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TITLE: ABBREVIATIONS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

To establish the policy and procedure to govern what abbreviations are approved for use in the medical record and what abbreviations are prohibited from use in the medical record. The Abbreviations Committee will try by policy to comply with the licensing authority of the State and accrediting bodies, e.g. JCAHO.

TEXT:

- 1. The Abbreviations Committee is responsible for reviewing and maintaining the list of Approved Abbreviations and Prohibited Abbreviations. This Committee is multi-disciplinary and consists of members from Health Information Management, Nursing, Pharmacy, Quality Resources, and Physician as well as ad hoc representation from other hospital departments. Any healthcare provider may submit a request for change (additions/deletions) to the listings to the Abbreviations Committee for review.
- 2. The Abbreviations Committee will approve changes and then submit recommendations for changes to the list to the Medical Executive Committee/Council. The Medical Executive Committee/Council must approve all modifications to this list prior to implementation.
- 3. The master listing of the Approved Abbreviations and Prohibited Abbreviations will be on the Community Health Network InComm (intranet) and TIHH InComm (intranet), and maintained by the Director of Health Information Management. Listing to be referenced by any health care provider for clarification of abbreviations prior to use. Any abbreviations that are not on the approved list must be written out as the full word.
- 4. Physician use of abbreviations, prohibited or others that are not on the approved listing will be monitored during chart audit and physicians will be required to write the abbreviation out. This will be monitored by the Health Information Management Department.
- 5. Prohibited abbreviations written on the Physician Order Form by any healthcare provider must be clarified with that provider and rewritten in the order. The prescribing physician or other healthcare provider writing the Prohibited Abbreviation should be contacted immediately either by telephone or in person. If in the judgment of the individuals providing care to the patient, the order is clear and complete and the delay to obtain confirmation from the prescriber prior to execution of the order would place the patient at greater risk, then the order should be carried out and the confirmation obtained as soon as possible thereafter.
- 6. Abbreviations are not to be allowed in medical transcriptions.
- 7. The Approved Abbreviations and Prohibited Abbreviation list must be considered in the development of the Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE) system or pre-printed order forms.

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Do Not Use!

list of prohibited abbreviations never to be used in the medical record

PROHIBITED	CORRECT TERM	MISINTERPRETATION
ABBREVIATION		
U	Unit	Mistaken as zero, four or cc
IU	International Unit	Mistaken as IV or 10
Q.D. (QD, qd, q.d.)	Daily	Mistaken for each other. The
Q.O.D. (QOD, qod, q.o.d.)	Every other day	period after the Q can be
		mistaken for "I" and the "O"
		can be mistaken for "I".
Trailing zero (X.0 mg)	Never write a zero by itself	Decimal point is missed
	after a decimal point (X mg)	
Lack of leading zero (.X mg)	Always use a zero before a	Decimal point is missed
	decimal point (0.X mg)	
MS, MS04, MgS04	Morphine or magnesium	Confused for one another.
		Can mean morphine or
		magnesium sulfate
ug	mcg	Mistaken for mg (milligram),
		resulting in one thousand fold
		overdose
c.c.	ml for milliliters	Mistaken as U (units) when
		poorly written
AS, AD, AU, OS, OD, OU	Left ear, right ear, both ears,	Mistaken for each other (AS
	left eye, right eye, both eyes	for OS, AD for OD, etc.)
Ambivalent duration (such as	"doses" or "days"	Unclear if (d) means doses or
bid x 10 <u>d</u>)		days

Note: You will be called for clarification before orders can be carried out.



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ABBREVIATIONS APPROVED FOR USE:

P	Psychiatric
@	At
&	And
<u>&</u> <u>a</u>	Before
Δ	Change
Δ'd	Changed
△'s	Changes
$\sqrt{(d)}$	Check (ed)
\	Decreased; lowered; down
=	Equals
>	Greater than
•	Foot
"	Inches
\uparrow	Increased; elevated; up
<	Less than
%	percent
m _z	Minim
-	Negative
0	No, none
Ť	One
1:1	One-to-one therapy
+	Positive
//	parallel bars
?	Question, unknown
\rightarrow	resulting
ŤŤŤ	Three
↔ ŤŤ	to from
	Two
c	With
<u>s</u>	Without
(R)	Rectal
(s)	Supervision
0	Degree
1°	Primary
1° AVB	First Degree Atrio-Ventricular Block
1st	First
2D Echo	Two Dimensional Echocardiogram



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2°	Secondary
2° AVB	Second Degree Atrio-Ventricular Block
2nd	Second
3° AVB	Third Degree Atrio-Ventricular Block
3rd	Third
4th	Fourth
4x4	4 inch by 4 inch sterile gauze
	dressing
5th	Fifth
A	Assistance
AA	Alcoholics Anonymous
AAA	Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
AAROM	Active Assisted Range of Motion
Abx	Antibiotics
AB	Abortion
Ab	Antibody
Ab Scrn	Antibody Screen
Abd	Abdomen
ABG	Arterial blood gases
ABR	Auditory Brainstem Response
AC	Auditory Comprehension
ac	Before meals
Acc	Accuracy
Accel	Acceleration
ACE	Angiotensin Converting Enzyme
ACL	Anterior cruciate ligament
ACLS	Advanced Cardiac Life Support
ACS	Acute Coronary Syndrome
ad lib	At will
ADA	American Diabetic Association
ADB	Admission Data Base
Add	Adduction
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactive
	Disorder
ADL	Activities of daily living
adm	Admitted as in-patient
adol	Adolescent
ADP	Adolescent Day Program
AE	Adaptive Equipment
afeb	Afebrile
uioo	AUDITIO



