK</b>	Phototherapeutic keratectomy
<b>PTL</b>	Preterm labor
<b>PTT</b>	partial thromboplastin time
<b>PTV</b>	Posterial tibial vein
<b>PTX</b>	Pneumothorax
<b>PUD</b>	Peptic ulcer disease
<b>PV</b>	peripheral vascular, plasma volume
<b>PV</b>	Pulmonary valve
<b>PV*</b>	Popliteal vein
<b>PVC</b>	premature ventricular contraction
<b>PVD</b>	posterior vitreous detachment
<b>PVD</b>	Peripheral vascular disease
<b>PVRI</b>	Pulmonary vascular resistance index
<b>PWB</b>	partial weight bearing
<b>Px*</b>	Procedure
<b>PZI</b>	protamine zinc insulin
<b>q.n.s.</b>	quantity not sufficient
<b>q*</b>	every; flow
<b>q2H</b>	every 2 hours
<b>q4h</b>	every 4 hours
<b>qh</b>	every hour
<b>qid</b>	four times a day
<b>qs</b>	sufficient quantity
<b>qt</b>	quarts
<b>quad</b>	quadreplegic
<b>QUAD</b>	Quadrigeminy
<b>quad.</b>	Quadriceps or quadriplegic
<b>quant.</b>	Quantative or quantity
<b>R/O or RO</b>	rule out
<b>R*</b>	respiration; right
<b>RA*</b>	Right atrium; rheumatoid arthritis
<b>RAE</b>	Right atrial enlargement
<b>RAI</b>	radioactive iodine
<b>RAN</b>	Resident's admission notes
<b>RAP</b>	Retro-Autologus Priming
<b>RAPD</b>	Reverse afferent pupillary defect
<b>RBBB</b>	right bundle branch block
<b>RBC</b>	red blood count, red blood cells
<b>RC*</b>	rod cone degeneration; Respiratory Care
<b>RCA</b>	Right cononary artery
<b>RD*</b>	right deltoid; Retinal detachment; registered dietician
<b>RDS</b>	respiratory distress syndrome
<b>reeval</b>	reevaluation
<b>REF</b>	Referral/referred
<b>Rehab.</b>	Rehabilitation Medicine
<b>REM*</b>	roentgen equivalent unit; rapid eye movement

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REP	right frontoposterior
reps	repetitions
Ret.	Return
Retro	Retrograde
RF	Replacement Fluid
RFA	right frontoanterior
RFT	right frontotransverse
RG	Ruptured globe
RGM	right gluteus maximus
RGR	Ruptured globe repair
Rh	rhesus factor
RHC	Right heart catheterization
RHCF	Residential Health Care Facility
RHD*	rheumatic heart disease; relative hepatic dullness
RHH	right homonymous hemianopsia
RIMA	Right internal mammary artery
RIND	Reversible Ischemic Neurological Deficit
RISA	radioactive iodinated serum albumin
RLI*	Right lower lid; right lower lobe (lung)
RLQ	right lower quadrant
RLW	routine lab work
RM*	radical mastectomy; room
RMA	right mentoanterior
RML	right medial lobe (lung)
RMP	right mentoposterior
RMT	right mentotransverse
RN	registered nurse
RNA	ribonucleic acid
Rnase	ribonuclease
RND	radical neck dissection
ROA	right occipital anterior
ROD	resident on duty
ROM	range of motion or rupture of membranes
ROP*	retinopathy of prematurity; right occiput posterior
ROS	review of system
ROT	right occiput transverse
rot.	Rotation
RP	retinitis pigmentosa
rpm	revolutions per minute
RPR	Rapid plasma reagin
RPT	registered physical therapist
RQ	respiratory quotient
RR	Respiratory rate
RRD	rheumatogenous retinal detachment
RROM	resisted range of motion
RRT	Registered Respiratory Therapist
RSA	right sacrum anterior
RSBI	Rapid shallow breathing index
RSO	Right salpingo-oophorectomy
RSP	right sacrum posterior
RSR	regular sinus rhythm
RST	right sacrum transverse
RT*	recreational therapy; right thigh; respiratory therapy
RTC	return to clinic

