

Symbols

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| 1°..... | primary, 1 st degree | “ | Inch, minute |
| 2°..... | Secondary, 2 nd degree | ↑..... | Increase |
| 3°..... | Tertiary, 3 rd degree | ↓..... | Decrease |
| Δ | Change | = | Equal to, the same |
| ∅ | No, none | ≠ | Unequal, not equal |
| Ψ..... | Psychiatric | ♂ | Male |
| < | Less than | ♀ | Female |
| > | Greater than | ° | Hour, degree |
| μ | Micro | @ | At |
| μg..... | Microgram | R | Prescription, to treat, medications |
| ≈ | Approximately | | |
| #..... | Pound, number | | |

Abbreviations (Medical and Case Management)

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|-------------|--|------------|---|
| Ā..... | before | ARDS..... | acute, respiratory disease syndrome |
| AAA..... | abdominal aortic aneurysm | ARMD..... | age-related macular degeneration |
| Ab..... | antibody | AS..... | (auris sinistra) left ear |
| ABD..... | abdominal/abdomen | ASA | acetylsalicylic acid (asprin) |
| ABG..... | arterial blood gas | ASAP..... | as soon as possible |
| Abx..... | Antibiotic | ASD..... | atrial septal defect |
| AC..... | axiocervical; adrenal cortex | AST..... | aspartate aminotransferase |
| Ac | before a meal | ASU | Ambulatory surgical unit |
| ACE..... | angiotensin-converting enzyme | AU | both ears |
| ACh | acetylcholine | AV | arteriovenous; atrioventricular |
| ACLS..... | advanced Cardiac Life Support | AVR..... | aortic valve repair |
| ACTH..... | adrenocorticotrophic hormone | B | beta |
| AD..... | advance directive | BAC | blood alcohol concentration |
| ADH..... | antidiuretic hormone | BBB..... | blood-brain barrier; bundle branch block |
| ADHD..... | Attention-deficit hyperactivity Disorder | BC..... | birth control |
| ADL..... | activities of daily living | BCC..... | basal cell carcinoma |
| Ad lib..... | freely; as desired | BCLS..... | Basic cardiac life support |
| Adv..... | advance | BE..... | Barium enema |
| AED..... | automatic external defibrillator | bid..... | Twice a day |
| AF..... | atrial fibrillation | BIPAP..... | bilevel positive airway pressure |
| AFB..... | acid-fast bacillus | BIVAD..... | biventricular assist device |
| AHF..... | antihemophilic factor | BK..... | Below the knee |
| AICD..... | automatic implantable cardiac Defibrillator | BKA..... | below the knee amputation |
| AIDS..... | acquired immunodeficiency Syndrome | BM..... | bowel movement |
| AKA..... | above the knee amputation | BMR..... | Basal metabolic rate |
| Alb..... | albumin | BP..... | blood pressure |
| ALS..... | Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis | BPH..... | Benign prostatic hyperplasia |
| ALT..... | alanine aminotransferase | bpm..... | beats per minute |
| A.M..... | morning | BRP..... | Bathroom privileges |
| AMA..... | against medical advice | BS..... | blood sugar, bowel sounds |
| AMI..... | acute myocardial infarction | BSA..... | Body surface area |
| Amp..... | Ampule | BSE..... | breast self-examination |
| ANS..... | autonomic nervous system | BUN..... | blood urine nitrogen |
| ANT..... | anterior | BVM..... | bag-value mask (Ambu-bag) |
| AP..... | anterior-posterior | BW..... | Birth weight |
| APAP..... | Acetaminophen | Bx..... | biopsy |
| APGAR.... | Appearance-pulse-grimace activity respire | c | with |
| APTT..... | Activity partial thromboplastin time | °C..... | degrees Celsius |
| ARC..... | AIDS related complex | Ca..... | calcium |
| | | CA..... | cancer |
| | | CABG..... | coronary arterybypass graft |

