

Medical Abbreviation List

General Terms

- ABG – arterial blood gas
- ADM - admission, admitted
- ASAP - as soon as possible
- ALS - advanced life support
- AMA - against medical advice
- ASAP - as soon as possible
- A&W - alive and well
- C - centigrade, celsius
- CC - chief complaint
- C/O - complains of
- CO₂ - carbon dioxide
- DNR - do not resuscitate
- DO - disorder
- DOA - dead on arrival or date of admission
- DOB - date of birth
- EDC - estimated date of confinement
- EDD - estimated delivery date
- EGA - estimated gestational age
- ER - emergency room
- F - fahrenheit
- FNF - finger to nose
- H&P - history and physical examination
- HPI - history of present illness
- H/O - history of
- HR - heart rate or hour
- ICU - intensive care unit
- ID - infectious diseases
- IP - inpatient
- IQ - intelligence quotient
- MG - milligram
- MVA - motor vehicle accident
- ML - milliliter
- NKDA - no known drug allergies
- NTG - nitroglycerin
- O₂ - oxygen
- OPD - outpatient department
- P - pulse
- Post-op - postoperative (after surgery)
- Pre-op - preoperative (before surgery)
- PA or PT - patient
- PCP - primary care physician
- RBC - red blood cell
- RF - risk factor
- S - without
- SX - symptoms
- S/S - signs and symptoms
- STAT - immediately

- T - temperature
- TPR - temperature, pulse, respiration
- USOH - usual state of health
- VS - vital signs
- VSS - vital signs stable
- WB - whole blood
- WBC - white blood cell
- WNL - within normal limits

Prescription

- ABX - antibiotics
- AC - before meals
- Ad lib - at will, as desired
- BID - bis in dies (twice a day)
- CAP - capsule
- GTT - drop-liquid measurement
- MDD - maximum daily dose
- NPO - nothing by mouth
- OCP - oral contraceptive pill
- OPV - oral polio vaccine
- OTC - over the counter
- PC - after meals
- PCN - penicillin
- PNV - pre-natal vitamins
- PO - per os (by mouth)
- PRN - as needed
- q2h - every 2 hours
- q3h - every 3 hours
- qam - every morning
- qh - once every hour
- qhs - at bedtime
- qid - four times a day
- qpm - every evening
- RDI - recommended daily intake
- Rx - prescription, treatment
- TAB – tablet
- Tid – three times a day

Care

- AXR - abdominal x-ray
- BAL - blood alcohol level
- BC - birth control
- BE - barium enema
- BMT - bone marrow transplant
- Bx - biopsy
- CPR - cardiopulmonary resuscitation

- CXR - chest x-ray
- ECC - emergency cardiac care
- ECG or EKG - electrocardiogram
- ECMO - extracorporeal membrane oxygenation
- ECT - electroconvulsive therapy
- FB - foreign body
- FNA - fine needle aspiration
- FOBT - fecal occult blood testing
- GLT - glucose loading test
- GTT - glucose tolerance test
- hs - hour of sleep (bedtime)
- H2O - water
- I&D - incision and drainage
- IM - intramuscular
- I&O - intake and output
- IV - intravenous
- IUPC - intrauterine pressure catheter
- In vitro - in the laboratory
- In vivo - in the body
- KUB - kidney, ureter, bladder (x-ray)
- O GTT - oral glucose tolerance test
- PAP - pulmonary artery pressure
- PEEP - positive end expiratory pressure
- PT - physical therapy
- Rx - treatment
- UA - urinalysis
- US - ultrasound
- XRT - external radiation therapy

Diagnosis or Condition

- ADHD - attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
- AF - acid-fast
- AIDS - acquired immune deficiency syndrome
- A&O - alert and oriented
- AOB - alcohol on breath
- ARDS - adult respiratory distress syndrome
- ARF - acute renal failure, acute rheumatic fever
- BAD - bipolar affective disorder
- BM - bowel movement
- BP - blood pressure
- CA - cancer
- CAB - carotid artery bruit
- CABG - coronary artery bypass graft
- CAD - coronary artery disease
- CBC - complete blood count
- CF - cystic fibrosis
- C/F - chills, fever
- CFT - complement fixation testing

