

Medical Abbreviations Glossary

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a	assessment before (Lat. ante)	AAL	acute lymphoblastic leukemia anterior axillary line	ACEI	angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors
a or AB	abortion or miscarriage	AAROM	active assisted range of motion	ACh	Acetylcholine
a or ART	artery	AASP	acute atrophic spinal paralysis	AChR	Acetylcholine receptor
A&E	accident and emergency	AAU	acute anterior uveitis	ACL	anterior cruciate ligament
A&P	auscultation and percussion	AB	Ace Bandage active bilaterally	ACM	acute cerebrospinal meningitis
A&W	alive and well	ab	antibody	ACM	acetaminophen (paracetamol)
a.c.	before meals (Lat. ante cenam)	AB or abd	abdominal	ACNP	acute care nurse practitioner
a.f.g.f.	acidic fibroblast growth factor	Abb	abbreviations	ACOP	approved code of practice
a.k.	above knee	ABC	absolute basophil count	Acous	acoustic
a.p.	before dinner	abd.	abdomen abduction abductor	Acr	acrylic
A.S.A.	American Society of Anesthesiologists	ABE	activity before exercise acute bacterial endocarditis	ACS	acute cervical sprain
A.S.A. 1	normal healthy patient	ABG	arterial blood gas	Act	actinomycin
A.S.A. 2	patient with mild systemic disease	ABN	abnormal active bulimia nervosa acute bacterial nephritis	ACT	active motion anesthesia care team
A.S.A. 3	patient with severe systemic disease	ABP	arterial blood pressure	act	activity
A.S.A. 4	patient with incapacitating systemic disease that is constant threat to life	abs	absent	Act-C	actinomycin C
A.Z.	Ascheim-Zondek test	ABW	actual body weight	Act-D	actinomycin D
A/B	acid/base ratio	Ac	acute	ACTH	adrenocorticotropic hormone
A/BE	acid/base equilibrium	AC	anterior chamber	ACVD	acute cardiovascular disease
A/G	albumin globulin ratio	acc	accident	AD	advance directive Alzheimer's disease right ear (Lat. auris dexter)
A/O	alert and oriented	Acc.Inc.	accidentally incurred	ad lib	as desired at liberty
A2	aortic second sound	Acc.Inj.	accidental injury	ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
AA	affected area	accom.	accommodation	ADH	antidiuretic hormone (vasopressin)
aa	equal part of each	ACE	angiotensin converting enzyme	ADHD	Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder
AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm			ADL	activities of daily living

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ADM	acquired dermal melanocytosis arginine-deficient medium	anes.	anesthesia	ATT	arginine tolerance test
adm.	admission	ANF	antinuclear factor	AU	according to custom (Lat. ad usum) both ears (Lat. auris unitas)
ADR	adverse drug reaction	ann. fib.	annulus fibrosis	aud.	auditory
AE	above elbow	ANS	autonomic nervous system	Aur. Fib	auricular fibrillation
AEA	above elbow amputation	ant.	anterior	AV	aortic valve atrioventricular
AF	afebrile	ANUG	acute necrotizing ulcerative gingivitis	AV or AvV	atrioventricular valves
AF or Afib	atrial fibrillation	Anxty or ANX	anxiety	AVD	aortic valve disease
AFB	acid fast bacilli	AO	aorta	AVE	aortic valve echocardiogram
AFO	ankle-foot orthosis	AOB	alcohol on breath	AVF	arteriovenous fistula
AFP	alpha fetoprotein	AODM	adult onset diabetes mellitus	AVHS	acquired valvular heart syndrome
AGA	appropriate gestational age	AP	acid phosphatase active pepsin ante partum	AVO	aortic valve opening
AgNO3	silver nitrate	A-P	anteroposterior	AVp	arginine vasopressin
AH	abdominal hysterectomy	AP res.	abdominal perineal resection of the rectum	AVR	aortic valve replacement
AHCD	acquired hepatocellular degeneration	A-P&lat or AP&L	anteroposterior and lateral	AVS	aortic valve stenosis
AHD	acquired hepatocerebral degeneration	APC	atrial premature contractions	AVt	arginine vasotocin
AHF	Argentinian hemorrhagic fever	aph	aphasia	AW	able to work above waist
ai	active ingredient	aq.	water	Ax.	axial axilla axillary
AI	Adequate Intake aortic insufficiency articulation index	AR	active-resistance aortic regurgitation	AXR	abdominal X-ray
AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome	ARC	AIDS Related Complex	B	
AIDS-KS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome with Kaposi's sarcoma	ARD	acute respiratory distress	B	black born
AJ	ankle jerk	ARDS	adult respiratory distress syndrome	B&C	biopsy and curettage
AKA	above knee amputation	ARE	active-resistance exercise	B&J	bone and joint
aka	alcoholic ketoacidosis	ARF	acute respiratory failure acute rheumatic fever	B.	bath
alb.	albumin	Arg.	arginine	b.i.d. or B/D	twice daily (Lat. bis in die)
alc.	alcohol	AROM	active range of motion artificial rupture of membranes	b.i.n. or B/N	twice a night (Lat. bis in nox)
alkPhos	alkaline phosphate	art	arterial articulation	B.U.O.	bleeding of undetermined origin bruising of undetermined origin
ALL	acute lymphocytic/lymphoblastic leukemia	AS	aortic stenosis left ear (Lat. Auris sinistra)	BA	brachial artery bronchial asthma
ALS	amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	ASA	aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid)	Ba.E or BA or BE	barium enema
ALT	alanine aminotransferase (formerly SGPT) alternating with	ASAP	as soon as possible	Ba.S	barium swallow
AM	before noon (Lat. ante meridiem)	ASC or ATS	arteriosclerosis	Bab.	Babinski sign
AMA	against medical advice	ASCVD	atherosclerotic/arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease	BAC	blood alcohol concentration
amb.	ambulating ambulatory	ASD	atrial septal defect	BAL	bronchoalveolar lavage
AMD	age-related macular degeneration	ASHD	arteriosclerotic heart disease	BAM	basilar artery migraine
AMI	acute myocardial infarction	ASO	antistreptolysin O	BAO	basal acid output brachial artery output
AML	acute myeloid/myeloblastic leukemia	AST	aspartate aminotransferase (formerly SGOT) aspartate transaminase	BAO-MAO	basal acid output to maximal acid output
amnio	amniocentesis	AT	Achilles tendon	BAP	Behavior Activity Profile brachial artery pressure
amp.	ampule amputation	at. flut.	atrial flutter	BAR	bariatrics barometer barometric beta-adrenergic receptor
ANA see FANA	antinuclear antibody test	ATN	acute tubular necrosis		
		ATNR	asymmetrical tonic neck reflex		
		ATP	adenosine triphosphate		
		ATR	Achilles tendon reflex		