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AFL	Atrial Flutter
AFO	Ankle - Foot Orthosis
AFP	Alpha Feto-Protein
AG	Abdominal Girth
AGA	Average/Appropriate for Gestation
AH	Auditory Hallucinations
AHR	Apical heart rate
AI	Aortic Insufficiency
AICD	Automatic Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator
AIDS	Acquired immune deficiency syndrome
AIMS	Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale
AJ	Ankle jerk
AK	Above knee
AKA	Above-knee amputation
AKI	Acute Kidney Injury
AIA	Arthroscopy / arthrotomy
AIC	Acromioclavicular
ALRI	Anterior lateral rotatory instability
ALS	Advanced Life Support
AM	Morning
AMA	Against Medical Advice
amb	Ambulatory
AMI	Acute Myocardial Infarction
Amnio	Amniocentesis
amp	Ampule
AMRI	Anterior medial rotatory instability
amt	Amount
anes	Anesthesiology/Anesthesia
Angio	Angiogram
ANS	Autonomic Nervous System
ant	Anterior
A&O	Alert & Oriented
A&P	Auscultation and Percussion
AO	Aorta
AODM	Adult Onset Diabetes Mellitus
AP	Anterior-posterior
A/P Repr	Anterior Posterior Repair
AP & Lat	Anteroposterior & Lateral



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ATC Activity Therapy Clinician	
at fib Atrial fibrillation	
ATA Atmosphere Absolute	
ATB Antibiotics	
ATN Acute Tubular Necrosis	
ATT Anterior tibial tendon	
attn Attention	
ATV All Terrain Vehicle	
aud Audible	
aug Augmentation	
AV Atrioventricular	
avg Average	
AVR Aortic Valve Replacement	
Ax Axillary	
B Both	
B/B Bowel and bladder	
BBOW Bulging Bag of Water	



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BE Barium Enema	
Bf Boyfriend	
BG Blood Glucose	
B-HCG Beta Human Chorionic Gonado	tropin
bid Twice a day	_
bil Bilateral	
Bili Bilirubin	
Bio Biological	
BIS Bispectral Index	
BIT Behavioral Inattention Test	
BK Below knee	
BKA Below-knee amputation	
BKO Below Knee Orthosis	
Bld Blood	
Bld Cult Blood Culture	
bldng Bleeding	
BLS Basic Life Support	
BM Bowel movement	
BMI Body Mass Index	
BMR Basal Metabolism Rate	
BMT Bilateral myringotomy tubes	
BNA Brief nutritional assessment	
BOH Back of Hand	
BOS Base of Support	
BOW Bag of water	
B/P Blood pressure	
BPD Bi-Parietal Diameter	
BPH Benign prostatic hypertrophy	



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ВРМ	Beats per minute
BPP	Bilateral pedal pulse
Br	Breast
Br-Hold	Breath Hold
br sounds	Breath Sounds
Brady	Bradycardia
BRB	Bright Red Blood
bro	Brother
BRP	Bathroom Privileges
BS	Bowel Sounds
B/S	Bedside
BSA	Body Surface Area
BSC	Bedside commode
BSO	Bilateral salpingo oophorectomy
Bst	Boost
Bst+	Boost plus
BTL	Bilateral Tubal Ligation
BUFA	Baby Up For Adoption
BVM	Bag Value Mask
bwd	Backward
bx	Biopsy
c C_ C/A	Cup
C_	Cervical (with vertebral level)
C/A	Cardiac and Apnea
C/D	Clean and Dry
C/D/I	Clean, Dry & Intact
c/o	Complain of
CA	Cancer
CABG	Coronary artery bypass graft
CAD	Coronary Artery Disease
Cal	Calorie
calc	Calculation
calib	Calibration
Cap	Capsule
CAPD	Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal
	Dialysis
cath	Catheter (ization)
CAVH	Continuous Arterio-venous
	Hemofiltration
CBC	Complete blood count
CBI	Continuous bladder irrigation



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	cl	Clear
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CLRT Continuous lateral rotation therapy	CLRT	
CLS Community Living Skills	CLS	Community Living Skills
cm Centimeter	cm	Centimeter
cmpd Compound	cmpd	Compound
CMS Circulation, Motion, Sensation	CMS	Circulation, Motion, Sensation
CMV Cytomegalovirus		
CNS Central Nervous System	CNS	
CO Cardiac Output	CO	Cardiac Output
COA Council on Aging	COA	Council on Aging
cog Cognitive	cog	