- CHD - congenital heart disease
- CHF - congestive heart failure
- COLD - chronic obstructive lung disease
- COPD - chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- CP - chest pain
- CP - cerebral palsy
- C/S - cesarean section
- CV - cardiovascular
- CVA - cerebral vascular accident (stroke)
- CXR - chest x-ray
- DTR - deep tendon reflex
- DVT - deep venous thrombosis
- Dx - diagnosis
- EBL - estimated blood loss
- EBV - Epstein-Barr virus
- EC - eye contact
- ECASA - enteric coated acetylsalicylic acid
- EGC - early gastric cancer
- FAS - fetal alcohol syndrome
- FB - foreign body
- F/C - fever, chills
- FEF - forced expiratory flow
- FHR - fetal heart rate
- FM - fetal movement
- FSE - fetal scalp electrode
- FSH - follicle stimulating hormone
- FT - full term
- FX - fracture
- GA - gestational age
- GH - growth hormone
- GHRH - growth hormone releasing hormone
- GI - gastrointestinal
- GLT - glucose loading test
- GSW - gunshot wound
- GTT - glucose tolerance test
- GU - genitourinary
- HA - headache
- HA - hemolytic anemia
- HAV - hepatitis A virus
- HBV - hepatitis B virus
- Hb - hemoglobin
- HCV - hepatitis C virus
- HDL - high density lipoprotein
- HDV - hepatitis D virus
- HIV - human immunodeficiency virus
- HPA - hypothalamic suppression test
- HR - heart rate
- HTN - hypertension
- IBD - inflammatory bowel disease
- IBS - inflammatory bowel syndrome
- ICP - intracranial pressure

- IDDM - insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
- IPF - idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
- IUI - intrauterine insemination
- IUP - intrauterine pregnancy
- IVF - in vitro fertilization
- IVIG - intravenous immune globulin
- IVP - intravenous push
- JCV - JC virus
- JRA - juvenile rheumatoid arthritis
- JVD - jugular venous distension
- LAD - leukocyte adhesion deficiency
- LBP - lower back pain
- LBW - low birth weight
- LIH - left inguinal hernia
- LOF - loss of fluid
- MD - muscular dystrophy
- MR - mental retardation
- MS - multiple sclerosis
- NAD - no acute distress
- Nat/O - birth
- NIDDM - non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
- NM - neuromuscular
- N/V - nausea vomiting
- NVD - normal vaginal delivery
- OCD - obsessive compulsive disorder
- ON - optic neuritis
- OSA - obstructive sleep apnea
- PD - Parkinson's disease
- PE - pulmonary embolism
- PKD - polycystic kidney disease
- PID - pelvic inflammatory disease
- PIH - pregnancy induced hypertension
- PMS - premenstrual syndrome
- PTSD - post-traumatic stress disorder
- RA - rheumatoid arthritis
- RAD - reactive airway disease
- RDS - respiratory distress syndrome
- REM - rapid eye movements
- RHD - rheumatic heart disease
- RXN - reaction
- SAB - spontaneous abortion
- SBO - small bowel obstruction
- SBS - shaken baby syndrome
- SOB - shortness of breath
- STD - sexually transmitted disease
- TAH - total abdominal hysterectomy
- TB - tuberculosis
- TBI - traumatic brain injury
- TGA - transient global amnesia
- UC - ulcerative colitis
- UO - urine output

- URI - upper respiratory infection
- UTI - urinary tract infection
- VB - vaginal bleeding
- VBAC - vaginal birth after caesarean section
- VF - ventricular fibrillation
- VH - vaginal hysterectomy, hallucination
- VIP - voluntary interruption of pregnancy

Body Description

- ABD - abdomen
- BMD - bone mass density
- BMI - body mass index
- BMR - basic metabolic rate
- CBD - common bile duct
- CBF - cerebral blood flow
- FROM - free range of motion
- HC - head circumference
- IBW - ideal body weight
- LLL - left lower lobe
- LLQ - left lower quadrant
- LUL - left upper lobe
- LUQ - left upper quadrant
- LV - left ventricle
- PNS - peripheral nervous system
- RA - right atrium
- RUL - right upper lobe
- RUQ - right upper quadrant
- RV - right ventricle, residual volume
- TLC - total lung capacity
- UE - upper extremity
- WT - weight