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Barb	barbiturate	BD	band	BMT or	bone marrow transplant
BarbDep	barbiturate dependence		barbital-dependent	HDC	
BARK	beta-adrenergic receptor kinase		behavioral disorder	BN	bulimia nervosa
BAS	beta-adrenergic stimulation		bile duct	BND	barely noticeable difference
Bas.	basal		blood donor	BNO	bladder neck obstruction
	basilar		brain damage	BO(R)	bowels open (regularly)
baso	basophile		brain dead	BOA	born on arrival
	basophilic	bd	brain death	BOE	bilateral otitis externa
BAT	basic aid training		twice daily	BOIP	bronchiolitis obliterans interstitial pneumonia
	blunt abdominal trauma	BD or	birth date		
	brown adipose tissue	D.O.B.		BOM	bilateral otitis media
BAV	bicuspid aortic valve	Bd.	board	BOMA	otitis media, both ears, acute
BB	beta blocker	BDC	burn dressing change	BOO	bladder outlet obstruction
	both bones	BdG	bidirectional Glenn shunt	BOOP	bronchiolitis obliterans organizing pneumonia
BBA	born before arrival	BDI	blunt duodenal injury	BOP	blood ova parasites
BBB	bundle branch block	BDil	bronchodilator	BoTox or	botulinum toxin
BBBB	bilateral bundle-branch block	BE	below elbow	BT	
BBF	bronchial blood flow	BEA	below elbow amputation	BOW	bag of water
BBk	blood bank	BFlo	blood flow	BP	blood pressure body part
BBS	bashful bladder syndrome	BFP	biological false positive		
	bilateral breath sounds	BHT	blunt head trauma	BPC or	blood pressure cuff
BBT	basal body temperature	BI	basilar impression	BPCuff	
BBTC	basal body temperature chart		biological indicator	BPD	bronchopulmonary dysplasia
BBx or	breast biopsy		bodily injury	BPH	benign prostatic hypertrophy
BrBx.			bone impaction	BPM	beats per minute
BBx/FS	breast biopsy/frozen section		burn index	BPP	blood pressure and pulse
BC	basal cell	Bic.	biceps	BR	bedrest
	birth control	BID	brought in dead	BR or WC	bathroom
	board certified	BIH	bilateral inguinal hernia	Br.	breech presentation
	breast cancer	bilat.	bilateral	brach.	brachial
	bronchial carcinoma		bilaterally	BRBPR	bright red blood per rectum
	buffy coat	bili	bilirubin	broncho	bronchoscopy
Bc or	bicarbonate	BInj	brain injury	BRP	bathroom privileges
HCO3		BiW	twice weekly	BS	blood sugar bowel sounds breath sounds bronchial secretion
BCA	balloon catheter angioplasty	BJ	biceps jerk (reflex)	BSA	body surface area
	basal cell atypia	BJM	bones joints muscles	BSA or	bowel sounds active
	breast cancer antigen	BK	below knee	BS+	
BCAg	basal cell antigen	bk.	back	BSB	bedside bag
BCC	basal cell carcinoma	BKA	below knee amputation	BSC	bedside commode
	benign cellular changes	BkMD	Becker muscular dystrophy	BSD	bedside drainage
	birth control clinic	BL	blood loss	BSEX	breast self examination
BCD	basal cell dysplasia	BL or BSL	baseline	BSN	bowel sounds normal
BCE	basal cell epithelioma	Blad.	bladder	BSO	bilateral salpingoophorectomy
BCG	bacillus Calmette-Guerin (tuberculosis vaccine)	bl.	blood	BSP	bromsulphalein (Dye)
	ballistocardiogram	BLE	both lower extremities	BSR	basal skin resistance blood sedimentation rate bowel sounds regular
	ballistocardiography	BLLF	bilateral lower lung fields		
	bromocresol green (Dye)	BLQ	both lower quadrants	BSS	balanced salt solution
BCH	basal cell hyperplasia	BLS	basic life support	BST	blood serologic test
BCP	birth control pills	BLS-D	basic life support and defibrillation		
BCS	breast conservation surgery	BM	basal metabolism		
BCT	blood count		black male		
BCult or	blood culture		bone marrow		
bl cult			bowel movement		
BCyF	breast cyst fluid	BMD	Best's macular dystrophy		
BCyFP	breast cyst fluid protein	BMI	body mass index		
		BMR	basal metabolic rate		

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BT	bladder tumor blood type body temperature brain tumor breast tumor	c/o	complains of complaints	CD or COD or c.m.	cause of death (Lat. causa mortis)
BT or Bl.T	bleeding time	C/S	Cesarean section	CDC	Center for Disease Control
BT or HS	bedtime	C1 - C7	cervical vertebrae	CDys	cardiac dysrhythmia
BTB	bromthymol blue (Dye)	Ca	calcium carcinoma	CEA	carcinoembryonic antigen carcinoembryonic enzyme
BTE	behind the ear	CA	cancer cardiac arrest Caucasian adult	Cerv.	cervical cervix
BTFS	breast tumor/frozen section	CAA	cerebral amyloid angiopathy	CF	cardiac failure Caucasian female cystic fibrosis
BTL	bilateral tubal ligation	CABG	coronary artery bypass graft	cg.	centigram
BTLS	basic trauma life support	CaCO3	calcium carbonate	CHB	complete heart block
BTR	biceps tendon reflex	CAD	coronary artery disease	CHD	congenital heart disease coronary heart disease
BTS	blood transfusion service	CAF	Caucasian adult female cell adhesion factor	Chem.	chemotherapy
BTU	British thermal unit	Caf.	caffeine	CHF	congestive heart failure
BTW	by the way	CAH	chronic active hepatitis	CHO	carbohydrate
BTx	blood transfusion brevetoxin	CAHD	coronary atherosclerotic heart disease	Chol	cholesterol
BU	Bethesda unit blood urea burn unit Buruli ulcer	Cal or Kcal.	calorie	Chr	chronic
BUA	blood uric acid	CAM	Caucasian adult male	CI	cardiac index cardiac insufficiency cerebral infarction
Buc or Bucc	buccal	CAPD	continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis	CICU	cardiac intensive care unit
BUE	both upper extremities	Caps	capsules	CID	carpal instability, dissociative
BUN	blood urea nitrogen	car.	carotid	CIND	carpal instability, non- dissociative
BUN/CR	blood urea nitrogen/creatinine ratio	Card Cath	cardiac catheterization	CIS	carcinoma in situ
BUQ	both upper quadrants	card.	cardiac	CI-XII	1st to 12th cranial nerve
BUR	bilateral ureteral occlusion	CardMyo	cardiomyopathy	CJD	Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease
BUS	Bartholin, urethral, and Skene glands	CaSac	calcium saccharin	C-JF	carotid-jugular fistula
BV	blood vessel	CAT	computerized axial tomography	CK	creatinine kinase
BVE	blood vessel endothelium	Cat.	cataract	cl	centiliter
BVO	branch vein occlusion	cath	catheter catheterization	Cl	chloride chlorine clubbing
BVP	blood vessel prosthesis	CB	Cesarean birth	Cl.T	clotting time
BW	bed wetting below waist birth weight black woman body weight	CBC	complete blood count	Clav. or Cl	clavicle
BW or body wt.	body weight	CBD	common bile duct	cldy	cloudy
BWS	battered woman/wife syndrome	CBF	cerebral blood flow	CLL	chronic lymphocytic leukemia
Bx.	biopsy	CBG	capillary blood gas	CM	cardiac murmur cardiac muscle Caucasian male
C	Caucasian cervical	CBR	complete bed rest	cm.	centimeter
C&S	culture and sensitivity	CBV	catheter balloon valvuloplasty cerebral blood volume	CMal	cerebral malaria
C.	Celsius complement centigrade gallon	CC	Caucasian child chief complaint cubic centimeter	CMass	center of mass
c.	with	CCB	calcium channel blocker	Cmc	carpometacarpal
C.I	color index	CCF	congestive cardiac failure	CMCJ	carpometacarpal joint
C.M.M.	Certified Nurse-Midwife	C-CF	carotid-cavernous fistula	CMem	cell membrane
c.v.	tomorrow night	CCG	capillary column gas chromotography	CML	chronic myeloid leukemia
C/O	care of	CCU	coronary care unit	CMV	cytomegalovirus
		CD	cadaver donor cardiac disease contagious disease	CN	cranial nerve
		cd	candela (unit for light)	CNS	central nervous system
				cnst.	constipation
				CO	carbon monoxide cardiac output
				Co2 or CD	carbon dioxide