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COLD	Chronic obstructive lung disease
comf	Comfortable
cond	Condition
cong	Congestion
cont	Continue/continuous
contr	Contraction
Conv	Conventional
coor	Coordination
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary
	disease
СР	Chest Pain
CPAP	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
CPC	Clinicopathological Conference
CPD	Cephalopelvic Disproportion
СРМ	Continuous Passive Motion
CPP	Cerebral Perfusion Pressure
CPR	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CPS	Child Protective Services
CPT	Chest Physiotherapy
CR	Cardiorespiratory
Crani	Craniotomy
CRF	Chronic Renal Failure
CRI	Chronic Renal Insufficiency
CRIT	Critical Care
crpt	Croupette
CRRT	Continuous Renal Replacement
	Therapy
C & S	Culture & Sensitivity
C-Sect	Cesarean section
CSII	Continuous subcutaneous infusion
	insulin
CST	Contraction Stress Test
CT	Cat scan
CTA	Computed Tomography Angiography
CTR	Carpal Tunnel Release
CTS	Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
cult	Culture
CV	Cardiovascular
CVA	Cerebral Vascular Accident
CVAT	Costovertebral Angle Tenderness
CVC	Central venous catheter



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CVD	Cardiovascular Disease
CVP	Central venous pressure
CVS	Cardiovascular System
CVVH	Continuous Venous-venous
	Hemofiltration
CVVHD	Continuous veno-venous
	hemodialysis
CVVHDF	Continuous Veno-venous
	Hemodiafiltration
cx	Cervix
CXR	Chest x-ray
Cysto	Cystoscopy
d	Day
DA	Descending Aorta
DAP	Data, Assessment, Plan
DAR	Data, Action, Response
DAT	Diet as tolerated
dau	daughter
D & C	Dilation & Curettage
DM	Diabetes Mellitus
DP	Dorsalis Pedis
dt	Diphtheria, tetanus pediatric
D/O	Disorder
D/I	Dry & Intact
D/W	Distilled water
D_	Dorsal (with vertebral level)
DW	Dextrose (percent) in Water
DBP	Diastolic Blood Pressure
DBS	Dorsal Blocking Splint
DC('d)	Discontinue(d)
DCA	Directional Coronary Atherectomy
DCC	Diabetes Care Center
DDX	Desmethyldoxepin
deb	Debridement
decel	Deceleration
decomp	Decompensate
decr	Decreased
decub	Decubitus
defib	Defibrillation
dehy	Dehydration
del	Delivery



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dept	Department
Dex	Dextrostix
DF	Dorsiflexion
DI	Diabetes Insipidus
DIC	Desseminated Intravascular
	Coagulation
Dig. N.	Digital Nerve
dil	Dilatation
DIP	Distal interphalangeal
dis	Distal
disch	Discharge(d)
Div	Divorced
DJD	Degenerative joint disease
dk	Dark
DKA	Diabetic ketoacidosis
dl.	Deciliters
DLC	Dual Lumen Catheter
dly	Daily
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DNP	Do Not Publish
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
DOA	Dead on Arrival
DOB	Date of Birth
DOE	Dyspnea on exertion
DOOC	Diabetes out of Control
DPT	Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus
	Toxide Vaccine
Dr.	Doctor
drng	Drainage
drsg	Dressing
DSD	Dry Sterile Dressing
DSM	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual
DTR	Deep Tendon Reflex
DTs	Delirium Tremens
DTV	Due to void
DUB	Dysfunctional Uterine Bleeding
DVT	Deep vein thrombosis
Dx	Diagnosis
DYS	Dysphagia
DYS1	Dysphagia level 1 diet
DYS2	Dysphagia level 1 diet



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DYS3	Dysphagia level 3 diet
DYS4	Dysphagia level 4 diet
e (followed by a word)	Indication for an electronic format;
	example eMAR
E	Epidural
EFS	Enterprise Flowsheet System
E-stim	Electrical Stimulation
ES	Extra Strength
eg	For example
ESF	External skeletal fixation
EA	Emotions Anonymous
EAB	Elective Abortion
EBL	Estimated Blood Loss
EBM	Expressed Breast Milk
ECCE	Extracapsular cataract extraction
ECF	Extended Care Facility
ECMO	Extracoporeal Membrane
	Oxygenation
ECT	Electro Convulsive Therapy
ED	Emergency Department
EDB	Extensor digitorum brevis
EDC	Expected date of confinement
EDD	Estimated date of delivery
EDO	Emergency Detention Order
EEG	Electroencephalogram
EF	Ejection fraction
EFM	Electronic fetal monitoring
EFW	Estimated Fetal Weight
EGA	Estimated Gestational Age
EGD	Esophogastroduoenoscopy
EHL	Extensor Hallucis Longus
EKG	Electrocardiogram
elix	Elixir
ELOS	Estimated length of stay
EMG	Electromyogram
EMS	Emergency Medical System
EN	Enteral nutrition
ENG	Electronystagmogram
epith	Epithelium
EPL	Extensor Pollicis Lungus
EPS	Extrapyramidal symptoms