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<b>RTW</b>	<b>Return to work</b>
<b>RU*</b>	<b>roentgen unit(s) +</b>
<b>RUE</b>	<b>Right upper extremity</b>
<b>RUL*</b>	<b>right upper lobe (lung); Right upper lid</b>
<b>RUQ</b>	<b>right upper quadrant</b>
<b>RV</b>	<b>residual volume</b>
<b>RVAD</b>	<b>Right ventricular assist device</b>
<b>RVH</b>	<b>Right ventricular hypertrophy</b>
<b>RVR</b>	<b>Rapid ventricular response</b>
<b>Rx</b>	<b>take, prescription</b>
<b>RXN</b>	<b>reaction</b>
<b>s/p</b>	<b>status post</b>
<b>S &amp; A</b>	<b>sugar and acetone</b>
<b>S/O</b>	<b>significant others</b>
<b>Ŝ</b>	<b>without</b>
<b>S*</b>	<b>subjective; single</b>
<b>S = D</b>	<b>size = dates</b>
<b>SaO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>Arterial oxygen saturation</b>
<b>SAB</b>	<b>Spontaneous abortion</b>
<b>SAH</b>	<b>Subarachnoid hemorrhage</b>
<b>SAM</b>	<b>Systolic anterior movement</b>
<b>sat.</b>	<b>saturated</b>
<b>SB*</b>	<b>scleral buckle; side bending</b>
<b>SBE</b>	<b>subacute bacterial endocarditis</b>
<b>SBP</b>	<b>Systolic blood pressure</b>
<b>SBP*</b>	<b>spontaneous bacterial peritonitis; systolic blood pressure</b>
<b>SBQC</b>	<b>Small-base quad cane</b>
<b>SBT</b>	<b>Spontaneous breathing trial</b>
<b>Schiz</b>	<b>schizophrenia</b>
<b>SCI</b>	<b>spinal cord injury</b>
<b>SCUF</b>	<b>Slow Continuous Ultra-Filtration</b>
<b>ScvO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>central venous oxygen saturation</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>standard deviation</b>
<b>SDD</b>	<b>selective digestive decontamination</b>
<b>SDH</b>	<b>subdural hematoma</b>
<b>SDS</b>	<b>same day surgery</b>
<b>SE</b>	<b>standard error</b>
<b>sec</b>	<b>secondary</b>
<b>SED</b>	<b>skin erythema dose</b>
<b>sed. rate</b>	<b>erythrocyte sedimentation rate</b>
<b>Seg*</b>	<b>Segmental/segmented neutrophil</b>
<b>SFA</b>	<b>Superficial femoral artery</b>
<b>SFV</b>	<b>Superficial femoral vein</b>
<b>SGA</b>	<b>Small for gestational age</b>
<b>SGOT</b>	<b>serum glutamic oxalacetic transaminase</b>
<b>SGPT</b>	<b>serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase</b>
<b>SH</b>	<b>social history</b>
<b>SHS</b>	<b>Student Health Services</b>
<b>SI*</b>	<b>suicidal ideation; sacroiliac</b>
<b>SIADH</b>	<b>syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone</b>
<b>SIB</b>	<b>Sibling</b>

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SICU	Surgical intensive care unit
sig*	let it be labeled; to write
SIMV	Synchronized intermittent mandatory ventilation
SIRS	Systemic inflammatory response syndrome
SL	sublingual under the tongue
SLE*	slit lamp examination; systemic lupus erthematosus
SLO	Scanning laser ophthalmoscopy
SLR	straight leg raising
SMD	senile macular degeneration
SNS	sympathetic nervous system
SOAP	subjective; objective; assessment, and plan
SOB	shortness of breath
Sochx	social history
sol	solution
SP	speech pathology
sp.gr.	specific gravity
sP*	without projection
spec.	specimen
SPEP	Serum protein electrophoresis
SPK	Superficial punctate keratitis
sq.cm.	square centimeter
SROM	spontaneous rupture of membranes
SS*	Social Service; sickle cell disease
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSD*	Supplemental security disability; Social Security Disability
SSI*	Supplemental Security Income; Slicing scale insulin
SSN	Social Security Number
SSP	short sit position
SSRI or SSUI	Serotonin specific uptake inhibitor
STAC	Sinus tachycardia
staph	staphylococcus
stat	at once
STD	sexually transmitted disease
STG	short term goal
Stillb.	Stillborn or stillbirth
STM	soft tissue mobilization
Str	strength
strep.	Streptococcus
STS	soft tissue swelling
STS	Society of thoracic surgery
STSG	Split-thickness skin graft
STV	Spontaneous tidal volume
sub-conj	subconjunctival
subcut.	Subcutaneous
subling.	Under the tongue, sublingual
SUC	Superior vena cava
SUPV'R	supervisor
Surg. Or surg.	Surgery of surgical
SV*	stroke volume; sinus venous
SV	Saphenous vein
SVC	slow vital capacity
SVD	Spontaneous vaginal delivery
Sv <sub>02</sub>	Mixed venous oxygen saturation



