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<td>AA - Alcoholics Anonymous; African American</td>
<td>ASD - Atrial Septal Defect</td>
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<td>A-a - Alveolar Arterial gradient</td>
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<td>AAA - Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm</td>
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<td>AB - Antibody; also Abortion</td>
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<td>ABG - Arterial Blood Gas</td>
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<td>ABL - Ante Brachial Index</td>
<td>AVM - Arterial Venous Malformation</td>
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<td>ABPA - Allergic Broncho Pulmonary Aspergillosis</td>
<td>AVN - Avascular Necrosis; Atrio-Ventricular</td>
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<td>ABX - Antibiotics</td>
<td>AVNRT - Atrio-Ventricular Nodal Reentrant Tachycardia</td>
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<td>AC - Anterior Chamber; also Acromio-Clavicular &amp; Before Meals</td>
<td>AVR - Aortic Valve Replacement</td>
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<td>ACE-I - Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitor</td>
<td>AVSS - Afebrile, Vital Signs Stable</td>
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<td>ACL - Anterior Cruciate Ligament</td>
<td>B - Bilateral</td>
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<td>ACLS - Advanced Cardiac Life Support</td>
<td>B&amp;C - Board and Care</td>
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<td>ACS - Acute Coronary Syndrome</td>
<td>BAE - Barium Enema</td>
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<td>AD LIB - As Desired</td>
<td>BBB - Bundle Branch Block</td>
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<td>ADA - American Diabetes Association</td>
<td>BCC - Basal Cell Carcinoma</td>
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<td>ADD - Attention Deficit Disorder</td>
<td>BCG - Bacille Calmette-Guerin</td>
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<td>ADE - Adverse Drug Effect</td>
<td>BDR - Background Diabetic Retinopathy</td>
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<td>BE - Bacterial Endocarditis; also Barium Enema</td>
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<td>ADL - Activities of Daily Living</td>
<td>BET - Benign Essential Tremor</td>
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<td>ADR - Adverse Drug Reaction</td>
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<td>ADTP - Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program</td>
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<td>AED - Automatic External Defibrillator; Anti-Epileptic Drug</td>
<td>BIPAP - Bi-Level Positive Airway Pressure</td>
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<td>BIVAD - Bi-Ventricular Assist Device</td>
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<td>AFB - Acid Fast Bacterium</td>
<td>BKA - Below Knee Amputation</td>
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<td>AFP - Alpha Fetoprotein</td>
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<td>BPV - Benign Positional Vertigo</td>
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<td>ALS - Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis; also Advanced Life Support</td>
<td>BR - Bed Rest</td>
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<td>AMA - Against Medical Advice; American Medical Association</td>
<td>BRAO - Branch Retinal Artery Occlusion</td>
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<td>AMD - Aging Macular Degeneration</td>
<td>BB - Bright Blood</td>
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<td>AMI - Acute Myocardial Infarction; Anterior Myocardial Infarction</td>
<td>BBPR - Bright Red Blood Per Rectum</td>
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<td>A-MIBI - Adenosine MIBI</td>
<td>BRP - Bathroom Privileges</td>
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<td>AML - Acute Myelogenous Leukemia</td>
<td>BRVO - Branch Retinal Vein Occlusion</td>
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<td>AMS - Altered Mental Status; Acute Mountain Sickness</td>
<td>BS - Bowel Sounds; also Breath Sounds and Blood Sugar</td>
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<td>ANC - Absolute Neutrophil Count</td>
<td>BSA - Body Surface Area</td>
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<td>AND - Axillary Node Dissection</td>
<td>BUN - Blood Urea Nitrogen</td>
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<td>ANGIO - Angiography</td>
<td>BX - Biopsy</td>
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<td>A&amp;O - Alert And Oriented</td>
<td>C - With</td>
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<td>AP - Anterior-Posterior</td>
<td>CABG - Coronary Artery By-Pass Graft</td>
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<td>A/P - Assessment and Plan</td>
<td>CAD - Coronary Artery Disease</td>
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<td>APC - Atrial Premature Contraction</td>
<td>CAP - Prostate Cancer; Community Acquired Pneumonia</td>
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<td>APD - Afferent Pupillary Defect</td>
<td>CARDS - Cardiology</td>
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<td>APPY - Appendectomy</td>
<td>CAT - Cataract</td>
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<td>APS - Adult Protective Services</td>
<td>CATH - Catheterization</td>
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<td>ARB - Angiotensin Receptor Blocker</td>
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<td>ARDS - Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome</td>
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<td>ESLD - End Stage Liver Disease</td>
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<td>EX FIX - External Fixation</td>
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<td>EXT - Extremities</td>
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<td>FB - Foreign Body</td>
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<td>F/B - Followed By</td>
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<td>FBS - Fasting Blood Sugar</td>
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<td>FE - Iron</td>
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<td>FEM - Femoral</td>
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<td>FENA - Fractional Excretion of Sodium</td>
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<td>FEV1 - Forced Expiratory Volume 1 Second</td>