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ER	External Rotation
ERCP	Endoscopic retrograde
	cholangiopancreatography
ESRD	End Stage Renal Disease
est	Estimate
estab	Establish
ESWL	Extra-corporeal shock wave
	lithotripsy
ET	Endotracheal
etc	And so on
etiol	Etiology
ETOH	Alcohol
ETR	Escape to Reality
ETS	Elevated Toilet Seat
ETT	Endotracheal Tube
ETX	Evening Treatment
Ev	Eversion
eval	Evaluation
ex	Exercise
exam	Examination
excis	Excision
expir	Expiratory
ext	External
°F Degree	Farenheit
F	Female
F.U.O.	Fever of undetermined origin
F/C	Foley Catheter
F/S	Frozen section
F/U	Follow Up
FA	Femoral Artery
FAS	Functional Assessment Score
FB	Forward bending
FBS	Fasting blood sugar
FCE	Functional Capacity Evaluation
fdg	Feeding
FDP	Flexor digitorum profundus
FDS	Flexor digitorum superficialis
fem	Femoral
FES	Functional electrical stimulation
FF	Fat Free
FFFB	Foot flat for balance



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FFP	Fresh frozen plasma
FFWB	Flat Foot Weight Bearing
FH	Family History
FHR	Fetal heart rate
Fi02	Fractionated inspiratory oxygen
fib	Fibrillation
FIM	Functional Independence Measure
FL	Full liquid diet
FLACC	Face Legs Activity Cry Consolability
fld	Fluid
flex	Flexion
flr	Floor
Flu	Influenza
FM	Fetal movement
FMLA	Family Medical Leave
FOB	Foot of bed
font	Fontanel
for. body	Foreign Body
FP	Family Practice
FPB	Flexor pollicis brevis
FPL	Flexor pollicis longus
Fr	French
freq	Frequent
FROM	Full range of motion
FS	Full strength
FSE	Fetal Scalp electrode
ft	Foot/feet
ftp	Finger tip
FTSB	Full thickness skin burn
FTSG	Full thickness skin graft
FTSL	Full thickness skin loss
FTT	Failure to thrive
FU	Follow up
FUES	Functional Upper Extremity Scale
FUES 1	Nonfunctional
FUES 2	Passive stabilizer
FUES 3	Shoulder < 90%, with no hand
	manipulation
FUES 4	Shoulder < 90% with gross hand
	manipulation



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FUES 5	Shoulder> 90%, with gross hand manipulation
FUES 6	Shoulder < 90%, with fine hand
	manipulation
FUES 7	Shoulder> 90%, with fine hand
	manipulation
func	Function
FunclEx	Functional Exercise
FVC	Forced Vital Capacity
FWB	Full Weight Bearing
fwd	Forward
Fx	Fracture
g	Gallop
G-tube	Gastrostomy tube
GA	General Anesthesia
GAF	Global Assessment of Functioning
gav	Gavage
GB	Gallbladder
GBBS	Group B Beta Strep
GCS	Glasco Coma Scale
GE	Graphic expression
GERD	Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease
gest	Gestation/Gestational
Gf	Girlfriend
GFR	Glomerular filtration rate
GI	Gastrointestinal
GIFT	Gamete-intrafallopian transfer
gm	Gram
ĞMHC	Gallahue Mental Health Center
GMHS	Gallahue Mental Health Services
GPAB	Gravida Para Abortion
gr	Grain
gs	Gluteal setting
ĞSW	Gun Shot Wound
gtt(s)	Drop(s)
GU	Genitourinary
Gyn	Gynecology
H&H	Hemoglobin & hematocrit
H&P	History and physical
h(r)	Hour
HI	Homicidal Ideation



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IA	Intra - arterial
IABP	Intra-aortic balloon pump
IAH	Intra-abdominal hypertension
lb	Pound
IBD	Inflammatory bowel disease
IBS	Irritable bowel syndrome
IBW	Ideal body weight
ICC	Interdisciplinary Case Conference
ICH	Intracranial hemorrhage
ICP	Intracranial Pressure
ICS	Intercostal space
I&D	Incision & drainage
10	Infectious disease
IDDM	Insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
IDO	Immediate Detention Order
IDDT	Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment
ie	That is
IEM	Inborn errors of metabolism/Met
	Screen
I/E ratio	Inspiratory to expiratory ratio
IF	Intrafat
Ig	Large
IJ	Internal jugular
IIL	Intermittent Infusion Lock
IM	Intramuscular
IMA	Internal mammary artery
Imp	Impression
IMR	Image intensifier
IMV	Intermittent Mandatory Ventillation
in	Inches
Inc	Incubator
incont	Incontinent
INCR	Increase
ind	Induction
inf	Inferior
info	Information
INH	Isoniazid
inj	Injection
IOAP	Intensive Outpatient Addictions
	Program
IOP	Intensive Outpatient Program



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Inpt	Inpatient
insp	Inspiratory/Inspiration
inspec	Inspection
int	Interior
Int PPD	Intermediate purified protein
	derivative
1&0	Intake and Output
IO	Intraosseous
IOL	Intraocular lens
ionto	IontophoresIs
IP	Interphalangeal
IPPB	Intermittent positive pressure
	breathing
IR	Internal rotation
Irreg	Irregular
Irrig	Irrigation
IS	Incentive spirometry
ITB	Iliotibial band
IUD	Intrauterine device
IUFD	Intrauterine fetal demise
IUGR	Intrauterine growth retardation
IUM	Intrauterine monitoring
IUP	Intrauterine pregnancy
IUPC	Intrauterine pressure catheter
IV	Intravenous
IVC	Inferior vena cava
IVCD	Intraventricular Conduction Delay
IVF	In vitro fertilization
IVH	Intraventricular hemorrhage
IVP	Intravenous pyelogram
IVPB	Intravenous piggy back
IVSS	Intravenous soluset
J tube	Jejunostomy (feeding) tube
JP	Jackson - Pratt
jt	Joint
jug	Jugular
JVD	Jugular vein distension
KAFO	Knee ankle foot orthosis
Kcal	Kilo calories
kg	Kilogram
KJ	Knee Jerk