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SV0 <sub>2</sub>	Venous saturation
SVG	Saphenous vein graft
SVP	spontaneous venous pulsation
SVRI	System vascular resistance index
SVT	Supraventricular tachycardis
SW*	Stab wound; social worker
SWS	Social Work Services
sx	symptoms
sympat.	Sympathetic
syr	syrup
T/O	telephone order
T*	Trough; time; Testosterone
T & A	tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
T (thru T12)	thoracic vertebra or nerve root
T.Bil	Total bilirubin
T.Prot.	Total protein
T-Bar	Tracheotomy Bar
T-Piece	tracheotomy piece
T*	temperature; trace; tonometry
T&C	type and crossmatch
T3	triiodothyronine
T4	tetraiodothyromine; L-thyroxine
Ta*	tension by applanator; tonometry, applanation
tab.	Tablets
TAH	Total abdominal hysterectomy
TAH-BSO	total abdominal hysterectomy – bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy
TAT*	turnaround time; tetanus antitoxin; thematic appreception test
TAV	Third degree A-V block
TB	tuberculosis
TBA	to be admitted
TBG	thyroxine-binding globulin
TBI	Traumatic brain injury
TBP	thyroxine-binding protein
TBPA	thyroxine-binding prealbumin
tbsp.,T	tablespoon
TCA	Tricyclic Antidepressant
TCD	Topical cooling device
TCDB	turn, cough, deep breath
TED	Thrombo-Embolytic Device
TEE	Transesophageal echocardiography
TENS	transcutaneous nerve stimulation
TEP	Tracheoesophageal puncture
TEPA	triethylenephosphoramidate
TFL	tensor fascia lata
TFT	Thyroid function test
Th Ex	Therapeutic exercise
Th	therapy
THAM	TRIS-hydroymethyl aminoethane
THR	total hip replacement
TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack
TIBC	Total iron binding capacity

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<b>TID</b>	<b>three times a day</b>
<b>tinct.</b>	<b>Tincture</b>
<b>TKR</b>	<b>total knee replacement</b>
<b>TL</b>	<b>tubal ligation</b>
<b>TLC*</b>	<b>total lymphocyte count; Triple lumen catheter; total lung capacity</b>
<b>TLR</b>	<b>tonic labyrinthean reflex</b>
<b>Tm</b>	<b>maximun tubular excretory capacity (kidney)</b>
<b>TM(s)</b>	<b>tympenic membrane(s)</b>
<b>TMA</b>	<b>transmetatarsal amputation</b>
<b>TMJ</b>	<b>Temporomandibular joint</b>
<b>TMR</b>	<b>Trans myocardial revascularization</b>
<b>TNR</b>	<b>tonic neck reflex</b>
<b>TOA</b>	<b>Tubo-ovarian abscess</b>
<b>TOBRA</b>	<b>tobramycin</b>
<b>TOP</b>	<b>Termination of pregnancy</b>
<b>tox</b>	<b>toxicology</b>
<b>Toxo</b>	<b>toxoplasmosis</b>
<b>TP</b>	<b>total protein</b>
<b>TPA</b>	<b>tissue plasminogen activator</b>
<b>Tpalp</b>	<b>tonometry, palpation</b>
<b>Tpen</b>	<b>tonometry, tonopen</b>
<b>TPI</b>	<b>triphosphopyridine nucleotide, treponium pallidum</b>
<b>TPN</b>	<b>total parenteral nutrition</b>
<b>TPNH</b>	<b>triphosphopyridine nucleotide reduced form</b>
<b>TPR</b>	<b>temperature, pulse, respiration</b>
<b>Tr</b>	<b>Trace</b>
<b>Trab</b>	<b>trabeculectomy</b>
<b>TRAM</b>	<b>Transverse rectus abdominus muscle (flap)</b>
<b>Trans Branch</b>	<b>Transbronchial Biopsy</b>
<b>Trans. D</b>	<b>transverse diameter</b>
<b>TRD</b>	<b>traction retinal detachment</b>
<b>TRF</b>	<b>thyrotropin releasing factor</b>
<b>trich.</b>	<b>Trichomonas vaginitis</b>
<b>TRIG</b>	<b>Trigeminy</b>
<b>Ts</b>	<b>tension by Shiotz</b>
<b>TSCPC</b>	<b>trans-scleral cyclophotocoagulation</b>
<b>TSH</b>	<b>thyroid stimulating hormone</b>
<b>tsp.</b>	<b>Teaspoon</b>
<b>TSR</b>	<b>total shoulder replacement</b>
<b>TTE</b>	<b>Transthoracic Echocardiography</b>
<b>TUR</b>	<b>transurethral resection</b>
<b>TURBT</b>	<b>transurethral resection bladder tumor</b>
<b>TURP</b>	<b>Transurethral resection of the prostate</b>
<b>TV*</b>	<b>total volume; tidal volume; tricuspid valve</b>
<b>TVH</b>	<b>Total vaginal hysterectomy</b>
<b>TVR</b>	<b>Tricuspid valve replacement</b>
<b>TWG</b>	<b>total weight gain</b>
<b>Tx plan</b>	<b>treatment plan</b>
<b>TX or Tx*</b>	<b>Treatment; traction</b>
<b>u/l</b>	<b>one finger under umbilicus</b>
<b>U/O</b>	<b>Urine output</b>