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<td>FFP - Fresh Frozen Plasma</td>
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<td>FLU - Influenza</td>
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<td>FMG - Foreign Medical Graduate</td>
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<td>F&amp;N - Febrile and Neutropenic</td>
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<td>FNA - Fine Needle Aspiration</td>
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<td>FOOSH - Fall On Outstretched Hand</td>
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<td>FOS - Full of Stool; Force Of Stream</td>
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<td>FP - Family Practitioner</td>
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<td>FRC - Functional Residual Capacity</td>
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<td>FSG - Finger Stick Glucose</td>
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<td>FSH - Follicle Stimulating Hormone</td>
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<td>FTT - Failure To Thrive</td>
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<td>F/U - Follow-Up</td>
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<td>FUO - Fever of Unknown Origin</td>
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<td>FX - Fracture</td>
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<td>GA - General Anesthesia</td>
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<td>GCS - Glasgow Coma Scale</td>
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<td>GET - General Endotracheal</td>
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<td>GI - Gastrointestinal</td>
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<td>GLC - Glaucoma</td>
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<td>GMR - Gallups, Murmurs, Rubs</td>
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<td>GN - Glomerulonephritis</td>
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<td>GNR - Gram Negative Rod</td>
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<td>GOO - Gastric Outlet Obstruction</td>
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<td>GP - General Practitioner</td>
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<td>G&amp;P# - Gravida # Para #</td>
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<td>GP 2b/3a - Glycoprotein 2b/3a Inhibitor</td>
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<td>GPC - Gram Positive Coccus</td>
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<td>GS - Gram Stain</td>
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<td>GSW - Gun Shot Wound</td>
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<td>GTT - Glucose Tolerance Test</td>
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<td>G-Tube - Gastric Feeding Tube</td>
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<td>GU - Genito-Urinary; also Gastric Ulcer</td>
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<td>GVHD - Graft Versus Host Disease</td>
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<td>H FLU - Haemophilus Influenza</td>
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<td>HA - Headache</td>
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<td>HAART - Highly Active Anti-Retroviral Therapy</td>
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<td>HACE - High Altitude Cerebral Edema</td>
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<td>HAPE - High Altitude Pulmonary Edema</td>
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<td>H2 - Histamine 2</td>
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<td>HCC - Hepatocellular Carcinoma</td>
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<td>HCG - Human Chorionic Gonadotropin</td>
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<td>HCL - Hard Contact Lens</td>
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<td>HCM - Health Care Maintenance</td>
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<td>HCT - Hematocrit</td>
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<td>HCV - Hepatitis C Virus</td>
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<td>HD - Hemodialysis</td>
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<td>HDL - High Density Lipoprotein</td>
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<td>HEENT - Head, Ears, Eyes, Nose, Throat</td>
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<td>HEMO/ONC - Hematology/Oncology</td>
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<td>HI - Homicidal Ideation</td>
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<td>HL - Heparin Lock</td>
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<td>HOB - Head Of Bed</td>
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<td>HOCM - Hypertrophic Obstructive Cardiomyopathy</td>
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<td>HONK - Hyperosmolar Non-Ketotic State</td>
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<td>HR - Heart Rate</td>
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<td>HRT - Hormone Replacement Therapy</td>
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<td>HTN - Hypertension</td>
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<td>HU - Holding Unit</td>
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<td>HUS - Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome</td>
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IBS - Irritable Bowel Syndrome
IBW - Ideal Body Weight
ICD - Implantable Cardiac Defibrillator
ICH - Intra-Cranial Hemorrhage
ICP - Intra-Cranial Pressure
ID - Infectious Diseases
I&D - Incise and Drain
IDDM - Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus
IFN - Interferon
IH - Inguinal Hernia (usually preceded by L or R)
IJ - Internal Jugular
IL - Interleukin; Indirect Laryngoscopy
ILD - Interstitial Lung Disease
IM - Intramuscular also Intramedullary
IMI - Inferior Myocardial Infarction
IMP - Impression
INR - International Normalized Ratio
I&O - Ins and Outs
IOL - Intra-Ocular Lens
IOP - Intra-Ocular Pressure
IP - Inter-Phalangeal
IPF - Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis
IR - Interventional Radiology; Internal Rotation
IRB - Indications Risks Benefits; Institutional Review Board
IT - Intrathecal; Information Technology
ITP - Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia
IUD - Intrauterine Device
IUP - Intrauterine Pregnancy
IV - Intravenous
IVC - Inferior Vena Cava
IVDU - Intravenous Drug Use
IVF - Intravenous Fluids; also In Vitro Fertilization
IVP - Intravenous Pyelogram