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KO	Koon onen
KPH	Keep open Key point handouts
KS	
	Kaposi's Sarcoma
KVO	Keep vein open
L	Liter
L&D	Labor and delivery
L&W	Living and Well
LOM	Left otitis media
L/3	Lower one-third
L_	Lumbar (with vertebral level)
LA	Left atrium/atrial
IAB	Intra-aortic Balloon
lab	Laboratory
lac	Laceration
LAD	Left anterior descending
LAO	Left anterior oblique
lap	Laparotomy
lap chole	Laparoscopic cholecystotomy
LÁQ	Long arc quad
lat	Lateral
LBBB	Left bundle branch block
LBP	Low back pain
LBW	Low Birth Weight
LCA	Left coronary artery
LCL	Lateral collateral ligament
LCS	Low continuous suction
LCX	Left circumflex
LDR	Labor Delivery Recovery Room
LDRP	Labor, Delivery, Recovery, & Post
	Partum
LE	Lower extremity
LGA	Large for gestational age
LGF	Low grade fever
LHF	Left heart failure
liq	Liquid
LIS	Low intermittent suction
LKS	Liver, kidneys, spleen
LLE	Left lower extremity
LLL	Left lower lobe - lung
LLQ	Left lower quadrant
LLSB	Left lower sternal border
LLOD	Lort lower storrial bolder



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LLT	Left lateral thigh
LMD	Local Medical Doctor
LMP	Last menstrual period
LND	lymph node dissection
Lo Nutr	Low nutrient
LOA	Left occiput anterior
LOB	Loss of balance
LOC	Level/loss of consciousness
LOP	Left occiput posterior
LOS	Length of stay
LP	Lumbar puncture
LPA	Left pulmonary artery
LPO	Left posterior oblique
LPPC	Leukocyte poor packed cells
LR	Lactated ringers
LRM	Lateral rectus muscle
LS	Lumbo sacral (vertebra)
Lt	Left
LTC	Laparoscopic tubal
LTG	Long term goal
LTL	Laparoscopy tubal cauterization
LTM	Long term memory
LTV	Long term variability
LUE	Left upper extremity
LUL	Left Upper Lobe (lung)
LUOQ	Left upper outer quadrant
LUQ	Left upper outer quadrant
LV	Left upper quadrant
LVH	Left ventricular hypertrophy
Lytes	Electrolytes
M	Male
M1	Mitral first
MA tube	Miller-Abbot tube
MA-1	Manual assisted respirator
MAAS	Motor Activity Assessment Scale
MAE	Moves all extremities
Mall	Malleolus
Mammo	Mammogram
MAO	Monoamine oxidase
MAP	
MAR	Mean arterial pressure
IVIAK	Medication administration record



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MAS	Meconium Aspiration Syndrome
MAW	Metabolic active weight
max	Maximal assistance
MBS	Modified Barium Swallow
MCC	Maternity Care Center
mcg	Microgram
MCJ	Metacarpal joint
MCL	Medial collateral ligament
MCPJ	Metacarpophalangeal joint
MD	Muscular Dystrophy
MDI	Metered dose inhaler
MDD	Major Depressive Disorder
MDN	Multi-disciplinary Note
MDTP	Multidisciplinary Treatment Plan
meas	Measure
mech	Mechanics
med	Medicine/Medication
memb	Membranes
mEq	Millequivalent
mets	Metastasis(es)/metastatic
Met Screen	Metabolic Screen
MFR	Myofascial release
mg	Milligram
mgmt	Management
Mgr	Manager
MHC	Mental Health Clinic/Clinician
MI	Myocardial infarct(ion)
min	Minute
ML	Midline
ml	Milliliter
MLC	Midline Catheter
mM	Milli mole
mm	Millimeter
MMPI	Minnesota multiphasic personality
	inventory
MMR	Measles, mumps, & rubella vaccine
MMT	Manual muscle test
MN	Midnight
MNT	Medical Nutrition Therapy
mo(s)	Month(s)
mob	Mobilization



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mod	Moderate
MOF	Matter of Fact
MOM	Milk of Magnesia
MOW	Meals - On - Wheels
MPA	Main pulmonary artery
MR	Mitral regurgitation
mr	may repeat
MRA	Magnetic Resonance Angiography
MRDD	Mental Retardation Developmentally
	Disabled
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
MRM	Medial rectus muscle
MRMT	Minnesota Rate of Manipulation
MRSA	Methicillin Resistant Staph Aureus
MS	Multiple Sclerosis
M/S	Medical/surgical
MSE	Mental Status Exam
MSF	Meconium stained fluid
MSLT	Multiple Sleep Latency Test
MSOF	Multiple system organ failure
MT	Metatarsal
MTP	Metatarsophalangeal
MTPJ	Metatarsophalangeal joint
MUGA	Multi-Gated Acquisition Scann
mur	Murmur
MVA	Motor vehicle accident
MVC	Motor vehicle crash
mvmt	Movement
MVPT	Motor free visual perception test
MVR	Mitral valve replacement
MWT	Maintenance of Wakefulness Test
NOS	Not otherwise specified
N/A	Not applicable
N/V	Nausea-vomiting
N/V/D	Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea
NAD	No apparent distress
NAS	No Added Salt
NBN	Newborn nursery
NBQC	Narrow base quad cane
NBS	Newborn Screen
NC	Nasal Cannula