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COLD	chronic obstructive lung disease	CVA	cerebrovascular accident (stroke)	dim.	diminished
comb.	combination combine		costovertebral angle	DIND	delayed ischemic neurologic deficit
comm.	communicable	CVC	central venous catheters	DIP	distal interphalangeal (joint)
comp.	compound compress	CVD	cardiovascular disease	dis.	disease
conc.	concentrated	CVL	central venous line	disch.	discharge
cons.	consultation	CVP	central venous pressure	disp.	disposition
cont.	continued contractions	CvS	cardiovascular system	dist.	distal distilled
COP	center of pressure	CWP	cell wall protein	DIU	death in utero
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	CX	cervix culture	div.	divorced
Cor	heart	CxR	chest x-ray	DJD	degenerative joint disease
CP	cerebral palsy chest pain	cyath.	glassful	DKA	diabetic ketoacidosis
CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure	Cysto	cystoscopy	DLE	disseminated lupus erythematosus
CpBy	cardiopulmonary bypass	D		DM	diabetes mellitus diastolic murmur
CPC	clinicopathological conference	d	right (Lat. dexter)	DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
CPD	cephalo-pelvic disproportion	D&C	dilation and curettage	DNKA	did not keep appointment
CPK	creatinine phosphokinase	D&E	dilation and evacuation	DNR	do not recussitate
CPPB	continuous positive pressure breathing	D&R	dilation and radium implant	DNRCC	do not recussitate comfort care
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	D&V	diarrhoea and vomiting	DOA	dead on arrival
CPT	chest physical therapy	D.P.	dorsal pedia	DOB	date of birth
CR	closed reduction	d/c	discontinue	DOE	dyspnea on exertion
cran.	cranial	D/DW	dextrose in distilled water distilled water	Dors	dorsal
CRD	chronic respiratory disease	D/L	deciliter	DPL	diagnostic peritoneal lavage
creat. or Crea	creatinine	D/S	discharge summary	DPT	diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus vaccine
CRF	case report form chronic renal failure	D/W	dextrose in water discussed with	DR	delivery room
CRP	C-reactive protein	D5LR	5% dextrose and lactated ringers	dr.	dram
CRS	catheter-related sepsis	D5W	5% dextrose and sterile water	DRE	digital rectal examination
CRT	capillary refill time cardiac resuscitation team	DAH	diffuse alveolar hemorrhage	drsg.	dressing
CRU	cardiac rehabilitation unit	DAP	distal airway pressure	DSE	debutamine stress echocardiogram
CRV	central retinal vein	db.	decibel	DTR	deep tendon reflexes
CRVO	central retinal vein occlusion	DBE	deep breathing exercise	DT's	delirium tremens
Cs	case	DC	discharges discontinue	DU	duodenal ulcer
CSAVP	cerebral subarachnoid venous pressure	DD	discharge diagnosis	DUB	dysfunctional uterine bleeding
CSD	cat scratch disease	DDx	differential diagnosis	DUI	driving under influence
CSDB	cat scratch disease bacillus	decr.	decreased	Dx	diagnosis
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid	decub.	lying down	E	
C-spine	cervical spine	def.	defecation	e	without
CT	chest tube computed axial tomography	dehyd.	dehydrated	E. coli	Escherichia coli
CThr	cerebral thrombosis	Derm.	Dermatology	e.g.	for example (Lat. exempli gratia)
CTS	carpal tunnel syndrome	DES	Diethylstilbestrol	EAR	estimated average requirements
CTSIP	called to see patient	DH	drug history	EBL	estimated blood loss
CU	cause unknown	DI	diabetes insipidus diagnostic imaging	EBV	Epstein-Barr virus
		DIAG.	diagnosis	EBV-IM	Epstein-Barr virus (infectious mononucleosis)
		diam.	diameter	ECF	extended care facility extracellular fluid
		DIC	disseminated coagulopathy disseminated intravascular coagulation		
		diff.	differential blood count		