JP - Jackson Pratt
J-Tube - Jejunal Feeding Tube
JVD - Jugular Venous Distention
JVP - Jugular Venous Pressure

K - Potassium
KCAL - Kilocalories
KUB - Kidneys Ureters and Bladder
KVO - Keep Vein Open

L - Left
LA - Left Atrium
LAC - Laceration
LAD - Left Anterior Descending (coronary artery); Left Axis Deviation
LAP - Laproscopic; also Laparotomy
LAR - Low Anterior Resection
LBBB - Left Bundle Branch Block
LBC - Large Bowel Obstruction
LBP - Low Back Pain
LCL - Lateral Collateral Ligament
LCX - Left Circumflex (coronary artery)
L&D - Labor and Delivery
LDH - Lactate Dehydrogenase

LDL - Low Density Lipoprotein
LE - Lower Extremity (usually preceded by R or L); Leukocyte Esterase
LENIS - Lower Extremity Non-Invasive Study
LFT - Liver Function Test
LH - Leutinizing Hormone; Left Handed; Light Headed
LHC - Left Heart Cath
LHRH - Leutinizing Hormone Releasing Hormone
LIMA - Left Internal Mammary Artery
LLE - Left Lower Extremity
LLL - Left Lower Lobe; Left Lower Lid
LLQ - Left Lower Quadrant
LM - Left Main Coronary Artery
LMA - Laryngeal Mask Airway
LMD - Local Medical Doctor
LMN - Lower Motor Neuron
LMP - Last Menstrual Period
LN - Lymph Node also Liquid Nitrogen
LND - Lymph Node Dissection
LOA - Lysis Of Adhesions
LOC - Loss Of Consciousness
LP - Lumbar Puncture
LPN - Licensed Practical Nurse
LR - Lactated Ringers
LS - Lumbro-Sacral
LT - Light Touch
LUE - Left Upper Extremity
LUL - Left Upper Lobe; also Left Upper Lid
LUTS - Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms
LUQ - Left Upper Quadrant
LV FXN - Left Ventricular Function
LVAD - Left Ventricular Assist Device
LVEDP - Left Ventricular End Diastolic Pressure
LVH - Left Ventricular Hypertrophy
LVN - Licensed Vocational Nurse
LMWH - Low Molecular Weight Heparin
LYTES - Electrolytes