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|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|--|
| CAD | Coronary artery disease | D.H.S | Department of Human Services |
| Cal | Calorie | DIC | disseminated intravascular coagulation |
| CA&O | conscious, alert & oriented | DJD | degenerative joint disease |
| C&S | culture & sensitivity | DKA | diabetic ketoacidosis |
| CAPD | continuous abdominal Peritoneal dialysis | DM | diabetes mellitus CBC..... |
| | Complete blood count | DNAR | Do not attempt resuscitation |
| CBG | Complete blood glucose | DNR | Do not resuscitate |
| CBI | continuous bladder irrigation | DOA | dead on arrival |
| CC | chief complaint | DOB | Date of birth |
| cc | cubic centimeter | DOE | Dyspnea on exertion |
| CCU | Coronary care unit | DTs | delirium tremens |
| | Critical care unit | DTR | deep tendon reflex |
| CDC | Centers for disease control and prevention | Dx | diagnosis |
| CF | cystic fibrosis | D5W | dextrose 5% in water |
| CHD | coronary heart disease | EBL | estimated blood loss |
| CHF | congestive heart disease | ECF | extended care facility, extra cellular fluid |
| CHO | carbohydrate | ECG | Electrocardiogram, electrocardiograph |
| CI | cardiac index | ECHO | echocardiography |
| CICU | cardiac intensive care unit | ECT | Electroconvulsive therapy |
| CK | creatine kinase | ED | emergency department, erectile dysfunction |
| Cl⁻ | chloride ion | EDC | Estimated date of confinement |
| cm | Centimeter | EDD | Estimated date of delivery |
| CMV | Cytomegalovirus | EEG | electroencephalogram |
| CNS | central nervous system | EENT | eye, ear, nose & throat |
| CO | carbon monoxide | EGD | esophageal gastric duodenoscopy |
| | cardiac output | EMS | Emergency medical service |
| CO₂ | Carbon dioxide | ENT | Ear, nose & throat |
| c/o | complains of | EPS | Extrapyramidal symptoms |
| COLD | chronic obstructive lung dis. | ER | emergency room |
| COPD | chronic obstructive pulmonary Disease | ERCP | endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography |
| CP | chest pain, cerebral palsy | ERS | emergency response system |
| CP | Care Plan | ESR | erythrocyte sedimentation rate |
| CPAC | continuous positive Airway pressure | EST | electroshock therapy |
| CPD | central processing and distribution, cephalopelvic disport. | ET | endotracheal tube |
| CPR | cardiopulmonary resuscitation | ETOH | ethanol (alcohol) |
| CRNA ... | certified registered nurse Anesthetist | exc | excision |
| cs | Chem-stick (blood sugar) | °F | degrees Fahrenheit |
| CS | culture & sensitivity, c-section | f | female |
| CSF | cerebrospinal fluid | Fe | iron |
| CSM | circulation, sensory & motor | FHR | fetal heart rate |
| CT | computed tomography | FHT | fetal heart tone |
| CV | cardiovascular | FS | finger stick (blood sugar) |
| CVA | Cerebrovascular accident; Costovertebral angle | FSH | follicle-stimulating hormone |
| CVP | central venous pressure | FT | feeding tube |
| CW | Chest wall | FUO | fever of unknown origin |
| Cx | culture; circumflex (coronary artery) | g, gm | gram |
| CXR | chest x-ray | GCS | Glasgow Coma Scale |
| D&C | dilatation & curettage | GDM | gestational diabetes mellitis |
| DAT | Diet as tolerated | GERD | Gastroesophageal reflux disease |
| DC | direct current | GFR | glomerular filtration rate |
| dc | discontinue, discharge | GH | Growth hormone |
| | | GI | Gastrointestinal |
| | | gr | grain |