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ND	No Demands
NDT	Neurodevelopmental treatment
neb	Nebulizer
nec	Necessary
NED	No evidence of disease
neg	Negative
neuro	Neurology/neurological
NG	Naso-gastric
NICU	Newborn Intensive Care Unit
NIDDM	Non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
NIF	Negative inspiratory force
NIHSSm	National Institute for Health Stroke Scale modified
nil	None
NKA	No known allergies
NKDA	No known drug allergies
nm	Nanometer
NMB	Neuromuscular blockade
nn.	Nerve
NNP	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
NOB	No other brand
noc	Night
norm	Normal
NP	Nasopharyngeal
NPC	Non productive cough
NPH	Isophane Insulin Suspension
NPO	Nil per os - nothing by mouth
NPP	Nursing policy and procedure
NRB	Non rebreather
NRP	Neonatal Resuscitation Program
NRT	Neonatal Resuscitation Team
NS	Normal Saline
NSAID	Non steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
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nsg	Nursing
nsg NSR NST	Nursing Normal sinus rhythm Non-stress test



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NT	Not tested
NTG	Nitroglycerin
NVC's	Neurovascular checks
NWB	Non-weight bearing
0	Objective
O ₂	Oxygen
OA	Osteoarthritis
OATL	Open achilles tendon lengthening
ОВ	Obstetrics
OBRR	Obstetrical Recovery Room
OBS	Organic Brain Syndrome
obsv.	Observation
OC	Open Crib
occ	Occasional
occl	Occlusive
OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
OCT	Oxytocin challenge test
OD	Overdose
OFC	Occipto-frontal circumference
OG	Orogastric
ОН	Open heart
ОНА	Oral hypoglycemic agent
oint	Ointment
OJ	Orange juice
OK	Okay
Oligo	Oligohydramnios
OM	Oral motor
onc	Oncology
OOB	Out of bed
OP	Outpatient
OPD	Outpatient department
ophth	Ophthalmic
OPSG	Overnight Polysomnogram
OPSM	Outpatient sports medicine
OR	Operating room
ORIF	Open reduction, internal fixation
Ortho	Orthopaedic
OSA	Obstructive Sleep Apnea
OT	Occupational therapy
OTA	Open to air
OTC	Over the counter



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ох	Oximetry
OZ	Ounce
Р	Pulse
P02	Partial pressure 02
P2	Pulmonic second heart sounds
P/A	Posterior/Anterior
PA	Pulmonary artery
PAC	Premature atrial contraction
PACU	Post anesthesia care unit
PAT	Paroxysmal atrial Tachycardia
PB	Piggyback
PC02	Partial pressure CO2
PCA	Patient controlled analgesia
рс	After meals
PC	Packed cells
PCC	Pediatric Care Center
PCL	Posterior cruciate ligament
PCN	Penicillin
PCP	Patient Care Pathway
PCU	Progressive care unit
PCWP	Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure
PD	Peritoneal dialysis
PDA	Patent ductus arteriosis
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PE	Pulmonary Embolus/Emboli
PEARL	Pupils equal and reactive to light
Peds	Pediatrics
PEEP	Positive End Expiratory Pressure
PEG	Percutaneous Endoscopic
	Gastrostomy
per	Through/by
PERL	Pupils equal, react to light
PERLA	Pupils equal, react to light and
	accommodation
PERRLA	Pupils equal round reactive to light
	and accommodation
PFC	Persistent fetal circulation
PFT	Pulmonary Function Test
PGAb	Para Gravida Abortion
PH	Past history
phono	Phonophoresis



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PR	Per rectum
pre-op	Before surgery
prec	Precautions
preg	Pregnant
premie	Premature infant
prep	Prepare for
prev	Previous
prn	As required
PROM	Passive range of motion
prox.	Proximal
PS	Pressure sore
Psych	Psychiatry
pt.	Patient
PT	Physical therapy
PTA	Prior to admission
PTCA	Percutaneous Transluminal
	Coronary Angioplasty
PTL	Preterm labor
PTP	Post tibial pulse
PTSB	Partial thickness skin burn
PTSD`	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
PTSL	Partial thickness skin loss
PUD	Peptic ulcer disease
Pulm	Pulmonary
PV	Pulmonary vein
PVC	Premature ventricular contraction
PVR	Pulmonary vascular resistence
PWB	Partial weight bearing
PZI	Protamine zinc insulin
q	Every/each
qh	Every hour
qid	Four times a day
qs	A sufficient quantity
QIP	Quality improvement process
QLC	Quadrilumen catheter
qt	Quart
quant.	Quantative
R	Respiration
ROM	Right otitis media
RT	Recreational therapy
R/A	Room air



