

ante	before	AIH	artificial insemination husband	ASTIG	astigmatism
A&D	admit & discharge	AK	above knee	ATP	adenosine triphosphate
A&P	auscultation percussion	AKA	above knee amputation	auto	automobile
A-P	anterior posterior	ALA	aminolevulinic acid	a.u	each ear
A/G	albumin-globulin ratio	alb	white	AV	atrioventricular
AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm	alk	alkaline	ax	axillary
AB	abortion/abnormal/abdominal	ALL	acute lymphocytic leukemia	B&B	bowel & bladder
A2	aortic second sound	ALS	amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	Ba	barium
AAL	anterior axillary line	ALT	alanine aminotransferase	BaE	barium enema
AAROM	active assistive range of motion	ama	against medical advice	bal	bath
abd	abdomen	amb	ambulate	Basos	basophils
ABG	arterial blood gas	AMI	acute myocardial infarction	BB	blow bottles
ABO	ABO incompatibility	AML	acute myelogenous leukemia	BBB	blood-brain barrier
a.c	before eating (ante cebum)	AMML	acute myelomonocytic leukemia	BCP	birth control pill
ACD	absolute cardiac dullness	AMP	adenosine monophosphate	BE	barium enema
ACE	angiotensin converting enzyme/adrenal cortical extract	ANA	antinuclear antibodies	BER	basic electrical rhythm
ACL	anterior cruciate ligament	ANS	autonomic nervous system	bib	drink
ACLS	advanced cardiac life support	AODM	adult onset diabetes mellitus	BID	twice daily
ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone	AP	antepartum/anterior-posterior	BK	below the knee
ACVD	acute cardiovascular disease	Ap	apical	BKA	below knee amputation
a.d	right ear	APM	arterial pressure monitoring	BM	bowel movement
AD	Alzheimer's disease	aq	water (aqua)	BMR	basal metabolic rate
ADH	antidiuretic hormone	ARDS	adult respiratory distress syndrome	BP	blood pressure
ADL	activities daily living	ARF	acute respiratory failure or acute renal failure	BPD	bronchopulmonary displasia
ADP	adenosine diphosphate	AROM	active range of motion	BPH	benign prostatic hypertrophy
adst	present	AS	aortic stenosis	Br	breastfeeding
AE	above elbow	ASA	aspirin (acetosalycilic acid)	BrC	breast care
AFB	acid fast bacilli	a.s	left (sinister) ear	Bronch	bronchoscopy
Afib	atrial fibrillation	ASCVD	arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease	BS	bowel sounds
ag	increases	ASHD	arteriosclerotic heart disease	BSA	body surface area
AGA	appropriate gestational age	ASO	arteriosclerosis obliterans	BSC	bedside commode
AI	aortic insufficiency	Asst	assistance	BSD	bedside drainage
AIDS	acquired immune deficiency syndrome	AST	aspartate aminotransferase	BSNA	bowel sounds normal & active
				BUN	blood urea nitrogen
				BUR	back up rate ventilator
				BUS	Bartholin urethra skenes



bx	biopsy		imaging	CVMS	clean voided midstream urine
C&S	culture & sensitivity	CMS	circulation motion sensation	CVP	central venous pressure
C	cervical	CMV	cytomegalovirus	CVS	chorionic villi sampling
č	without	cn	cranial nerves	CVU	cerebrovascular unit
c/m	counts per minute	CNM	Certified Nurse Midwife	CW	closed ward
C/S	cesarean section	CNP	continuous negative airway pressure	CXR	chest x-ray
CA	Neoplasm/cancer			CXy	chest x-ray
Ca	calcium	CNS	central nervous system	cysto	cystoscopic examination
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft	co	cardiac output	D	day
CAC	cardioacceleratory center	CO2	carbon dioxide	D5W	5% dextrose/water solution
CAD	coronary artery disease	COAD	chronic obstructive airway disease	D&C	dilation curettage
cAMP	cyclic AMP	COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	D/C	discharge or discontinue
