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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
U or u	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").	Write "units"
IU	international unit	Misread as "IV" (intravenous) or 10 (ten)	Write "International Unit"
qd or QD qod or QOD	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"	Write "daily" Write "every other day"
Trailing Zero (X.0mg); Lack of Leading Zero (.Xmg)		Decimal point is missed	Remember, "Always lead, never follow" 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)
MS MSO₄ MgSO₄	morphine sulfate or magnesium sulfate	Confused for one another – can mean morphine sulfate or magnesium sulfate	Write "magnesium Sulfate" or "morphine sulfate"

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(E)CW	(Essex) County Welfare
1/u	one finger over umbilicus
P/F	PaO ₂ /FiO ₂ ratio
100 hue	Farnsworth Munsell 100 hue test
2°	secondary
A/P	assessment/plan
A-P D	anteroposterior diameter
A-aP ₀₂	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 ₂ P ₂ and A ₂ P ₂	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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AEA	above elbow amputation
AEP	auditory evoked potential
AF	Atrial Fibrillation
AFB	Acid fast bacteria
AFDC	Aid to families with dependent children
AFI	amniotic fluid index
AFO	ankle foot orthosis
AFP	alpha fetoprotein
AFX	Air fluid exchange
AG, ag	antigen
AGA	appropriate for gestational age
AGE	acute gastroenteritis
AgNo₃	silver nitrate
AHF	antihemolytic factor
AHG	antihemophilic globulin
AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
AJ	ankle jerk
AK	above knee
AKA*	Alcoholic keto acidosis; above knee amputation; also known as
AL	arterial line
ALA	amino levulinic acid
alb	albumin
alk p'tase (alk phos)	alkaline phosphatase
ALK HT	heat stable alkaline phosphatase
ALK P FR	alkaline phosphatase fractionation
ALPC	Argon Laser Photocoagulation
ALS	amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
ALT	Alanine Aminotransferase
ALTP	Argon laser trabeculoplasty
am fl	amniotic fluid
AM	morning
AMA	against medical advise
Amb	ambulation
AMD or ARMD	Age related macular degeneration
AMI	Anterior Myocardial Infarction
amp	ampule
AMP	adenosine monophosphate
amt	amount
ANA	antinuclear antibody (blood test)
ANC	absolute neutrophil count
ANH	Acute Normovolemic Hemodilution
ANS	autonomic nervous system
Ant. Sag. D.	anterior sagittal diameter
ant*	anterior; antegrade
ante	before
Ao	Aortic
AO	atlantooccipital
Ao.Diss.	Aortic Dissection
AOB	alcohol on breath
AOG	age of gestation
AORN	Association of Operating Room Nurses
AP*	antepartum; anteroposterior

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APC	Acute Pericarditis
APD	Afferent Pupil Defect
APH	anterior pituitary hormone
APN	Advanced Practice Nurse
APRV	airway pressure release ventilation
aPTT	Activated partial thromboplastin time
AR*	Auto-refraction; aortic regurgitation
ARC	aids related complex
ARDS	adult respiratory distress syndrome
ARF	acute renal failure
AROM*	artificial rupture of membranes; active range of motion
AS	aortic stenosis
ASA	aspirin
ASAP	as soon as possible
ASC AO	Ascending Aorta
ASCVD	arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease
ASD	Atrial Septal Defect
ASHD	arteriosclerotic heart disease
ASIA	American Spinal Cord Injury Association
ASIS	anterior superior iliac spine
ASO	antistreptolysin O
AST	Aspartate Aminotransferase
ATC*	Around the clock; automatic tube compensation
atm	atmosphere
ATP	adenosine triphosphate
AUC	area under the curve
AV	atrioventricular
AVA	Aortic Valve Area
AVD	AVD Dissociation
AVM	arteriovenous malformation
AVN	avascular necrosis
AVNRT	Atrioventricular nodal re-entrant tachycardia
AVR	Aortic Valve Replacement
AVRT	Artioventricular re-entrant tachycardia
AX	axillary
B & S	Bartholin's and Skene's glands
B.E.E.	Basal energy expenditure
B.T.B.	Break Thru Bleeding
B₁₂	Vitamin B₁₂
Ba	barium
BACT	bacteria
BAL*	British antilewisite; bronchialveolar lavage
baso	basophile
BBB	bundle branch block
BBP	Before bypass
BC	birth control
BCG	Bacillus Calmette - Guerin
BCL	Bandage contact lens
BDR	Background Diabetic Retinopathy
BE*	base excess; barium enema; below elbow