MAC - Monitored Anesthesia Care
MCL - Medial Collateral Ligament
MCP - Metacarpal-Phalangeal
MCV - Mean Corpuscular Volume
MDRTB - Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis
MEDS - Medicines
MFM - Maternal-Fetal Medicine
MI - Myocardial Infarction
MICU - Medical Intensive Care Unit
MIDCAB - Minimally Invasive Direct Coronary Artery Bypass
MM - Multiple Myeloma
M&M - Morbidity and Mortality
MMP - Multiple Medical Problems
MMR - Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine
MMR - Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine
MOM - Milk Of Magnesia
MR - Mitral Regurgitation
MRCP - Magnetic Resonance Cholangio Pancreatography
MRI - Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MRSA - Methicillin Resistant Staph Aureus
MS - Mental Status; also Mitral Stenosis, Multiple Sclerosis and
Morphine Sulfate
MSSA - Methicillin Sensitive Staph Aureus
MTP - Metatarsal-Phalangeal
MVP - Mitral Valve Prolapse
MVR - Mitral Valve Replacement

N - Nausea
NA - Not Available; also Sodium
NAD - No Apparent Distress; No Acute Disease
NABS - Normal Active Bowel Sounds
NCAT - Normocephalic Atraumatic
NCS - Nerve Conduction Study
NEB - Nebulizer
NGT - Naso-Gastric Tube
NGU - Non-Gonococcal Urethritis
NH - Nursing Home
NHL - Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma
NICU - Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NIDDM - Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus
NIF - Negative Inspiratory Force
NKDA - No Known Drug Allergies
NMS - Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome
NOS - Not Otherwise Specified
NP - Nurse Practitioner
NPO - Nothing By Mouth
NS - Normal Saline
NSBGP - Non-Specific Bowel Gas Pattern
NSCLCA - Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer
NSR - Normal Sinus Rhythm
NT - Non-Tender
NTD - Nothing To Do
NUCS - Nuclear Medicine
NYHA - New York Heart Association

OA - Osteoarthritis
OB - Occult Blood (followed by '+')
OCD - Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
OCPP - Oral Contraceptive Pill
OD - Right Eye
OE - Otitis Externa
OLT - Orthotopic Liver Transplant
OM - Otitis Media
ON - Optic Nerve; Over Night
OOB - Out Of Bed
OP - Opening Pressure
O/P - Oropharynx
O&P - Ovum and Parasites
ORIF - Open Reduction with Internal Fixation
ORL - Oto-Rhino Laryngology
OS - Left Eye
OSA - Obstructive Sleep Apnea
OT - Occupational Therapy
OTC - Over The Counter
OTD - Out The Door
OU - Both Eyes
O/W - Otherwise

P - Pulse
P - Pending
P - After
PA - Posterior-Anterior; also Physician’s Assistant
PACU - Post Anesthesia Care Unit
PAD - Peripheral Arterial Disease
PALS - Pediatric Advanced Life Support
PBC - Primary Billiary Cirrhosis
PC - After Meals
PCA - Patient Controlled Analgesia
PCI - Percutaneous Coronary Intervention
PCKD - Polycystic Kidney Disease
PCL - Posterior Cruciate Ligament
PCM - Pacemaker
PCOD - Poly-Cystic Ovarian Disease
PCP - Primary Care Physician; also Pneumocystis Pneumonia
PCR - Polymerase Chain Reaction
PCWP - Pulmonary Capillary Wedge Pressure
PD - Parkinson’s Disease; also Personality Disorder and Peritoneal Dialysis
PDA - Patent Ductus Arteriosus
PE - Physical Exam; also Pulmonary Embolism
PEG - Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy
PERRL - Pupils Equal, Round, Reactive to Light
PET - Positron Emission Tomography
PF - Peak Flow; also Plantar Flexion
PFO - Patent Foramen Ovale
PFTs - Pulmonary Function Tests
PH - Pin Hole
PICC - Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter
PICU - Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
PID - Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
PIH - Pregnancy Induced Hypertension
PIP - Proximal Inter-Phalangeal
PLT - Platelets
PMD - Primary Medical Doctor
PMH - Past Medical History
PMI - Point of Maximum Impulse
PMN - Polymorphonuclear Leukocytes
PMRS - Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service
PN - Progress Note
PNA - Pneumonia
PNBX - Prostate Needle Biopsy
PND - Paroxysmal Nocturnal Dyspnea also Post Nasal Drip
PNS - Peripheral Nervous System
PO - By Mouth
POP - Popliteal
PP - Pin Prick
PPD - Purified Protein Derivative
PPH - Primary Pulmonary Hypertension
PPI - Proton Pump Inhibitor
PPN - Peripheral Parenteral Nutrition
PPTL - Post Partum Tubal Ligation
PR - Per Rectum
PRBCs - Packed Red Blood Cells
PRN - Refers to treatments which patient can receive on an "as needed" basis
PSA - Prostate Specific Antigen
PSC - Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis
PSH - Past Surgical History
PT - Physical Therapy; Posterior Tibial; Prothrombin Time; Patient
PTA - Prior To Admission; Peritonsilar Abscess
PTCA - Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty
P-Thal - Persantine Thallium
PTT - Partial Thromboplastin Time
PTX - Pneumothorax
PUD - Peptic Ulcer Disease
PV - Polycythemia Vera; Portal Vein
P VAX - Pneumococcal Vaccination
PVC - Premature Ventricular Contraction
PVD - Peripheral Vascular Disease; Posterior Vitreous Detachment
PVR - Post Void Residual