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r/o	Rule out
rad	Unit of absorbed radiation
RAT	
	Right anterior thigh
RAV	Readback and verified
RBBB	Right bundle branch block
RC/S	Repeat Cesarean Section
RCA	Right coronary artery
RD	Retinal detachment
RDA	Recommended daily allowance
RDI	Reference daily intake
RDS	Respiratory distress syndrome
re	Regarding
Rec	Recommendation
rec'd	Received
reg	Regular
rehab	Rehabilitation
REM	Rapid Eye Movement
reps	Repetitions
Resp	Respirations
Resp T	Respiratory Therapy
ret'd	Returned
retr	Retraction
Rh.A	Rheumatoid arthritis
RHC	Respirations have ceased
RHD	Rheumatic heart disease
RHF	Right heart failure
RL	Rotation left
RLE	Right lower extremities
RLL	Right lower lobe (lung)
RLQ	Right lower quadrant
RLS	Restless Leg Syndrome
RLT	Right lateral thigh
RME	Right mediolateral episiotomy
RML	Right middle lobe (lung)
RNWNP	Restricted No Work No Play
RO	Reality orientation
ROA	Right Occiput anterior
ROM	Range of motion
ROP	Right occiput posterior
RPA	Right pulmonary artery
RR	Recovery room
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RROM	Resisted range of motion
RSV	Respiratory Synctial Virus
Rt	Right
RTC	Return to clinic
RUE	Right upper extremity
RUL	Right upper lobe (lung)
RUOQ	Right Upper Outer Quadrant
rupt	Ruptured
RUQ	Right upper quadrant
RV	Right ventricle
RVH	Right ventricle hypertrophy
RVSWI	Right ventricular stroke work index
RW	Radiant Warmer
Rx	Prescription
S	Single
S&S	Signs & symptoms
SL	Sublingual
SOB	Short(ness) of breath
SS	Soap solution
ST	Speech therapy
s/p	Status post
S_	Sacral (with vertebral level)
SA	Sinoatrial node
Sa02	Arterial Oxyhemoglobin Saturation
SAB	Spontaneous abortion
SAH	Subarachnoid hemorrhage
SAQ	Short arc quads
sat	Saturated
satis	Satisfactory
SATL	Subcutaneous Achilles tendon
	lengthening
SAO	Sexually Acting Out
SB	Side bending
SBE	Subacute bacterial endocarditis
SBGM	Self blood glucose monitoring
SBO	Small bowel obstruction
SBP	Systolic blood pressure
SC	Scant
scap	Scapula
SCC	Squamous cell carcinoma
SCD	Sequential compression devise



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sch vis/wk	Scheduled visits per week
SCI	Spinal cord injury
SCM	Sternocleidomastoid
SCN	Special care nursery
SCUF	Slow continuous ultrafiltration
SDS	Self directed search of academic,
	vocational options
SE	Side Effects
sec	Seconds
SED	Seriously Emotionally Disabled
seiz	Seizure
SEM	Systolic ejection murmur
Sep	Separated
SF	Sugar free
SGA	Small for gestational age
SGW	Shot Gun Wound
SH	Social history
shldr	Shoulder
si	Sacroiliac
Sib	Sibling
SI	Suicidal ideation
SIADH	Syndrome of inappropriate anti-
	diuretic hormone
SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
sim	Simulation
SIMV	Spontaneous Intermittent Mechanical Ventilation
SIRS	Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome
Sis	Sister
SL	Sublingual
SI	Slight
SLE	Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
SLR	Straight Leg Raising
Sm	Small
SMHC	Senior Mental Health Clinic
SMI	Sustained Maximum Inspiration
SMOF	Supportive Matter of Fact
SMR	Submucous Resection
SO	Significant Other
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SOB	Short(ness) of Breath
SOL	Solution
SOSOB	Setting on side of bed
SpGr	Specific Gravity
Spec	Specimen
SPMI	Severely Persistent Mentally III
SpO ₂	Pulse Oximeter Oxyhemoglobin
- σρο2	Saturation
Spone	Spontaneous
SPT	Standing Pivot Transfer
SR	System Review
SRM	Superior Rectus Muscle
SROM	Spontaneous Rupture of Membranes
SSCP	Substernal Chest Pain
SSDI	Social Security Disability
SSE	Soap Suds Enema
SSKI	Saturated Solution Potassium
St	Stain
sta	Station
STAT	At once
STD	Sexually transmitted disease
STEMI	ST-elevation myocardial infarction
STG	Short term goal
stim	Stimulation
STM	Short term memory
STSG.	Split thickness skin graft
STV	Short term variability
Subcl	Subclavian
subQ	Subcutaneous
suct	Suction(ing)
sup	Superior
supin	Supination
Supp	Suppository
Surg	Surgery
susp	Suspension
SVC	Superior vena cava
SVD	Spontaneous vaginal delivery
SVE	Sterile Vaginal Exam
SVO2	Venous oxygen saturation
SVR	Systemic vascular resistance
SVT	Supra-ventricular tachycardia



