

BEST MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS GUIDE



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Medication Forms

Cap - Capsule	sl- Sublingual
Comp - Compound	ext- extraxt
Elix - Elixir	ug - ointment
IM - Imtramuscular	syr - syrup
IV - Intravenous	subcu, SQ, SC - Subcutaneous
Liq - Liquid	SOS - if required
Tab - Tablet	O2 - oxygen
Tinct - Tincture	aq - water
po- by mouth	c - with
NPO - Nothing by mouth	s - without
IVPB - Intravenous piggyback	amp - ampule
gtts - drops	supp - suppository

Times of Medications Administration

ac - before meals	ud - as directed
ad lib - freely, as desired	qh - every hour
am - morning	q2h - every two hours
h, hr - hour	q3h - every three hours
hs - at bedtime	q4h - every four hours
pc - after meals	qid - four times daily
pm - afternoon	stat - immediately
prn - as needed, whenever necessary	tid - three times daily
q- each, every	qam- every morning
ud - as directed	

Prescription Directions		
AD - Right Ear	ad lib - as directed	AS - left ear
AU - both ears	NG - nasogastric	Sig - directions for use
VO - verbal order	OD - right eye	OS - left eye
OU - both eyes	QS - as much as desired	R - rectal
TO - telephone order	SO - standing order	

Weights and Measurements		
Amt - amount	C - centigrade	F - Fahrenheit
cc - cubic centimeter	gm - gram	M - meter
mEq - millequivalents	gal - gallon	# - number
oz - ounce	kg - kilogram	qs - quantity sufficient
mcg - microgram	m mol - millimole	tbsp - tablespoon
mm - millimeter	mg milligram	ss- one-half
tsp - teaspoon	U - unit	wt - weight
aa - of each	ml - milliliter	mm Hg - millimeters of mercury
mosm - millosmole	ng - nanogram	

History and Admission of the Patient

ADM - Admission, admit	O - Objective	A & W - Alive and Well
CC - Cheif Complaint	C/O - Complants of	D/C or DC - Discontinue, discharge
PMH - past medical history	DX - diagnosis	ER - emergency room
FH - family history	F/U - follow-up	S - Subjective
H/O - History of	H&P - history and physical	HPI - history of present illness
Hx - history	N - normal	NA - not applicable
NKA - no known allergies	P - pain	PTA - Prior to admission
RXN - reaction	SH - social history	S & S signs and symptoms
TPR - termperature, pulse, and respirations	UK - Unknoww	WM - white make
WNL - within normal limits	W/U - work-up	YO - Year(s) old
WDWN - well-developed, well nourshed	VS - vital signs	WF - whie female
NEF - negaive	NC - non-comtributory	NAD - no acute distress

X-ray Studies Abbreviations

CXR - chest X-ray	IVP - intravenous pyelogram	CAT - computerized axial tomography
UGI - upper gastrintestinal study	BE - barium enema	MRI - magnetic resounce imaging

Labratory Test Abbreviations		
alb - albumin	ASO - antistreptolysin O titer	bili - bilirubin
CPK - creatiin phosphokinase	ESR - erythrocyte sedimentation rate	GTT - glucose tolerance test
HCT - hematocrit	K - potassium	LFT - liver function test
lytes - serum electrolytes	RBC - red blood cells	WBC - white blood cells
Na - sodium	Cl - chloride	PfT - pulmonary functin test
Plt - platelets	PTT - partial thrommboplastin time	RF - rheumatoid factor
sp. gr. - specific gravity	Seg - polymorphonuclear leukocytes	BCP - blood chemistry profile
T3 - triiodothyronine	TBG - thyroid binding globulin	UA - urinalysis
hgb - hemoglobin	CBC - complete blood count	BUN - blood urea nitrogen
diff. differential blood count	FBS - fasting blood sugar	HAA - Hepatitis Australian Antogen
SGOT - serum glutamic-pyruvic transaminase	MCH - mean corpuscular hemoglobin	MCHC - mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration
Chol - cholesterol	CO2 - Carbon dioxide	MCV - mean corpuscular volume
PMN - polymorphonuclear moncyte	PT - prothrombin time	retie - retriculocyte
Fe - iron	RFT - renal function tests	SMAC - Sequential Multiple Analyzer Computer
SR - sedimentation rate	T4 - thyroxine	TNTC - too numerous ot count
TP- total protein		