Cancer	Malignant neoplasm			D/R	dayroom
caps	capsule	CORD	chronic obstructive respiratory disease	DDST	Denver Developmental Screening Test
CAT	computerized axial tomography				
cath	catheterize	CORF	comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility	DE	dose equivalent
CBC	complete blood count			DEA	Drug Enforcement Agency
CC	chief complaint	CP	cerebral palsy	decub	decubitus ulcer
CCK	cholecystokinin	CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure	Dep	dependent
CCU	coronary care unit			derm	relating to
CDH	congenital dislocation hip	CPD	cephalopelvic disproportion		dermis/dermatology/skin
CEA	carcinoembryonic antigen	CPM	continuous passive motion	DEXA	dual energy x-ray absorptiometry
CF	cystic fibrosis	CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	DHEA	dehydroepiandrosterone
CHD	congenital heart disease	CPT	chest physical therapy	DHT	dihydrotestosterone
CHF	congestive heart failure	CRF	chronic renal failure	DIC	disseminated intravascular coagulopathy
chr	chronic	CRH	corticotropic releasing hormone		
CIC	cardioinhibitory center	crit	hematocrit	DIF	direct immunofluorescence
CI	chloride	CRP	C-reactive protein	Diff	differential (white blood) count
CLC	creative living center	CS	central service/cesarean section	DIP joint	distal interphalangeal joint
CLL	chronic lymphatic leukemia	CSF	cerebrospinal fluid	Disp	disposition
cm	centimeter	CT	computerized tomography/CAT	DJD	degenerative joint disease
CMC	carpometacarpal	CTS	carpal tunnel syndrome	DM	diabetes mellitus
CMG	cystometrogram	CTZ	chemoreceptor trigger zone	DMD	Duchenne muscular dystrophy
CMHC	community mental health center	CV	cardiovascular	DME	durable medical equipment
CML	chronic myelogenous leukemia	CVA	cerebrovascular accident	DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
CMRI	cardiac magnetic resonance	CVL	central venous line	DNR	do not resuscitate



DOB	date of birth	en	enema clyster	fluro	fluoroscopy
DOE	dyspnea on exertion	eng	engorged	FM	face mask
DOI	date of injury	ENT	ear nose throat	FMG	fine mesh gauze
dolent	aching	EOG	electrooculography	FNP	Family Nurse Practitioner
DPT	diphtheria pertussis tetanus	EOM	extraocular motion	fort	strong
DR	delivery room	EOMI	extraocular motion intact	FP	family planning
DRG	dorsal root ganglia or diagnosis related group	EOP	external occipital protuberance	FR	family relationship
DSA	digital subtraction angiography	Eosins	eosinophils	FRA's	flexor reflex afferents
DSR	dynamic spatial reconstructor	ER	emergency room or endoplasmic reticulum	fractured	fracture
DSS	dioctyl sulfosuccinate	ERG	electroretinogram	FRAT	free radical assay test
DSU	day surgery unit	ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate	FSE	fetal scalp electrode
DTs	delirium tremens	ESRD	end stage renal disease	FSH	follicle stimulating hormone
DTRs	deep tendon reflexes	EST	electroshock therapy	FTSG	full thickness skin graft
DUB	dysfunctional uterine bleed	ESWL	extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy	FTT	failure to thrive
DVT	deep vein thrombosis			F/U or FU	follow-up
DX	diagnosis	ET	endotracheal	FUO	fever unknown origin
E&M	evaluation and management	ETOH	alcohol	FVC	forced vital capacity
EBL	estimated blood loss	EVR	evoked visual response	fx	fracture
EBV	Epstein-Barr virus	EX	examination	G	gram
ECF	extended care facility or extracellular fluid	exam	examination	GALT	gut-associated lymphoid tissue
ECG	electrocardiogram	ext	extremity or external	gav	gavage