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| GSW..... | gunshot wound | kg..... | kilogram |
| GT..... | gastric tube | KUB..... | Kidney, ureters and bladder |
| GTT..... | glucose tolerance test | KVO..... | Keep vein open |
| gtt..... | drops | L..... | liter |
| GU..... | genitourinary | (L), L..... | left |
| GYN..... | gynecology | L & D..... | labor & delivery |
| H+..... | hydrogen ion | LAD..... | left anterior descending |
| h, hr..... | hour | lb..... | pound |
| HA..... | headache | LBW..... | low birth weight |
| HAV..... | hepatitis A virus | LDH..... | lactate dehydrogenase |
| HBV..... | hepatitis B virus | LDL..... | low density lipoprotein |
| HCG..... | human chorionic Gonadotropin | LEEP..... | loop electrical excision procedure |
| HCO ₃ | bicarbonate | LFT..... | liver function test |
| HCT, Hct... | hematocrit | LIH..... | Left inguinal hernia |
| HCTZ..... | Hydrochlorothiazide | LE..... | lower extremity |
| HCV..... | hepatitis C virus | LGA..... | large for gestational age |
| HDL..... | high-density lipoprotein | LH..... | luteinizing hormone |
| HEENT..... | head, eye, ear, nose & throat | LLL..... | lower left lobe |
| Hgb..... | hemoglobin | LLQ..... | Left lower quadrant |
| Hib..... | <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type B | LMP..... | last menstrual period |
| HIV..... | human immunodeficiency virus | LNMP..... | Last normal menstrual period |
| HOH..... | hard of hearing | LOC..... | level/loss of consciousness |
| H ₂ O..... | water | LP..... | lumbar puncture |
| H ₂ O ₂ | hydrogen peroxide | LR..... | lactated Ringer's |
| H&P..... | history & physical | LTC..... | left to count |
| HR..... | heart rate | LTC | (AR term) Long term care |
| hs..... | hour of sleep | LUL..... | left upper lobe |
| HSV..... | herpes simplex virus | LUQ..... | left upper quadrant |
| HTN..... | hypertension | LV..... | left ventricle |
| Hx, hx..... | History | LVAD..... | left ventricular assist device |
| I & O..... | intake & output | MAC..... | Monitored anesthesia care |
| IABP..... | intra-aortic balloon pump | MAE..... | Moves all extremities |
| IC..... | intracardiac | MAO..... | Monoamine oxidase |
| ICP..... | Intracranial pressure | MAP..... | mean arterial pressure |
| ICS..... | Intercostal space | MAT..... | multifocal atrial tachycardia |
| ICU..... | Intensive care unit | mcg, µg..... | microgram |
| ID..... | intra-dermal | MCL..... | modified chest level |
| IDDM..... | insulin-dep diabetes mellitus | MD..... | muscular dystrophy |
| IFMC..... | Ia. Foundation for Medical Care | MDI..... | metered-dose inhaler |
| Ig..... | immunoglobulin | mEq..... | milliequivalent |
| IM..... | intramuscular | Mg..... | magnesium |
| IM..... | (AR term) Income Maintenance | mg..... | milligram |
| In or "..... | inch | MI..... | myocardial infarction |
| I/O, I&O... | input & output | mL..... | milileter |
| IO..... | interosseous | mm..... | millimeter |
| IOP..... | Intracular pressure | mmHg..... | millimeters of mercury |
| IQ..... | intelligence quotient | MMR..... | mumps, measles, rubella |
| IU..... | international unit | MRI..... | magnetic resonance imaging |
| IUCD..... | intrauterine contraceptive dev. | | |
| IUD..... | intrauterine device | | |
| IUFD..... | Intrauterine fetal death | | |
| IV..... | intravenous | | |
| IVP..... | intravenous pyelogram | | |
| IVBS..... | IV piggyback | | |
| J..... | joule | | |
| JP (JP drain). | Jackson-Pratt | | |
| JVD..... | jugular vein distention | | |
| K+..... | potassium ion | | |
| KCl..... | potassium chloride | | |