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

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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
CBCD	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
CO₂	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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DTR	deep tendon reflexes
DTs	delirium tremens
DUB	dysfunctional uterine bleeding
DVI	digital visual imaging
DVR	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
DVT	deep vein thrombosis
Dx	diagnosis
DYFS	Division of Youth and Family Services
E.O.G.H.	East Orange General Hospital
E.R./ER	Emergency Room
E	Estrogen
EBL	estimated blood loss
ECA	External Carotid Artery
ECCE	extra capsular cataract extraction
ECF	extracellular fluid
ECG or EKG	electrocardiogram
ECHC	Essex County Hospital Center
ECHO virus	enterocytopathogenic human orphan virus
ECMO	Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation
ECT	electric convulsive therapy
ED	Emergency Department
EDC	expected date of confinement
EDH	epidural hematoma
EDTA	Edetate disodium
EDTA*	edathamil; Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid; edetic acid
EDW	Estimated Dry Weight
EDX	electrodiagnostic test
EECP	Enhanced external counter pulsation
EEG	electro encephalogram
EENT	eye, ear, nose, throat
EMG	electromyogram
ERV	expiratory reserve volume
ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
ESRD	End Stage Renal Disease
ETC0₂ (etCO₂)	end tidal carbon dioxide
FCE	functional capacity evaluation
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FDP	flexor digitorum profundus
FDS	flexor digitorum sublimis
Fe	iron
FEES	Fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing
Fem-Fem Graft	Femorafemoral Graft
Fem-Pop Graft	Femoralpopliteal Graft
Fem-Tib Graft	Femoral Tibial Graft
fERG	Focal electroretinogram
FES	functional electrical stimulation
FEV	forced expiratory volume
FFA	free fatty acid

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FH*	fundal height; family history
FHP	Foster home placement
FHR	fetal heart rate
FHS	fetal heart sounds
FiO₂	fractional inspired oxygen
fl	fluid
FL	Femur length (ultrasound)
Flex	flexion
Flex. Sig.	Flexible Sigmoidoscopy
FNA	Fine Needle Aspiration
FOB	Father of baby
FOI	Flight of ideas
FP	Family Planning
FRC	functional residual capacity
FS	fingerstick
FSH	follicle stimulating hormone
ft4	free T4
FT	full term
FTA	Flourescent treponemal antigen
FTT	failure to thrive
FUO	fever unknown origin
FVC	Forced vital capacity
FVER	Flash visual evoked responses
FWB	full weight bearing
Fx.	Fracture
G-1-P	glucose-Iphosphate
G-6-PD	glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase
GA	gastric analysis
GB	gallbladder
GC	gonococcal
GCE	general conditioning exercises
GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale
gct	Glucose Challenge Test
gds Tx	group & supportive therapy
GDX/HRT	glaucoma diagnostic imaging
Gen.	Generalized
GENTA	gentamicin
GERD	Gastroesophegeal Reflux Disease
GFR	glomerular filtration rate
GFX	Gas fluid exchange
GGTP	gamma-glutamic trasnferase
GH	growth hormone, anterior pituitary
GI	gastrointestinal
GIFT	gamete-in-intrafallopian tube transfer
gls	Eyeglasses
GLU	Glucose
gm	gram
GMC	General medical condition
gms	Grams
GNR	gram-negative rods
Gr*	gran; group