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ECHO	echocardiogram enterocytopathogenic human orphan virus	ext.	external extremity	fld.	fluid
ECS	endocervical scrape	Ext.	extract	flex.	flexion flexor
ECT	electroconvulsive therapy	ext. gen.	external genitalia	FM	finger movement
ED	emergency department	F		FNA	fine needle aspirate
EDC	estimated date of confinement	F	Fahrenheit female finger	FNAB	fine-needle aspiration biopsy
EDOD	estimated date of delivery	F.A.	first aid	FOB	fecal occult blood
EEG	electroencephalogram	F.B.	foreign body	FOOSH	fell on outstretched hand
EENT see	eyes, ears, nose, throat	f.f.	force fluid	FOS	full of stool/constipated
HEENT		FA	fluorescent antibody	FPAL	full term premature abortion living
EEX	electrodiagnosis	FANA see	fluorescent antinuclear antibody test	FPM	full passive movement
EGA	estimated gestational age	ANA	antibody test	FR	fracture frequency of respiration full range
EGD	esophago- gastroduodenoscopy	FBC	full blood count	fract.	fractional
EKG or	electrocardiogram	FBS	fasting blood sugar	FRBB	fracture of both bones
ECC		FCA	fracture, complete, angulated	FRC	functional residual capacity
elev.	elevated	FCC	fracture, complete, comminuted	FRJM	full range of joint movement
ELF	elective low forceps	FCCC	fracture, complete, comminuted, compound	FROM	full range of motion full range of movement
elix.	elixir	FCD	fracture, complete, deviated	FS	finger stick
EmBx	endometrial biopsy	FD	fully dilated	FSC	fracture, simple comminuted
EMG	electromyogram/electromyog- raphy	FDA	Food and Drug Administration	FSCC	fracture, simple, complete, comminuted
EMS	emergency medical service endometrial scrape	FDP	fibrin degradation product	FSH	follicle stimulating hormone
EMU	early morning urine	FDS	flexor digitorum profundus	FT	full term
En.	enema	Fe def.	iron deficiency	FTD	failure to descend
ENT	ears, nose, throat	FEC	freestanding emergency center	FTND	full term normal delivery
Eoc.	eosinophiles	FEF	forced expiratory flow	FTSG	full thickness skin graft
EOM	extraocular movement	FEKG or	fetal electrocardiogram	FTT	failure to thrive
Ep	epilepsy	FECG		FTW	fast-twitch white (skeletal muscle)
Epis.	episiotomy	fem.	femoral	FU or F/U	follow-up
Epis. LML	left mediolateral episiotomy	fem. pop.	femoral popliteal	FUB	functional uterine bleeding
Epis. Med.	medial episiotomy	fet.	fetal	FUO	fever of unknown/undetermined origin
Epis. RML	right mediolateral episiotomy	FEV	forced expiratory volume	FVC	forced vital capacity
ER	endoplasmic reticulum	FEV1	forced expiratory volume in 1 second	FW	fetal weight
ERCP	endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography	FFP	fresh frozen plasma	Fx	fracture
ERP	endoscopic retrograde pancreatography	FGC	full gold crown	FXBB	fracture of both bones
ESR or	erythrocyte sedimentation	FH	family history fetal heart	G	
sed. rate	rate	fh	fundal height	g or gm	gram
ESRD	end-stage renal disease	FHR	fetal heart rate	G or	gravida (Lat. pregnant)
EST	electroshock therapy	FHR-UC	fetal heart rate - uterine contraction	GRAV	
et	and	FHS	fetal heart sounds	G&S	group and save
ETIOL. or	etiology	FHT	fetal heart tones	G.A.	general anesthesia
Etio		FIO2	fraction of inspired oxygen concentration	G.C.	gonococcus
ETOH	ethanol (alcohol)	fl.	fluids	G.H.	growth hormone
EUA	examine under anesthesia	fl. dr.	fluid dram	G/E	gastroenteritis
EVAL	evaluation	fl. oz.	fluid ounce	G/M	granulocyte/macrophage
ex.	example exercise	flac.	flaccid	g/ml	grams per milliliter
Exp. Lap.	exploratory laparotomy			G/P	gravida/para
expir	expiration expiratory			G/W	glucose and water

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GA	gastric analysis general anaesthetic/anesthesia general appearance gestational age	Gt. tr.	gait training	Hep. Lock	Heparin lock
GABA	gamma-aminobutyric acid	GTN	glycerol trinitrate	hern.	hernia
Gal	gallon	GTT	glucose tolerance test	hgb	hemoglobin
GB	gallbladder Guillain-Barré (syndrome)	gtt.	drops	HCO	hepatic glucose output
GBEF	gallbladder ejection fraction	GU	genitourinary	HH	health history
GBS	gallbladder series	GVH or GvHD	graft versus host disease	HH or HOH	hard of hearing
GC	general condition gonococcal gonococcus	GYN	Gynecology	HIDA	hepatobiliary (scan)
GC/MS	gas chromatography/mass spectrometry	H		HIE	hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy
GCP	good clinical practice (guidelines)	H	history hydrogen hypodermic	hist.	histology history
GCRP	good clinical research practice	h	hour	HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale	H&C	hot and cold	HKAFO	hip knee ankle foot orthosis
GCT	germ cell tumor	H&P	history and physical	HLA	histocompatibility leukocyte focus human leukocyte group A
GDM	gestational diabetes mellitus	h.d.	at bedtime	HM	hand movement/motion
GE	gastroenteritis Gastroenterology gastroesophageal	H.O.	house officer	HMD	hyaline membrane disease
GED	gastric emptying duration Graves' eye disease	H.R.S.T.	heat, reddening, swelling, tenderness	HMG	human menopausal gonadotropin
gen	general	h/o	history of	HNP	herniated nucleus pulposus
GER	gastroesophageal reflux	H+	hydrogen ion	HOB	head of bed
GERD	gastroesophageal reflux disease	H2O	water	HOCM	hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy
gest.	gestation	H2O2	hydrogen peroxide	horiz.	horizontal
GFR	glomerulo filtration rate	HA or H/A	headache	HPC	history of presenting complaint
GGT	gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase	HAF	hyperalimentation fluid	hpf	high power field
GI	gastrointestinal	HASCVD	hypertensive arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease	HPI	history of present illness
GLP	good laboratory practice	HB	heart block	HPL	human placental lactogen
gluc	glucose	Hb. or Hgb	hemoglobin	HR	heart rate
Gm- or GN	gram negative	HBP	high blood pressure	HRT	hormone replacement therapy
gm.%	grams per 100 c.c.	hbse	human behavior and social environment	HS or h.s.	at bedtime (Lat. hora somni)
Gm+ or GP	gram positive	HBV	hepatitis B virus	HSG	hysterosalpingography
GMA	grand mal attack	HC	head circumference	HSV	herpes simplex virus
GN	glomerulonephritis	HCG	human chorionic gonadotropin	Ht	heart height
GNC	general nursing care	Hct.	hematocrit	HT or HTN	hypertension
GOT	goal of treatment	HCVD	hypertensive cardiovascular disease	HVD	hypertensive vascular disease
GP	general paralysis general practice General Practitioner Goodpasture (syndrome)	Hd	head Hodgkin's diseasee (lymphoma)	Hx	history
GPA	Goodpasture antigen	HDL	high density lipoproteins (cholesterol)	Hyperal.	hyperalimentation
GPP	good pharmacy practice	HEADS	home, education/employment, activities, drugs, and sexuality (triage technique for adolescent histories)	hypo	hypodermically
gr.	grains (dosage)	HEENT	head, eyes, ears, nose, throat	H_z	hertz (cycles/second)
Grav.	pregnancy	HEENT	head, ear, eye, nose and see EENT	I	radioactive iodine
GSS	Gerstmann-Straussler-Scheinker syndrome	HELLP	hemolysis, elevated liver enzymes, low platelet count (syndrome)	I&D	incision and drainage
GSW	gunshot wound	Hem	Hematology	I&O	intake and output
gt.	drop	Hem Pro	hematology profile	i.c.	between meals (Lat. inter cenam) intracutaneous(ly)