Q - Every (refers to a time interval...eg. if followed by 6, means "Every 6 Hours"; if followed by AM, D, W, or M = "Every Morning Day, Week, or Month" respectively)
QHS - Every Night
QID - Four times per day
QNS - Quantity Not Sufficient
QOD - Every Other Day

R - Right
RA - Right Atrium
RAD - Right Axis Deviation; also Reactive Airways Disease
R/B - Referred By; Relieved By
RBBB - Right Bundle Branch Block
RBC - Red Blood Cell
RCA - Right Coronary Artery
RCC - Renal Cell Cancer
RCT - Randomized Controlled Trial; Rotator Cuff Tear
RD - Retinal Detachment; also Registered Dietician
RDI - Respiratory Disturbance Index
RF - Rheumatoid Factor; also Risk Factor
RFA - Radio Frequency Ablation; Right Femoral Artery
RHC - Right Heart Cath
RHD - Rheumatic Heart Disease
Rheum - Rheumatology
R/I - Rule In
RIG - Rabies Immune globulin
RIMA - Right Internal Mammary Artery
RLE - Right Lower Extremity
RLL - Right Lower Lobe; also Right Lower Lid
RLQ - Right Lower Quadrant
RML - Right Middle Lobe
RNEF - Radionuclide Ejection Fraction
R/O - Rule Out
ROM - Range Of Motion
ROMI - Rule Out Myocardial Infarction
ROS - Review Of Systems
RPN - Rapidly Progressive Glomerulonephritis
RPLND - Retroperitoneal Lymph Node Dissection
RPR - Rapid Plasma Reagin
RR - Respiratory Rate

RRP - Radical Retropubic Prostatectomy
RRR - Regular Rate and Rhythm
RSD - Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy
RSV - Respiratory Syncytial Virus
RT - Respiratory Therapy
RTC - Return To Clinic
RUE - Right Upper Extremity
RUG - Retrograde Urethrogram
RUL - Right Upper Lobe; Right Upper Lid
RUQ - Right Upper Quadrant
RV - Right Ventricle; Residual Volume
RVAD - Right Ventricular Assist Device
RVG - Right Ventriculogram
RVR - Rapid Ventricular Response
RX - Treatment