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grav	gravid
GCS	Glascow Coma Scale
GSW	gunshot wound
gtt	drop
GTT	glucose tolerance test
GU	genito urinary
Gyn	gynecology
H or h	hourly
H/O	history of
H.N.V.	Has not voided
H.S.	high school
H&H	hemoglobin and hematocrit
H&P	history & physical
H₂O	water
HA*	Homatropine; headache; Hydroxiapatite
ham	hamstrings
HAP	hospital-acquired pneumonia
HAV	Hallux abducto valgus
HB, Hb	hemoglobin
HC	head circumference (ultrasound)
HCAP	health care associated pneumonia
HCC	Home Care Coordinator
HCG	human chorionic gonadotrophin
Hct	hematocrit
HCVD	hypertensive cardiovascular disease
HD	Hemodialysis
HDL	high density lipoprotein
HEAP	Home Energy Assistance Program
HEENT	head, eyes, ears, nose & throat
HELLP Syndrome	hemolysis, elevated liver enzymes, and low platelet
Hemo	Hemoconcentrator
HEP	home exercise program
HFP	Hepatic function profile
Hgb	hemoglobin
HHA	Home Health Aid
HHC	Home Health Care
HHD	hypertensive heart disease
HHNK	hyperosmolar hyperglycemic non-ketotic acidosis
HI	homicidal ideation
HIPP	Hyperthermic Intra-Peritoneal Perfusion
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HKAO	hip knee ankle orthosis
HL	humeral length (ultrasound)
HM	hand movement
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HMS	Hepcon Management System
HN₂	a nitrogen mustard, methyl bis (B-chloroethyl)-amp
HNP	herniated nucleus pulposus
HNT	head, neck & trunk
HOB	head of bed
horiz	horizontal
HPF	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 st 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	lipotropic 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 ₃	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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MTB	Mycobacterium Tuberculosis
MTHFR	Methylene tetrahydrofolate reductase
MTP*	medial tibial plateau
MTPJ	metatarsal phalangeal joint
MUA	manipulation under anesthesia
MV	minute volume
MVA*	motor vehicle accident; Mitral valve area
mvmt	movement
MVR	Mital Valve Replacement
MVV	maximum voluntary ventilation
n	nerve
N-V	neurovascular
N/V	nausea or vomiting
N/G	nasogastric
N	normal, no
N₂O	nitrous oxide
Na.	sodium
NA*	Nursing assistant; non-aplicable
NaCl	sodium chloride
NAD*	nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide; no appreciable; no Acute/active disease OR no acute distress
NADP	nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate disease
NaHCO₃	Sodium Bicarbonate
NB	newborn
NBIMC	Newark Beth Israel Medical Center
NC*	Nasal cannula; no charge
NC/AT	normal cephalic atraumatic
NCA	Nutrition Care Assistant
NCV	nerve conduction velocity
NEC	necrotizing enterocolitis
NEFA	non-esterified fatty acids
neg	negative
neuro	neurology or neurological/neurologic
ng	nanogram
NGT	Nasogastric tube
NHP	Nursing home placement
NICU	neuro intensive care unit
NIDDM	non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
NIF	Negative inspiratory force
NIPPV	non-invasive positive pressure ventilation
NIV	non-invasive ventilation
NKA	no known allergies
NKDA	No known drug allergies
NL	Normal
NLP	no light perception
NN	normal nursery, newborn nursery
no.	number
noct.	at night
NOS	not otherwise specified
NP	Nurse Practitioner
NPC	Near point of convergence

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NPD	Newark Police Department
NPDR	non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy
NPFA	no previous films available
NPH	insulin-neutral protein insulin
NPN	non-protein nitrogen
NPO	nothing by mouth
NRB	Non re-breather
NS*	neurosurgery or no show; normal saline solution (0.9%)
NSA	no significant abnormality
NSAID	non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
NSR	normal sinus rhythm
NST	Non stress test
NSVD	normal spontaneous vaginal delivery
NT	nasotracheal
NV*	neovascularization; Near vision
NVD*	neovascularization of optic disc; nausea, vomiting, diarrhea;
NVE	neo-vascularization elsewhere
NVG	neo-vascular glaucoma
NWB	non weight bearing
NWK	Newark
NYHA	New York Heart Association
O.R.	Operating Room
O₂	Oxygen
O₂sat	oxygen saturation
OA*	Occiput anterior; osteoarthritis/operative arthroscopy
Ob/Gyn	Obstetrics and Gynecology
Ob	Obstetrics
OBS	organic brain syndrome
OC*	Oral Contraceptives; obstetrical conjugate
OCD	obsessive-compulsive disorder
OCG	oral cholecystogram
OCN	Oncology Certified Nurse
OCT	Optical coherence tomography
OGT	Oro-Gastric tube
OHS*	Open heart surgery; obesity hypoventilation syndrome
oint	ointment
OM	Obuse marginal
OMFS	Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
OMS*	organic mental syndrome; Occupational Medicine Services
ONC	Oncology
ONS	Overnight stay
OOB	out of bed
OP or op*	light perception; Occiput posterior; operation
OPCAB	Off pump coronary artery bypass
OPD	outpatient department
OPG	Ocular Pneumo-Olethysmography
Ophth.	Ophthalmology
OPT or PDT	ocular photodynamic therapy
ORIF	open reduction internal fixation
Ortho	Orthopedics
OT*	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 ₂	pulmonic second sound
P ₃	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 ₂	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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PNP	pediatric nurse practitioner
PNS	peripheral nervous system
Pnthx	pneumothorax
po	by mouth
PO/Post-op	Post-operative
PO.1	occlusion pressure
PO ₄	Phosphate
POC	products of conception
POCT	point of care testing
POD	post-operative day
polys.	Polymorphonuclearleucocytes
poplit.	Popliteal
Post BUN	postdialysis blood urea nitrogen
post. Sag. D.	posterior sagittal diameter
PP day	post partum day
PP	pressure patch
PPBS	post prandial blood sugar
PPD	purified protein derivative test for tuberculosis
PPH*	Persistent pulmonary hypertension or Primary pulmonary hypertension
PPL	pars plana lensectomy
ppm	parts per million
PPP	Platelet Poor Plasma
PPROM	prolonged PROM
PPV	pars plana vitrectomy
pr	per rectum
PRBC	packed red blood cells
pre-op	pre-operative
preg.	Pregnancy, pregnant
prep	prepare
Press	Pressure
prev.	Previous
PRK	Photorefractive keratectomy
prn	whenever necessary
PRO	protein
Prog	prognosis
PROM	passive range of motion or premature rupture of membranes
PRP*	Pan-retinal photocoagulation; Platelet Rich Plasma
PSA	prostate specific antigen
psi	pounds per square inch
PSIS	posterior superior iliac spine
PSP	phenolsulfonphtalein test
PSV*	Premature supraventricular, pressure support ventilations
PSVT	paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia
psych	psychiatry, psychiatric, psychological
pt*	patient; pint
PT*	prothrombin time; physical therapy
PTA*	prior to admission; Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty; Posterior tibial artery; Physical Therapy Assistant; plasma thromboplastin antecedent
PTC*	Pseudo-tumor Cerebri; plasma thromboplastin component
PTCA	Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
PTD	prior to delivery
PTFE	Polytetrafluoroethylene Graft