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IA	Inferior Alveolar (oral injection site) intra-arterially	IOP	intraocular pressure	L	left
IABP	intra-aortic balloon pump	IP	intrapertitoneal		light
IBD	inflammatory bowel disease	IPJ	interphalangeal joint		liter
ICCU	intensive coronary care unit	IPPB	intermittent positive pressure breathing		liver
ICD	implantable cardioverter defibrillator	IQ	intelligence quota		lower
ICF	intracellular fluid	IRDS	idiopathic respiratory distress syndrome		syphilis (Lat. lues)
ICP	intracranial pressure	irreg.	Irregular		lumbar
ICS	intercostal space	IS	intercostal space	L & W	living and well
ICT	insulin coma therapy	IST	insulin shock therapy	L&D	labor and delivery
ICU	intensive care unit	ITP	idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura	L.E.	lower extremities
ID	identification Infectious Disease intradermal	IUC	intrauterine catheter	L.N.	lymph node
IDDM	insulin dependent diabetes mellitus, type I	IUCD	intrauterine contraceptive device	L.O.C.	laxative of choice level of consciousness loss of consciousness
IDET	intradiscal electrothermal annuloplasty	IUD	intrauterine device	L.S.	lumbosacral
IDL	intermediate density lipoprotein	IUFD	intrauterine fetal death	l/min	liter per minute
Ig	immunoglobulin	IUGR	intrauterine growth retardation	L2, L3	second, third lumbar vertebrae
IgA	immunoglobulin A	IUP	intrauterine pregnancy	LA	left antrum
IgE	immunoglobulin E	IUTP	intrauterine term pregnancy	lab.	laboratory
IgG	immunoglobulin G (Gamma Globulin)	IV	intravenous intravenously	lac.	laceration
IgM	immunoglobulin M	IVC	inferior vena cava intravenous cholangiogram	lacr.	lacrimal
IH	infectious hepatitis	IVD	intervertebral disc	lact.	lactic
IHD	ischemic heart disease	IVI	intravenous infusion	LAD	left anterior descending (coronary artery) left axis deviation lymphadenopathy
IM	infectious mononucleosis intramedullary intramuscular	IVP	intravenous pyelogram	LAE	left atrial enlargement
IMCU	intermediate medical care unit	IVPB	intravenous piggy back	lam.	laminectomy
IMP	inpatient multidimensional psych scale	IVU	intravenous urogram	LAN	lymphadenopathy
imp.	impression	IVUS	intravascular ultrasound	lap.	laparotomy
IMV	intermittent mandatory ventilation	J		lat.	lateral
In.	inches	J	joint	LAVH	laparoscopic assisted vaginal hysterectomy
Inc. AB	incomplete abortion	J-P	Jackson Pratt drain	lax	laxative
incr.	increased(ing)	JRA	juvenile rheumatoid arthritis	LB	large bowel
Inev. AB	inevitable abortion	jt.	joint	lb.	pound
inf	inferior infusion	JVP	jugular venous pulse	LBBB	left bundle branch block
inhal.	inhalation	K		LBP	lower back pain
inj	injection injured	K	kidney potassium	LBW	low birth weight
INR	coagulant response time International Normalization Rate	KC1	potassium chloride	LCA	left coronary artery
inspir	inspiration inspiratory	Kcal.	Kilocalorie	LD	lethal dose
instill	instillation	KCO	transfer factor for carbon monoxide	LDH	lactic dehydrogenase
int.	internal	Kg.	kilogram	LDL	low density lipoprotein (cholesterol)
INTHC	intrathecally	KJ	knee jerk	LE	lupus erythematosus
IO	inferior oblique	KK	knee kick	leuc.	leukocytes
ION	ischemic optic neuropathy	KS(17-) or 17KS	ketosteroids	LF	low flap low forceps
		KSS	Kearns-Sayre syndrome	LFA	left frontoanterior
		KUB	kidney, ureter, bladder (x-ray)	LFD	low forceps delivery
		KVO	keep vein open	LFP	left frontoposterior
		L		LFT	left frontotransverse liver function test
				Ig	large leg
				LGA	large for gestational age
				LGV	lymphogranuloma venereum

Using JD.MD's resources lets you concentrate on your case, not on finding an expert.

LH	luteinizing hormone	Lymphs	lymphocytes	mg/dl	milligrams per deciliter
LHRH	luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone	lytes	electrolytes	MGCT	malignant granular cell tumor
LHT	left hypertrophia	M		MGF	maternal grandfather
LICS	left intercostal space	m	male	MGGF	maternal great grandfather
lig.	ligament		married	MGJ	mucogingival Junction
LIH	left inguinal hernia		mass	MH	marital history
liq.	liquid		meter	MHC or	major histocompatibility complex
LKS see	liver, kidneys, spleen		molar	HLA	
LSK			mother	micro	microcytic
LL	lower lid		murmur		microscopic
LLE	lower left extremity	m.	minim	MICU	medical intensive care unit
LLG	left lateral gaze	m.a.s.	patient is disagreeable and uncooperative	min	minute
LLL	lower left lobe (lung)	m.b.	mix well	Mitr.I	mitral insufficiency
LLQ	lower left quadrant (abdomen)	m.g.r.	murmurs, gallops, or rubs	MI	mitral insufficiency
LMA	left mentoanterior	M.R.D.	medical records department		myocardial infarction
LMD	family doctor	M.R.L.	medical record librarian	ml.	milliliter
LML	left mediolateral	M.T.	medical	MLF	medial longitudinal fasciculus
LMP	last menstrual period		technologist/technician	MM	mucous membrane
	left mentoposterior		muscles and tendons	mm	muscles
LMT	left mentotransverse	MA	mental age	mm.	millimeter
LNMP	last normal menstrual period	mac.	macerated	MMPI	Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory
LOA	left occiput anterior	MACE	major adverse clinical event	MmR	Mumps, measles, Rubella
LOM	left otitis media	macro.	macrocytic	Mn.	manganese
LOP	left occipital posterior		macroscopic		midnight
LOS	length of stay	MAE	major arrhythmic events	MNeo or	malignant neoplasm
LOT	left occiput anterior	MAL	malignant	MNpl	
LP	light perception	MAP	mean arterial pressure	MOC	maintenance of certification
	lumbar puncture	max.	maxillary	mod	moderate
lpf	low power field		maximum	mods	multiple organ dysfunction syndrome
LPN	licensed practical nurse	MBC	maximum breathing capacity	mol. wt.	molecular weight
LR	labor room	mcg.	microgram	MOM	milk of magnesia
	lateral rectus	MCH	mean corpuscular hemoglobin	mono.	monocyte
	light reflex	MCHC	mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration	MP	metacarpophalangea
LRO	lower right quadrant				metacarpophalangeal
Ls.	loose	MCL	midclavicular line	MPA	malpractice attorney
LSA	lateral sacrum anterior	MCP	metacarpophalangeal joint	Mr.	medial rectus
LSB	left sternal border	MCV	mean corpuscular volume		mental retardation
LSCS	lower segment Cesarean section	MD	muscular dystrophy		mitral regurgitation
		MDI	metered dose inhaler	MRA	magnetic resonance angiography
LSO	left salpingo-oophorectomy	Mdnt.	midnight		
LSP	left sacrum posterior	MDS	myelodysplastic syndrome	MRCP	magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography
LST	left sacrum transverse	ME	medical examiner	MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
Lt.	left		middle ear	MRM	modified radical mastectomy
	light	MEC	medical emergency clinic	MRN	magnetic resonance neurography
LTCS	low transverse Cesarean section	MED	minimum effective dose	mRNA	messenger RNA
		Med.	medicine	MRSA	Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus
LUE	left upper extremity	MEN	multiple endocrine neoplasia		
LUL	left upper lobe	mEq./l	milliequivalents per liter	MRV	magnetic resonance venography
LUQ	left upper quadrant	MERRF	myoclonic epilepsy with ragged red muscle fibers	ms	mitral stenosis
LV	left ventricle			MS	morphine sulfate
LVEDP	left ventricular end diastolic pressure	MET	metabolic equivalent		multiple sclerosis
		Mets.	metastasis	Ms	murmurs
LVF	left ventricular failure	MG	myasthenia gravis	MSL	midsternal line
LVH	left ventricular hypertrophy	Mg.	magnesium		
LWCT	coagulation time	mg.	milligram		
	Lee-White Clotting Time	mg.%;	milligrams per 100 cc		