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U/A	urinalysis
U + A	up and about
UC	uterine contraction
UCBSM	University Center for Bloodless Surgery & Medicine
UCHD	usual childhood diseases
UE	upper extremity
UF	Ultrafiltrate
UGI	upper gastrointestinal series
UGK	urine glucose keytone
UHPOC	University Hospital Psychiatric Outpatient Center
UMN	upper motor neuron
UN	Urea nitrogen
unilat	unilateral
UPJ	Ureteropelvic junction
URI	upper respiratory infection
Urol.	Urology or urological
US	ultrasound
USP	United States Pharmacopeia
UTI	urinary tract infection
UV	ultraviolet
V/O	verbal order
V	Vitreous
V.Fib	ventricular fibrillation
V.flu	Ventricular flutter
v.tach	Ventricular tachycardia
V(a)	Visual acuity
v*	venous; volt
VA*	Veterans Administration; visual acuity
VAC	Vacuum
VAD	venous access device
vag.	Vagina or vaginal
VAP	Ventilator Associated Pneumonia
VASD	Ventricular septal defect
VAVD	Vacuum assisted venous drainage
VBAC	Vaginal birth after cesarean
VC or vit.cap	vital capacity
VCG	vector cardiogram
VCU,VCUG	Voiding cystourethrogram
VD	venereal disease
VDRF	Ventilator dependent respiratory failure
VDRL	Venereal Disease Research Lab
VE	Minute ventilation
VER	Visual evoked response
VF	visual field
vg	very good
VH	vitreous hemorrhage
VIP	Voluntary interruption of pregnancy
Vit	vitamin
Viz	namely
VKH	Vogt Koyanagi Harada Syndrome
VMA	Vanillymandelic acid

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<b>VN(A)</b>	<b>Visiting Nurse (Association)</b>
<b>VNS</b>	<b>Visiting Nurse Service</b>
<b>Vol</b>	<b>volume</b>
<b>Vol%</b>	<b>volumes per cent</b>
<b>VP Shunt</b>	<b>ventriculo peritoneal shunt</b>
<b>VRE</b>	<b>vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus(i)</b>
<b>VRV</b>	<b>ventricular residual volume</b>
<b>vs</b>	<b>visited; vital signs</b>
<b>VSN</b>	<b>Visiting Nurse Service</b>
<b>VSS</b>	<b>vital signs stable</b>
<b>VT</b>	<b>ventricular tachycardia</b>
<b>VTAC</b>	<b>Ventricular tachycardia</b>
<b>VTX</b>	<b>Vertex</b>
<b>W/C</b>	<b>wheel chair</b>
<b>W*</b>	<b>wearing or present glass correction; Widowed</b>
<b>WB*</b>	<b>weight bearing; Whole blood</b>
<b>WBAT</b>	<b>weight bearing as tolerated</b>
<b>WBC*</b>	<b>White blood cells, white blood count; white blood corpuscles</b>
<b>WBQC</b>	<b>wide-base quad cane</b>
<b>WC</b>	<b>Work conditioning</b>
<b>WD, WN</b>	<b>well-developed, well-nourished</b>
<b>WF</b>	<b>White female</b>
<b>WFL</b>	<b>within functional limits</b>
<b>WH</b>	<b>Work hardening</b>
<b>WIC</b>	<b>Women Infant Child food program</b>
<b>wk</b>	<b>week</b>
<b>WNL</b>	<b>within normal limits</b>
<b>WP</b>	<b>whirlpool</b>
<b>WPW syndrome</b>	<b>Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome</b>
<b>wt.</b>	<b>Weight</b>
<b>Xclamp(XC)</b>	<b>Cross clamp</b>
<b>XT</b>	<b>exotropia</b>
<b>Y</b>	<b>yes</b>
<b>y.o.</b>	<b>year old</b>
<b>YAG</b>	<b>Yttrium Aluminum Garnet Laser</b>
<b>½NS</b>	<b>0.45% normal saline solution</b>
<b>¼NS</b>	<b>0.225% normal saline solution</b>

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### SYMBOLS

♂	Male
♀	Female
ψ	Psychiatry, Psychiatric
=	equals
+	positive
//	parallel
√	flexion
-	negative
↑	increase
↓	decrease
∅	no, none
/12	# months over 12
/52	# weeks over 52
/7	# days over 7
#	number
<	less than
>	greater than
≤	less than/equal to
≥	greater than/equal to