ECHO	enterocytopathogenic human orphan	FB	foreign body	GB	gallbladder
ECMO	extracorporeal membrane oxygenation	FBR	foreign body removal	GH	growth hormone
ECT	emission computerized tomography	FBS	fasting blood sugar	G.I	gastrointestinal
EEG	electroencephalogram	FDP	fibrin degradation products	GIFT	gamete intrafallopian transfer
EENT	eye ear nose & throat	Fe	iron	GLC	gas liquid chromatography
EGA	estimated gestational age	feb	fever	Gly	glycerin
EGD	esophagus stomach duodenum	FEV	forced expiratory volume	GMP	guanosine monophosphate
EKG	electrocardiogram	FFP	fresh frozen plasma	GnRH	gonadotropin-releasing hormone
EM	electron microscope/micrograph	FFS	fee for service	GS	general surgeon
EMG	electromyogram	FH	family history	GSR	galvanic skin response
		FHT	fetal heart tone	gsw	gunshot wound
		Fib	fibrillation	GTF	glucosyl tranferase
		fibular	fibula	GU	genitourinary
		fl	fluid	Gu	guiac
				gyn	gynecology



H	hertel measurement	HMS	hepatosplenomegaly	II	icteric index
H&H	hemoglobin & hematocrit	HOB	head of bed	IM	internal medicine/intramuscular
H&P	history physical	HORF	high output renal failure	IMV	intermittent mandatory ventilation
HA	Headache	HPs	hot packs	indep	independent
HAA	hepatitis antigen B	HPF	high power field	inj	injection
HAAb	hepatitis antibody A	HPG	human pituitary gonadotropin	IOP	intraocular pressure
HaAg	hepatitis antigen A	HPI	history of the present illness	IP	intrapertoneal
HAI	hemagglutination test	HPL	human placental lactogen	IP joint	interphlangeal joint
HAV	hepatitis A virus	HR	heart rate	IPPB	intermittent positive pressure breathing
Hb	hemoglobin	HSBG	heelstick blood gas		
HBsAb	hepatitis surface antibody B	HSG	hysterosalpingography	IQ	intelligence quotient
HBcAg	hepatitis antigen B	HSV	herpes simplex virus	ISC	infant servo-control
HBD	hydroxybutyryl dehydrogenase	Ht	height	ISG	immune serum globulin
HBeAb	hepatitis antibody Be	HTN	hypertension/ hypertensive	iu	international units
HBeAg	hepatitis antigen Be	HVA	homovanillic acid	IUD	intrauterine device
Hbg	hemoglobin	Hx	history	IV	intravenous
HBO	hyperbaric oxygen	I&D	incision & drainage	IVC	intravenous cholangiography
HBP	high blood pressure	I&O	intake & output	IVF	in vitro fertilization
HBsAb	hepatitis antibody B	Id31	radioactive iodine	IVH	intraventricular hemorrhage
HBsAg	hepatitis antigen B	IA	intra-arterial	IVP	intravenous pyelogram
HBV	hepatitis B virus	IABP	intra-aortic balloon pump	JODM	juvenile onset diabetes mellitus
hCG	human chorionic gonadotropin	IBS	irritable bowel syndrome	JVD	jugular venous distention
HCl	hydrochloric acid	IBW	ideal body weight	K	potassium
Hct	hematocrit	IC	infant care	KCL	potassium chloride
Hctz	hydrochlorothiazide	ICF	intermediate care facility	KJ	knee jerk
HCVD	hypertensive cardiovascular disease	ICH	cerebral hemorrhage	KUB	kidney-ureter-bladder
HD	hip disarticulation or hemodialysis	ICP	intracranial pressure	L	left or lumbar
HDL	high density lipoproteins	ICS	intercostal space	L-S	lumbosacral
HEENT	head eyes ears nose throat	ICSH	interstitial cell-stimulating hormone	LA	left atrium
Hg	mercury	ICU	intensive care unit	LAD	left anterior descending
Hg/Hgb	hemoglobin	ID	intra-dermal or infective dose	LAP	leucine aminopeptidase
HGH	human growth hormone	IDDM	insulin dependent diabetes mellitus	LAT	lateral
HIAA	hydroxyindolacetic acid	IDH	isocitric dehydrogenase	LAVH	laparoscopic assisted vaginal hysterectomy
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus	IDM	infant diabetic mother	LB	legbag