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performed by appropriate Board Certified Specialists.**

mss massage
MSU midstream urine
MT metacarpophalangeal joint
mtDNA mitochondrial DNA
MVA motor vehicle accident
MVD microvascular decompression
MVP mitral valve prolapse
MVR mitral valve replacement
MVV maximum voluntary ventilation

N

N&V nausea and vomiting
N&W normal and well
n. nerve
N.P. Neuropsychiatry
N.S. nervous system
N/A not applicable
N/T numbness & tingling
N2 nitrogen
N2O nitrous oxide (anesthetic)
NA not available
Na sodium
NaCl sodium chloride
NAD no abnormality detected
no apparent distress
NAP neutrophil alkaline phosphatase
NB newborn
nb note well
NBM or n.p.o. nothing by mouth (Lat. nil per oris)
NBS normal bowel sounds
normal breath sounds
NCT nerve conduction test
NEC necrotising enterocolitis
NED no evidence of disease
neg. negative
NER no evidence of recurrence
NERD no evidence of recurrent disease
Neur. Neurology
NGT nasogastric tube
NI no insurance
NIC neonatal intensive care
NICU neonatal intensive care unit
NIDDM non insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, type II
NIP no infection present
no inflammation present
NKA no known allergies
NM neuromuscular
NMR nuclear magnetic resonance (scan)
noct. nocturnal
NOS not otherwise specified
NP neuropsychiatric

NPH normal pressure hydrocephalus
NPH insulin (Neutral Protamine Hagedorn/Zinc)
NPN nonprotein nitrogen (BUN and creatinine)
NS Neurosurgery
nonspecific
Ns. nerves
NSA no significant abnormality
NSAID non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
NSD normal spontaneous delivery
NSR normal sinus rhythm
NST non-stress test
NSVD normal spontaneous vaginal delivery
NTG nitroglycerine
NTP normal temperature and pressure
nullip never gave birth
NV next visit
NVD nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
NWB non-weight bearing
NYD not yet diagnosed

O

o none without
O oedema
oral
O&P ova and parasites (stool exam)
O. pint
O.D. right eye (Lat. oculus dexter)
O.L. left eye (Lat. oculus sinister)
O.M. otitis media
O.S. left eye
O.T. occupational therapy
old tuberculin
O/D overdose
O/E on examination
O2 oxygen
O2 cap. oxygen capacity
O2 sat. oxygen saturation
OA osteoarthritis
OB or OBG Obstetrics
OB/GYN Obstetrics and Gynecology
Obs observation
OBS organic brain syndrome
OC on call
oral contraceptive
OCC. occasional
occipital
OCD Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
OCP oral contraceptive pill
od once daily

OGTT oral glucose tolerance test
OH occupational history
overhang (dental restoration)
OH(17-) or 17 OH 17 hydroxy steroid
OHD organic heart disease
OHI oral hygiene instruction
oint. ointment
OMS organic mental syndrome
OOB out of bed
Op. operation
OPC outpatient clinic
OPD outpatient department
Ophth. Ophthalmology
opt. best (Lat. optimus)
OR open reduction
operating room
OR-IF or ORIF open reduction with internal fixation
ORT operating room technician
Ortho. Orthopaedic Surgery
os bone (Lat. ossa)
mouth (Lat. oris)
opening
ot. ear
OTC over-the-counter (pharmaceuticals)
Oto Otolaryngology
OU both eyes
each eye (Lat. oculus uterqie)
OV office visit
OXPHOS oxidative phosphorylation
oz. ounce

P

P after phosphorus pulse
p & a percussion and auscultation
P&N Psychiatry and Neurology
p.c. after meals (Lat. post cenam)
P.M. afternoon (Lat. post meridiem)
post-mortem
p.o. or per/os by mouth (Lat. per oris)
p.o.d. postoperative day
p.r. per rectum
p.r.m. according to circumstances
p.r.n. as often as necessary (Lat. pro re nata)
P.T. physical therapy
posterior tibial artery pulse
p/c presenting complaint
P2 pulmonic second heart sound
PA physician's assistant
P-A posteroanterior

JD.MD maintains a complete roster of highly qualified health-care experts.