Medical and Medication-Related Conditions		
AF - atrial fibrillation	AI - aortic insufficiency	AKA - above the knee amputation
ARF - acute renal failure	ASCVD - Arteriosclerotic coronary vascular disease	ASHD - arteriosclerotic heart disease
BBB - bundle branch block	BPH - benign prostatic hypertrophy	Ca - carcinoma
CAD - coronary artery disease	CHF - congestive heart failure	CLL - chronic lymphocytic leukemia
CML - chronic myelogenous leukemia	CML - chronic myelogenousleukemia	COLD - chronic obstructive lung disease
COPD - chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	CRF - chronic renal failure	CVA - cerebrovascular disease
DJD - degenerative joint disease	DM - diabetes mellitus	DVT - deep vein thrombosis
ECG - electrocardiogram	FUO - fever of unknown origin	Fx - fracture
GERD - gastrointestinal reflux disease	HA - headache	HH - hiatal hernia
HTN - hypertension	IHSS - idiopathic hypertrophic subarctic stenosis	LAH - left atrial hypertrophy
LES - lower esophageal sphincter	MI - myocardial infarction	NIDDM - non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
PA - pernicious anemia	PAC - premature atrial contraction	PAT - paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
PND - paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea	PUD - peptic ulcer disease	PVC - premature ventricular contraction
PVD - peripheral vascular disease	RA - rheumatoid arthritis	RF - renal failure
RSR - regular sinus rhythm	RVH - right ventricular hypertrophy	SIADH - syndrome of inappropriate ADH secretion
SLE - systemic lupus erythematosus	SOB - shortness of breath	SVT - supraventricular tachycardia tuberculosis
TB - tuberculosis	TIA - transient ischemic attack	URI - upper respiratory infection
UTI - urinary tract infection	VF - ventricular fibrillation	

Anatomy and Physiology		
abd - abdomen	BM - bowel movment	BP - blood pressure
CNS - central nervous system	GI - gastrointestinal	ax - axillary
GU - genitourinary	RUQ - right upper quadrant	LLQ - left lower quadrant
LS - limbo-sacral	LUE - left upper extremity	LUQ left upper quadrant
TPR - temperature, pulse, respiration	VS - vital signs	

Drug Name		
ACTH - adrenocorticotropic hormone	ASA- aspirin	D5S - 5% dextrose in normal saline
D5W -5% dextrose in water	D10S - 10% dextrose in normal saline	D10W - 10% dextrose in water
D.S.S - dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate	EC - enteric coated	FA - folic acid
FeS04 - iron	Reg - regular insulin	5-FU - 5-fluorouracil
HC - hydrocortisone	MOM - milk of magnesia	KCl - potassium chloride
MVI - multiple vitamin infusion	NPH - neutral protamine Hagedorn insulin	NS - normal saline
PCN - penicillin	PPD - purified protein derivative	PZI - protamine zinc insulin
SSKI - saturated solution of potassium iodide		

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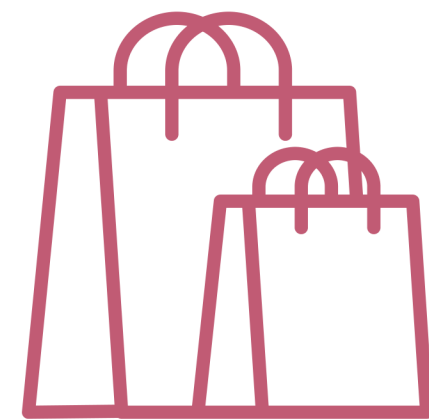
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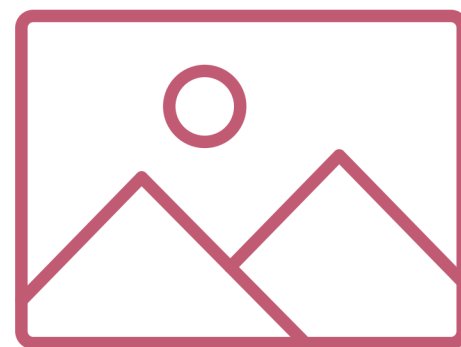
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