HMD	hyaline membrane disease	IH	infectious hepatitis	LBB	left bundle branch



LBP	lower back pain	LTH	lactogenic/luteotropic hormone	MOM	milk magnesia
LD	lethal dose	LUL	left upper lobe	mono	monocyte
LDH	lactate dehydrogenase	luq	left upper quadrant	MP joint	metacarpopharangeal joint
LDL	low-density lipoproteins	LV	left ventricle	MPD	maximum permissible dose
LE	lower extremity or lupus erythematosus	lymphs	lymphocytes	MR	mitral regurgitation
LEEP	loop electrocautery excision procedure	lytes	electrolytes	MRA	magnetic resonance angiography
LGA	large for gestational age	M	manifest refraction	MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
LH	luteinizing hormone	M1	mitral first sound	mRNA	messenger RNA
LHR	leukocyte histamine release	M2	mitral second sound	MS	multiple sclerosis
lido	lidocaine	MA1	volume respirator	MSH	melaocyte-stimulating hormone
LKS	liver kidney spleen	MCH	mean corpuscular hemoglobin	MSLT	multiple sleep latency testing
LLETZ	loop excision cervix uterus	MCHC	mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration	MTM	metamucil
LLL	left lower lobe	MCL	midclavicular line	MTP	metatarsophalangeal
LLQ	left lower quadrant	MCP	metacarpophalangeal	multip	multipara pregnant
LM	light microscope/micrograph	MCT	mediastinal chest tube	MVP	mitral valve prolapse
LMD	local medical doctor	MCV	mean corpuscular volume	MWS	Mickety-Wilson syndrome
LML	left medio lateral position	MD	muscular dystrophy	MYOP	myopia
LML	left middle lobe of lung	MDD	manic-depressive disorder	N	normality
LMN	lower motor neuron	Mec	meconium	N&V	nausea vomiting
LMP	last menstrual period	MED	minimal effective dose	Na	sodium
LMS	left mentum anterior position	meds	medications	NaCl	salt
LMT	left mentum transverse position	mEq	milliequivalent	NAT	nonaccidental trauma
LOC	loss consciousness	mEq/l	milliequivalent per liter	NB	newborn
LOM	limitation motion	MFD	minimum fatal dose	NBICU	newborn intensive care unit
LOP	left occiput posterior	mg	milligram	NBT	nitroblue tetrazolium
LOT	left occiput transverse	MG	myasthenia gravis	NCA	neurocirculatory asthenia
LP	lumbar puncture	MH	marital history	NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics
LR	lactated Ringer's	MHC	mental health clinic	NCV	nerve conduction & velocity
LRI	lower respiratory infection	MI	myocardial infarction	NE	norepinephrine
LS	lumbar sacral	ML	midline	NEC	not elsewhere classified
LSA	left sacrum anterior position	ml	milliliter	neg	negative
LSB	left sternal border	mm	millimeter	NF	National Formulary
LT	left	mmHg	millimeters mercury	NG	nasogastric
LTC	long term care	MMPI	Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory	NGU	non-gonococcal urethritis
				NICU	neonatal intensive care unit



NIDDM	non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus	oris	mouth	pH	hydrogen ion concentration - acid/base
NJ	nasojejunal	os	mouth	PH	past history
NKA no	known allergies	OST	oxytocin stress test	phos	phosphate
NKDA	no known drug allergies	OT	occupational therapy or oxytocin	PI	present illness
NKMA	no known medical allergies	OTD	organ tolerance dose	PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance	OTO	otology	PKU	phenylketonuria
NP	neuropsychiatry	o.u	eyes	PMHx	past medical history
NP-CPAP	nasopharyngeal positive airway pressure	P&A	percussion auscultation	PMI	point maximum intensity
NPN	nonprotein nitrogen	P+PD	percussion postural drainage	PMN	polynorphonuclear neutrophil leukocytes
NPO	nothing by mouth (nil per os)	P2	pulmonic 2nd sound	PN	pneumonia