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PTH	parathyroid hormone
PTK	Phototherapeutic keratectomy
PTL	Preterm labor
PTT	partial thromboplastin time
PTV	Posterial tibial vein
PTX	Pneumothorax
PUD	Peptic ulcer disease
PV	peripheral vascular, plasma volume
PV	Pulmonary valve
PV*	Popliteal vein
PVC	premature ventricular contraction
PVD	posterior vitreous detachment
PVD	Peripheral vascular disease
PVRI	Pulmonary vascular resistance index
PWB	partial weight bearing
Px*	Procedure
PZI	protamine zinc insulin
q.n.s.	quantity not sufficient
q*	every; flow
q2H	every 2 hours
q4h	every 4 hours
qh	every hour
qid	four times a day
qs	sufficient quantity
qt	quarts
quad	quadreplegic
QUAD	Quadrigeminy
quad.	Quadriceps or quadriplegic
quant.	Quantative or quantity
R/O or RO	rule out
R*	respiration; right
RA*	Right atrium; rheumatoid arthritis
RAE	Right atrial enlargement
RAI	radioactive iodine
RAN	Resident's admission notes
RAP	Retro-Autologus Priming
RAPD	Reverse afferent pupillary defect
RBBB	right bundle branch block
RBC	red blood count, red blood cells
RC*	rod cone degeneration; Respiratory Care
RCA	Right cononary artery
RD*	right deltoid; Retinal detachment; registered dietician
RDS	respiratory distress syndrome
reeval	reevaluation
REF	Referral/referred
Rehab.	Rehabilitation Medicine
REM*	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
RLL*	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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RTW	Return to work
RU*	roentgen unit(s) +
RUE	Right upper extremity
RUL*	right upper lobe (lung); Right upper lid
RUQ	right upper quadrant
RV	residual volume
RVAD	Right ventricular assist device
RVH	Right ventricular hypertrophy
RVR	Rapid ventricular response
Rx	take, prescription
RXN	reaction
s/p	status post
S & A	sugar and acetone
S/O	significant others
Ŝ	without
S*	subjective; single
S = D	size = dates
SaO₂	Arterial oxygen saturation
SAB	Spontaneous abortion
SAH	Subarachnoid hemorrhage
SAM	Systolic anterior movement
sat.	saturated
SB*	scleral buckle; side bending
SBE	subacute bacterial endocarditis
SBP	Systolic blood pressure
SBP*	spontaneous bacterial peritonitis; systolic blood pressure
SBQC	Small-base quad cane
SBT	Spontaneous breathing trial
Schiz	schizophrenia
SCI	spinal cord injury
SCUF	Slow Continuous Ultra-Filtration
ScvO₂	central venous oxygen saturation
SD	standard deviation
SDD	selective digestive decontamination
SDH	subdural hematoma
SDS	same day surgery
SE	standard error
sec	secondary
SED	skin erythema dose
sed. rate	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
Seg*	Segmental/segmented neutrophil
SFA	Superficial femoral artery
SFV	Superficial femoral vein
SGA	Small for gestational age
SGOT	serum glutamic oxalacetic transaminase
SGPT	serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase
SH	social history
SHS	Student Health Services
SI*	suicidal ideation; sacroiliac
SIADH	syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone
SIB	Sibling

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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 ₀₂	Mixed venous oxygen saturation

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SV0 ₂	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 apperception 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-hydroxymethyl aminoethane
THR	total hip replacement
TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack
TIBC	Total iron binding capacity

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

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

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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