S - Without
2/2 - Secondary To
SA - Sino-Atrial; Staph Aureus
SAAG - Serum Ascites Albumin Gradient
SAB - Spontaneous Abortion
SAH - Sub-Arachnoid Hemorrhage
SBE - Subacute Bacterial Endocarditis
SBO - Small Bowel Obstruction
SBP - Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis; Systolic Blood Pressure
SC - Subcutaneous
SCCA - Squamous Cell Cancer
SCL - Soft Contact Lens
SCLCA - Small Cell Lung Cancer
SEM - Systolic Ejection Murmur (with reference to cardiac exam)
SFA - Superficial Femoral Artery
SFV - Superficial Femoral Vein
SI - Suicidal Ideation
SIADH - Syndrome of Inappropriate Anti-Diuretic Hormone secretion
SICU - Surgical Intensive Care Unit
SDS - Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
SIRS - Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome
SK - Seborrheic Keratosis; also Streptokinase
SL - Sublingual
SLE - Systemic Lupus Erythematosus; also Slit Lamp Exam
SLR - Straight Leg Raise
SNF - Skilled Nursing Facility
S/P - Status Post; also Supra Pubic
SPEP - Serum Protein Electro-Pheresis
SPF - Sun Protection Formula
SQ - Subcutaneous
SSI - Sliding Scale Insulin
SSRI - Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor
STAT - Immediately
STD - Sexually Transmitted Disease
STS - Soft Tissue Swelling
STX - Stricture
SVC - Superior Vena Cava
SVG - Saphenous Vein Graft
SW - Social Work; Stab Wound
SX - Symptoms
SZR - Seizure
T - Temperature
T&A - Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy
TAA - Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm
TAB - Threatened Abortion; also Therapeutic Abortion
TAH - Total Abdominal Hysterectomy
TB - Tuberculosis; Total Bilirubin
T&C - Type and Cross
TCA - Tricyclic Antidepressant
TC - Current Temperature
TCC - Transitional Cell Cancer
TD - Tetanus and Diphtheria Vaccination; Tardive Dyskinesia
TDWBAT - Touch Down Weight Bearing As Tolerated
TEE - Trans-Esophageal Echocardiogram
TFs - Tube Feeds
TG - Triglycerides
THA - Total Hip Arthroplasty
THR - Total Hip Replacement
TIA - Transient Ischemic Attack
TIBC - Total Iron Binding Capacity
TID - Three times per day
TIPS - Transvenous Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunt
TKA - Total Knee Arthroplasty
TKR - Total Knee Replacement
TLC - Triple Lumen Catheter; Total Lung Capacity
TM - Tympanic Membrane; Maximum Temperature
TMJ - Temporo-Mandibular Joint
TMN - Tumor Metastases Nodes (universal tumor staging system)
TNF - Tumor Necrosis Factor
TOA - Tubo-Ovarian Abscess
TOX - Toxicology
TOXO - Toxoplasmosis
TP - Total Protein
TPA - Tissue Plasminogen Activator
TPN - Total Parenteral Nutrition
TR - Tricuspid Regurgitation
TRUS - Transrectal Ultrasound
T&S - Type and Screen
TSH - Thyroid Stimulating Hormone
TTE - Trans-Thoracic Echocardiogram
TTP - Tender To Palpation; Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura
TURBT - Transurethral Resection Bladder Tumor
TURP - Transurethral Prostatectomy
TV - Tidal Volume
TVC - True Vocal Cord
TX - Transfusion; Treatment

UA - Urine Analysis; also Uric Acid
UC - Ulcerative Colitis
UCC - Urgent Care Center
UCX - Urine Culture
UDS - Urodynami Study
UE - Upper Extremity (usually preceded by R or L)
UF - Ultra Filtration
UFH - Unfractionated Heparin
UMBO - Umsilical
UMN - Upper Motor Neuron

UNSA - Unstable Angina
UO - Urine Output
UPEP - Urine Protein Electro-Pheresis
UPPP - Uvulopalatopharyngeoplasty
URI - Upper Respiratory tract Infection
US - Ultrasound
UTD - Up To Date
UTI - Urinary Tract Infection
UV - Ultraviolet

V - Vomiting
VA - Visual Acuity
VATS - Video Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery
VAX - Vaccine
VBAC - Vaginal Birth After Cesarean Section
VBG - Venous Blood Gas
VC - Vital Capacity; Vocal Cord
VCUG - Voiding Cysto-Urethrogram
VF - Ventricular Fibrillation
VIP - Vasoactive Intestinal Peptide
VP - Ventriculo-Peritoneal
V&P - Vagotomy and Pyloroplasty
VS - Vital Signs
VSD - Ventricular Septal Defect
VSS - Vital Signs Stable
VT - Ventricular Tachycardia
VWF - Von Willebrand Factor

WBAT - Weight Bearing As Tolerated
WBC - White Blood Cells
WDWN - Well Developed, Well Nourished
WNL - Within Normal Limits
W/O - Without
W/U - Work-Up

X - Except
XLR - Crossed Leg Raise
XRT - Radiation Therapy

ZE - Zollinger Ellison