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Sx	Symptom
Sympat	Sympathetic
syr	Syrup
syst	Systolic
s/w	somewhat
Т	Temperature
T/A	Talked About
T&A	Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
TC	Thought Content
T&C	Type and crossmatch
TAT	Tetanus antitoxin
TcB	Transcutaneous bilirubin
TD	Thermodilution
tid	Three times a day
TOF	Tetralogy of Fallot
TTB	Tetanus Toxoid booster
T_	Thoracic (with vertebral level)
TA	Transactional analysis
tab	Tablet
tachy	Tachycardia
TAH	Total abdominal hysterectomy
ТВ	Tuberculosis
ТВІ	Traumatic brain injury
TCDB	Turn, cough, deep breathe
TCM	Transcutaneous Monitor
TcB	Transcutaneous bilirubin
TcPO2	Transcutaneous oxygen
TCU	Transitional Care Unit
TDD	Tentative discharge date
TED	Ted Hose
TENS	Transcutaneous electrical nerve
ILING	stimulation
TF	Tube feeding
TFL	Tensor fascia latae
Th	Thumb
THA	Total hip arthroplasty
Ther Act	Therapeutic Activities
Ther Ex	Therapeutic exercise
THR	Total hip replacment
TIA	Transient ischemic attack
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TKA	Total knee arthroplasty
TKE	Terminal knee extension
TKR	Total knee replacement
TL	Tubal ligation
TLC	Triple lumen catheter
TM	Treadmill test
TMJ	Temporomandibular joint
TMP	Trimethoprim
TO	Telephone order
toco	Tocodynamometer
tol	Tolerated
TOM	Transcutaneous oxygen monitor
Tomax	Maximum temperature
TP	Thought Process
TPA	Tissue Plasminogin Activator
TPM	Temporary Pacemaker
TPN	Total Parenteral nutrition
TPR	Temperature, pulse, respirations
Tpt	Trigger point
TPV	Trivalent oral polio vaccine
tr	Trace
trach	Tracheotomy
trans	Transferred
trap	Trapezius
TSA	Total shoulder arthroplasty
TSF	Toilet safety frame
TSS	Toxic shock syndrome
TTB	Tetanus Toxoid Booster
TTN	Transient Tachypna of the Newborn
TTWB	Toe touch weight bearing
TUR	Transurethral resection
TURBN	Transurethral resection bladder neck
TURBT	Transurethral resection bladder
	tumor
TURP	Transurethral resection prostate
TV	Television
TVH	Total vaginal hysterectomy
TVol	Tidal Volume
Tx	Treatment
tymp	Tympanic



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U.O.	Urinary output
U/3	Upper one-third
U/A	Urinalysis
UAC	Umbilical Artery Catheter
UAF	Universal Assessment Form
UAL	Umbilical arterial line
UBW	Usual body weight
UC	Ultracal
UD	Ulnar deviation
UDS	Urine drug screen
UE	Upper extremity
UF	Ultrafiltrate/ultrafiltration
UGI	Upper Gastro Intestinal
umb	Umbilical
uncomf	Uncomfortable
	Ointment
ung. UNK	Unknown
URI	Upper respiratory infection
UROL	· · · · ·
US	Urology Ultrasound
USP	
UTI	United states pharmacopeia Urinary tract infection
UTS	Utility tub seat
UVC	Umbilical Venous Catheter
UVL	Umbilical venous line
V	Five
V-P	
VH	Visual perceptual Visual Hallucinations
V.I.P.	
	Very important person
VMO	Vastus Medialis Obliquus
VO	Verbal order
V/Q	Ventilation, perfusion quotient
VA	Visual acuity
VAD	Vascular Ventricular assist device
vag	Vaginal
VAS	Visual analog scale
VBAC	Vaginal birth after cesarean
VComp	Visual comprehension
VCT	Volume Computed Tomography
VD ·	Venereal disease
vdg qs	Voiding quantities sufficient



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VE	Verbal expression
vent	Ventilator
VF	Ventricular fibrillation
vit	Vitamin
VIU	Visual internal urethrotomy
VM	Venti mask
VNS	Visiting nurse service
Voc Rehab	Vocational Rehabilitation
vol	Volume
VRE	Vancomycin resistant enterococcus
VS	Vital signs
VSD	Ventricular septal defect
VSE	Videofluroscopic swallow evaluation
VSS	Vital signs stable
VT	Ventricular tachycardia
VTM	Vapotherm
Vtx	Vertex
w	White
W/A	While Awake
W.D.	Well developed
W.N.	Well nourished
W.P.W.	Wolfe-Parkinson-White
W/C	Wheel chair
WB	Whole blood
WBAT	Weight bearing as tolerated
WBQC	Wide based quad cane
WC	Work conditioning
Wd	Wound
WFL	Within functional limits
WIC	Women's, infants and children
WIT	Walk in tank
wk	Week
wkly	Weekly
wm	Warm
WNL	Within normal limits
WP	Whirlpool
WPC	Washed packed cells
wt	Weight
Χ	Times
X-fers	Transfers
X-out	Time out



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XR	X-ray
y/o	Years old
yd(s)	Yard(s)
Yr (s)	Years
Z	Z-track
z&c	Zero and calibrate
ZIFT	Zygote intra-fallopian transfer

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