NS	normal saline/not significant	PA	pulmonary artery	PNC	premature nodal contraction
NSAID	nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug	PAC	premature atrial contraction	PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
NSD	nominal standard dose	PAD	pulmonary artery diastolic	PNS	peripheral nervous system
NSR	normal sinus rhythm	PAH	para-aminohippurate	po	given orally (per or)
NST	nonstress test	PAP	papanicolaou	POD	post operative day
NSVB	normal spontaneous vaginal bleeding	PAR	post anesthesia recovery	polys	polymorphonuclear neutrophil leukocytes
NSVD	normal spontaneous vaginal delivery	PAT	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia	PER	problem oriented record
NT	nasotracheal/nontender	path	pathology	PP	after meals (postprandial)
NTE	neutral thermal environment	PBI	protein-bound iodine	pp	near point visual accommodation
O2	oxygen	pc	after meals (post cibum)	P.D.	percussion postural drainage
OB	obstetrics	PC	packed cells	P.H.	post partum hemorrhage
OB-GYN	obstetrics gynecology	PCG	phonocardiogram	P.P.	protamine paracoagulation
OC	oral contraceptive	PCN	penicillin	PPT	partial prothrombin time
OCT	ornithine carbamyl transterase	PCR	polymerase chain reaction	p.r	far point visual accommodation
o.d	right eye	PCT	positron-computed tomography	pr	per return
OFC	occipitofrontal circumference	PCV	packed cell volume	PRE's	progressive resistive exercises
oint	ointment	PD	postural drainage	previa	placenta previa
ONH	optic nerve head	PDA	patent ductus arteriosus	primip	primipara
ophth	ophthalmology	PDR	Physician's Desk Reference	PRL	prolactin
ORIF	open reduction internal fixation	PE	pulmonary embolism or physical examination	PRN	as necessary
o.s	left eye	Peds	pediatrics	PROM	premature rupture membranes
		PEG	pneumoencephalogram	PSA	prostate specific antigen
		PERRLA	pupils equal regular reactive	PSP	phenolsulfonphthalein
		PET	positron emission tomography		
		PFC	persistent fetal circulation		



PT	physical therapy	rlq	right lower quadrant	SEM	systolic ejection murmur or
Pt	patient	RMA	right mentum anterior		scanning electron microscope
PTB	patellar tendon bearing	RML	right middle lobe	Seno	Senokot
PTCA	percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty	RMP	right mentum posterior	SG	Swan-Ganz
PTH	parathyroid hormone	RMT	right mentum transverse	SGA	small gestational age
PU	pregnancy urine test	RN	Registered Nurse	SGOT	serum glutamic oxaloacetic acid - liver enzyme test(s)
PUD	peptic ulcer disease	RNA	Ribonecleic acid		
pulv	powder	ROA	right occiput anterior position	SGPT	liver enzyme test
PVC	premature ventricular contraction	ROM	range of motion	SH	social history
PVD	premature ventricular depolarization	ROP	right occiput posterior position	SHBG	sex hormone binding globulin
PVL	paraventricular leukomalasia	ROS	review of systems	SI joint	sacro-iliac joint
PZI	protamine zinc insulin	RP	retrograde pyelogram	SIDS	sudden infant death syndrome
QID	4 times daily	RPR	venereal disease report	SISI	short increment sensitivity index
qs	quantity sufficient	RR	recovery room	s.l	sublingual
R	respiration	RRA	registered record administrator	SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus
r	roentgen	RRNA	ribosomal riboneucleic acid	SMO	slip made out
R/O	rule out	RRR	regular rate & rhythm	SNF	skilled nursing facility
RA	rheumatoid arthritis	RS	reducing substances	S.O.A.P	subjective objective assessment plan
RBB	right bundle branch	RSV	respiratory syncytial virus	SOB	shortness of breath
RBC	red blood cell or red blood cell count	RT	right	sol	solution