PA view	posterioranterior view on x-ray	PEG	pneumoencephalogram	PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea post nasal drip
PA(S)P	pulmonary artery (systolic) pressure	PEN	Penicillin	pneu.	pneumo pneumonia
PABA	para-aminobenzoic acid	per	through or by	PNI	peripheral nerve injury
PAC	premature atrial, auricular contraction	peri	perineal	PNS	peripheral nervous system
PaCO2	arterial carbon dioxide tension pressure	PERLA	pupils equal and responding to light & accomodation	PNX	pneumothorax
PACU	post anesthesia care unit	PERRLA	pupils equal, round, reactive to light and accommodation (normal)	PO2	oxygen pressure (or tension)
PAF	paroxysmal atrial fibrillation	PET	positron emission tomography	POC	product of conception
palp.	palpable palpate palpated	PF	push fluids	pof	pillow on face
PaO2	alveolar oxygen pressure	PFC	persistent fetal circulation	POI	post operative instructions
Pap	Papanicolaou test (pap smear)	PFM	porcelain fused to metal	polys	polymorphonuclear leukocytes
PAP	pulmonary artery pressure	PFT	pulmonary function test	POMR	problem oriented medical record
Para	paraplegic prior births	PG	pseudogout (chondrocalcinosis)	poplit.	popliteal
paren.	parenterally	PGF	paternal grandfather	pos.	positive
PARU	post anesthesia recovery unit	pH	hydrogen ion concentration potential of hydrogen	post.	posterior
PAS	p-aminosalicylic acid pulmonary artery systolic pressure	PH	past history pulmonary hypertension	POSTOP.	postoperative
PAT	paroxysm atrial tachycardia pregnancy at term	pharm	pharmacy	pot. or K	potassium
Path.	Pathology	PHN	post-herpetic neuralgin	PP	per protocol post partum post prandial
PAWPA	pulmonary artery wedge pressure	PHYS.	physical physiology	PPBS	post prandial blood sugar
Pb	lead	PI	present illness pulmonary insufficiency	PPD	purified protein derivative (of tuberculin)
PB	peripheral blood	PICA	posterior inferior coronary artery	PPF	protein plasma fractional
PBC	primary biliary cirrhosis	PICC	peripherially inserted central catheter	PPH	post partum hemorrhage primary pulmonary hypertension
PBI	protein bound iodine	PICU	pulmonary intensive care unit	ppm	parts per million
PBPs	Penicillin-binding Proteins	PICVA	percutaneous in situ coronary venous arterialization	PPP	peripheral pulses palpable
PCA	patient controlled anesthesia pump	PID	pelvic inflammatory disease	PPPG	post prandial plasma glucose
PCL	posterior cruciate ligament	PIH	pregnancy-induced hypertension	PPS	plasma protein solution
PCO2	carbon dioxide concentration	PIL	peripheral intravenous line	ppt	part per trillion
PCP	pneumocystis carinii pneumonia primary care physician	PIH	pregnancy-induced hypertension	PR	Proctology
PCR	polymerase chain reaction	PIL	peripheral intravenous line	PRBC	packed red blood cells
PCV	packed cell volume (of blood)	PIP	proximal interphalangeal (joint)	PRE	progressive resistive exercise
PD	perinatal death peritoneal dialysis pupillary distance	Pit.	Pitocin	prem	premature
PDA	patent ductus arteriosus	PKU	phenylketonuria	pre-op	preoperative
PDN	private duty nurse	Plac.	placenta	prep.	prepare for/as
PDR	Physician's Desk Reference	plts.	platelets	PRICE	protection, relative rest, ice, compression, elevation
pdr.	powder	PM	petit mal	primip.	first pregnancy
PE	pelvic examination physical examination pulmonary embolism	PM&R	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	pro. time	prothrombin time
PEA	pelvic examination under anesthesia	PMD	private medical doctor	prod.	productive
Ped.	Pediatrics	PMH	past medical history	Prog.	prognosis
PEEP	positive end expiratory pressure	PMH	past medical history	PROM	passive range of motion premature rupture of membranes
PEFR	peek expiratory flow rate	PMN	polymorphonuclear	pron.	pronation pronator
		PMT	premenstrual tension	pros.	prostate prostatic
		PN	poorly nourished practical nurse	prosth.	prosthesis
		PNC	premature nodal contraction prenatal clinic	prot.	protein Protestant
				PrP	prion protein

JD.MD handles the medical or dental side of your malpractice case, leaving you to do what you do best.

PRV polycythaemia rubra vera
PS Plastic Surgery
 psychotic
 pulmonary stenosis
PSA Posterior Superior Alveolar
 (oral injection site)
 prostate-specific antigen
PSH past surgical history
psi pounds per square inch
PSMA progressive spinal muscular
 atrophy
PSS progressive systemic sclerosis
PSVT paroxysmal supraventricular
 tachycardia
Psych. Psychiatry
PT physical therapy
 prothrombin time
pt. patient
PTA percutaneous, transluminal
 angioplasty
 prior to admission/arrival
PTB patellar tendon bearing
PTC percutaneous transhepatic,
 cholangiography
PTCA percutaneous transluminal
 coronary, angioplasty
 (balloon angioplasty)
PTH parathyroid hormone
PTT partial thromboplastin time
PTTK partial thromboplastin time
 with kaolin
PTX pneumothorax
PU pregnancy urine
PUD peptic ulcer disease
PUO pyrexia of unknown origin
PUPPP pruritic urticarial papules &
 plaques of pregnancy
PUVA psoralen ultraviolet A
PV per vaginam
 peripheral vascular
 plasma volume
PV bleed per vagina bleed
PVASI pelvic vascular injury
PVC premature ventricular
 contraction
PVD peripheral vascular disease
PVL postoperative visual loss
PVR Proliferative Vitreal
 Retinopathy
 pulmonary vascular resistance
PVT previous trouble
PWB% partial weight bearing with
 percent
Px physical examination

Q
q each/every (Lat. quaque)
q.d. once a day
 every day (Lat. quaque in die)

q.h. every hour
q.i.d. four times a day
q.i.w. four times a week
q.l. as much as desired
q.n.s. or QNS quantity not sufficient
q.o.d. every other day
q.o.n. every other night
q.p. as much as you please
q.q. each
 every (Lat. quaque)
q.q.h. or qqh or q4H every four hours (Lat. quaque
 quarta hora)
q.s. quantity sufficient
q.v. as much as you wish
q.w. every week
q2H every two hours
qhs once in the evening (drug
 dosing)
qn every night (Lat. quaque nox)
qt. quart
qts. drops
quad. quadriplegic
quant. quantitative
 quantity

R
R to L&A react to light and
 accommodation
r. rectal
 rectal temperature
 right
 roentgen
 x-ray
R. rub
r.a.m. rapid alternating movements
R.A.S. right arm sitting
R.S.V. respiratory syncytial virus
Ra radium
RA refractory anemia
 rheumatoid arthritis
 right atrium
rad radiation absorbed dose
 right axis deviation
rad. radial
RADS reactive airways dysfunction
 syndrome
RAI radioactive iodine
RAP recurrent abdominal pain
RAST radio-allergosorbent test
RAtx radiation therapy
RBBB right bundle branch block
RBC red blood cell
 red blood count
RCA right coronary artery
RCS reticulum cell sarcoma
RCT root canal therapy

RCU respiratory care unit
RD reaction to degeneration
 respiratory disease
 respiratory distress
RDS respiratory distress syndrome
RE reconditioning exercise
rect. rectal
 rectally
 rectum
 rectus muscle
reg. regular
rehab. rehabilitation
resp. respirations
 respiratory
RF rheumatic fever
 rheumatoid factor
RFA right frontoanterior
RFP right frontoposterior
RFT right frontotransverse
Rh rhesus blood factor
RH right hyperphoria
RHD rheumatic heart disease
RHF right heart failure
RHT right hypertrophia
RIH right inguinal hernia
RLA Rancho Los Amigo Scale
RLE right lower extremity
RLF retrolental fibroplasia
RLL right lower lobe (lung)
RLQ right lower quadrant
 (abdomen)
RLS Restless Leg Syndrome
RMA right mentoanterior
RML right mediolateral
 right middle lobe (lung)
RMP right mentoposterior
RMSF Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
RMT right mentotransverse
RNA ribonucleic acid
RO or R/O rule out
ROA right occipital anterior
ROM range of motion (joint)
 right otitis media
 rupture of membranes
ROP right occipital posterior
ROS review of systems
ROT right occipital transverse
RP retrograde pyelogram
RO respiratory quotient
RR recovery room
 respiratory rate
RRE or RR&E round, regular, and equal
rRNA ribosomal RNA
RRP radical retropubic
 prostatectomy
RRR Regular Rate & Rhythm

At JD.MD, reliability means performing consistently and meeting your expectations every time.