RBOW	ruptured bag water	RTC	return to clinic	SP or S/P	status post
RCD	relative cardiac dullness	RUL	right upper lobe	SpGr	specific gravity
RDS	respiratory distress syndrome	RUQ	right upper quadrant	SQ	subcutaneous
RE	reticuloendothelial system	Rx	prescription	SROM	spontaneous rupture membranes
REM	rapid eye movement	RxN	reaction	SSE	soap suds enema
resp	respiration	s	left (sinister)	ST	sinus tachycardia
Rh	Rhesus / blood factor	š	without	staph	staphylococcus
RHD	rheumatic heart disease	S	sacral	STAT	immediately
RIA	radioimmunoassay	S&A	sugar acetone	STD	sexually transmitted disease
RL	Ringer's lactate	S/P	status post	STH	somatotropic hormone
RLE	right lower extremity	SA	sinoatrial node	strep	streptococcus
RLF	rentrolental fibroplasia	SAH	subarachnoid hemorrhage	STS	serology test for syphilis
RLL	right lower lobe	SB	sinus bradycardia	STSG	split thickness skin graft
		SBFT	small bowel follow through	STU	skin test unit
		s.c	subcutaneous	Subcu	subcutaneous
		SCI	spinal cord injury		

SUBQ	subcutaneous	TPR	temperature pulse respiration	VD	venereal disease
supp	suppository	Tr	trace	VDH	valvular disease, heart
Sv	scalp vein	TRF	thyrotropin releasing factor	VDRL	venereal disease report
Sx	symptom or surgery	TRH	thyrotropin releasing hormone	VF	ventricular fibrillation or vision field
T&C	type crossmatch	tRNA	transfer ribonucleic acid	VIP	vasoactive intestinal peptide
T	temperature or thoracic	Ts	tension Schiotz	Vit	vitamin
T tubule	transverse tubule	TSH	thyroid stimulating hormone	VLDL	very low-density lipoproteins
T&A	tonsils adenoids	TTN	transient tachypnea newborn	VO	verbal order
T,C,DB	turn cough deep breathe	TUR	transurethral resection	VP	voiding pressure
TA	tension applanation	TURP	transurethral resection prostate	VPC	ventricular premature contraction
tab	tablet	TWE	tap water enema	VPRC	volume packed red cells
tach	tachycardia	Tx	treatment	VS	vesicular sound
TAT	tetanus antitoxin	U/A or UA	urinalysis	VSD	ventricular septal defect
Tb or TB	tuberculosis	U & C	usual & customary	vv	veins
Tbc	tuberculosis	UAC	umbilical artery catheter	W-D	wet dry
TBG	thyroxine	UC	uterine contractions or unit clerk	w/HSBH	warmed heelstick blood gas
TBSA	total body surface area	UCD	usual childhood diseases	WB	whole blood
TDF	testis determining factor	UCHD	usual childhood diseases	WBC	white blood cell(s) or white blood [cell] count
Temp	temperature	UE	upper extremity	W/C or WC	wheelchair
TENS	transcutaneous electrical neurostimulator	UFR	uroflowmetry	WCC	well child care
TFT	transfer factor test	UGI	upper gastrointestinal	WD	well developed
THA	total hip arthroplasty	ulnar	ulna	WLS	wet lung syndrome
THC	tetrahydrocannabinol	UM	unit manager	WN	well nourished
TI	tricuspid insufficiency	UMN	upper motor neuron	WNL	within normal limits
TIA	transient ischemic attack	ung	ointment	Wt	weight
TIBC	total iron binding capacity	UPP	urethra pressure profile	x	except
tib	tibia	ur	urine	Y-O	year-old
TKA	total knee arthroplasty	URI	upper respiratory infection	ZIFT	zygote intrafallopian transfer
TM	tympanic membrane	URN	utilization review nurse	zygoma	zygomatic arch
TMJ	temporomandibular joint	US	ultrasound	zygomatic	zygomatic arch
TNS	transcutaneous nerve stimulator	UTI	urinary tract infection		
TO	telephone order	UV	ultraviolet		
TOA	tubo-ovarian abscess	UVC	umbilical vein catheter		
TP	total protein	V	ventricular		
TPN	total parenteral nutrition	Va	visual acuity		
		VCG	vectorcardiogram		



Useful Medical Abbreviations