RSA right sacrum anterior (fetal position)
RSD reflex sympathetic dystrophy
RSO right salpingo-oophorectomy
RSP right sacrum posterior (fetal position)
RSR regular sinus rhythm
RST right sacrum transverse (fetal position)
RT radiation therapy
 respiratory therapy
Rt. right
RTA renal tubular acidosis
 road traffic accident
RTC return to clinic
RUC regular uterine contraction
RUE right upper extremity
RUL right upper lobe (lung)
RUQ right upper quadrant (abdomen)
RV residual volume (lung capacity)
RVF right ventricular failure
RVH right ventricular hypertrophy
Rx prescription therapy

S
S sensation
 sensitive
 serum
s without (Lat. sans)
S & RP scaling and root planning
S&A sugar and acetone
s.c. subcutaneous
s.gl. without correction (sans glasses)
S.O.A.P. subjective, objective assessment plan
S.O.S. repeat once if urgent
S.T.S. serological test for syphilis
S/B seen by
S/E systemic enquiry
S/P status post (previous condition)
Sa. Saline
SACD subacute combined degeneration
SAH systemic arterial hypertension
SaO2 arterial oxygen saturation
SB stillborn
SBE subacute bacterial endocarditis
SBFT small bowel follow through (x-ray)
SBO small bowel obstruction
SC sickle cell
SCA subclavian artery

SCC sickle cell crisis
SCD sudden cardiac death
schiz schizophrenia
SCID severe combined immunodeficiency disease
SCU special care unit
SDH subdural hematoma
sec second
sem. ves seminal vesicles
Sens. sensation
 sensory
sep. separated
Sept. AB septic abortion
Serol. serological test
Serol. serology
SGA small for gestational age
SGOT serum glutamic oxalacetic transaminase
SH serum hepatitis
 social history
SI sacroiliac joint
 stroke index
SIADH Syndrome of Inappropriate Antidiuretic Hormone Secretion
sib. sibling
SICU surgical intensive care unit
SIDS sudden infant death syndrome
SIJ sacroiliac joint
SIRS systemic inflammatory response syndrome
skel. skeletal
SL under the tongue (Lat. sub lingua)
sl or s.l. in a broad sense (Lat. sensu lato)
Sl. slightly
SLA left sacroanterior (fetal position) (Lat. sacrolaeva anterior)
SLE systemic lupus erythematosus
SLP left sacroposterior (fetal position) (Lat. sacrolaeva posterior)
SLR straight leg raising
SLT left sacrotransverse (fetal position) (Lat. sacrolaeva transversa)
sm small
SMA-14 routine admission chemistry
SNS sympathetic nervous system
SO superior oblique
SO4 sulfate
SOA swelling of ankles
SOB shortness of breath
SOB(OE) shortness of breath (on exercise)

sod. sodium
SOL space occupying lesion
Sol. solution
sono. sonogram
sp&H speech and hearing
sp. spinal spine
sp.cd. spinal cord
sp.fl. spinal fluid
sp.gr specific gravity
spec. specimen
spg. sponge
spinal. spinal spine
spont. spontaneous
SR sedimentation rate
 stimulus response
 superior rectus muscle
 system review
SROM spontaneous rupture of membranes
SS social service
SSC stainless steel crown
SSE soap suds enema
SSS sick sinus syndrome
st stage (of disease)
st. stomach
Staph staphylococcus
stat. immediately
STD sexually transmitted disease
stom or st. stomach
strep. streptococcus
subcut. subcutaneous
subling. sublingual
sulf. sulfate
sup. superior
supin. supination
supp suppository
surg. surgery
 surgical
SVC superior vena cava
SVD spontaneous vaginal delivery
SVR systemic vascular resistance
SVT supra ventricular tachycardia
SWD short wave diathermy
Sx symptoms
sys. system
syst. systolic
T
T temperature
 thoracic
T of F tetralogy of Fallot
T&A tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
 tonsils and adenoids
T&C type and crossmatch

Our medical and dental malpractice case evaluations are on target and on time.

T, OD	tension, right eye (Lat. oculus dexter)	TORCH (titer)	toxoplasmosis, others (hepatitis, beta strep, flu, mumps, etc.) rubella, cytomegalovirus (CMV), herpes virus II	UL	upper lid
T.A.T.	tetanus antitoxin	TOS	thoracic outlet syndrome	uln	ulnar
T.F.	tuning fork	TP	term pregnancy	ULQ	upper left quadrant
t.i.d.	three times a day	TPA	thrombo proteolytic activity	umb.	navel/umbilical cord (Lat. umbilicus)
t.i.w.	three times per week	TPHA	treponema pallidum haemagglutination assay	ung.	ointment
T.M.	ear drum (Lat. tympanum membrani)	TPN	total parenteral nutrition	unilat.	unilateral
T.R.	Therapeutic recreation	TPR	temperature, pulse, respiration	UOP	urine output
T3	triiodothyronine	tr	trace	Ur.	urine
T4	total serum thyroxine	trach	tracheostomy	URD	upper respiratory disease
TA	tendon Achilles	TRH	thyroid releasing hormone	URI	upper respiratory infection
TAB	therapeutic abortion	tRNA	transfer RNA	Urol.	Urology
tab.	tablet	TS	tricuspid stenosis	URQ	upper right quadrant
TAH	total abdominal hysterectomy	TSH	thyroid stimulating hormone	URTI	upper respiratory tract infection
TB	tuberculosis	tsp.	teaspoon	USA.	unstable angina
TBI	total body irradiation traumatic brain injury	TSS	toxic shock syndrome	USI	urinary stress incontinence
TBLC	term birth living child	TTI	total thromboplastin index	USN	ultrasonic nebulizer
tbbsp.	tablespoon	TTO	to take outs (discharge drugs)	USP.	United States Pharmacy
TCDB	turn, cough, deep breath	TTP	thrombotic thrombocytopenia purpura	USPHA	United States Public Health Administration
TCI	to come in	T-Tube	cholangiogram	ut.	uterine uterus
tds	three times daily	TUNA	transurethral needle ablation (prostatic)	UTI	urinary tract infection
TEE	transesophageal echocardiography	TUR	transurethral resection	UVL	ultraviolet light
temp	temperature	TURB	transurethral resection of the bladder	V	vein
TENS	transient electric nerve stimulation	TURP	transurethral resection of the prostate	V & T	volume and tension (pulse)
TESD	total end systolic diameter	TV	tidal volume	V.I.	vaginal irrigation
TFT	thyroid function test	TVH	total vaginal hysterectomy	v.i.r.	vascular interventional radiology
TGA	transposition great vessels	TVR	tricuspid valve replacement	V.R.	right vision ventilation rate vocal resonance
THERAP.	therapeutic	Tx	traction treatment	VA	visual acuity
THERAP.	therapy	U		vag	vagina vaginal vital capacity
thor.	thoracic thorax	U.	unit	VC or vit.cap.	vital capacity
THR	total hip replacement/revision	U/A	urinalysis	VCS	vasoconstrictor substance
TI	tricuspid insufficiency	U/E	urea and electrolytes	VCU	voiding cystourethrogram
TIA	transient ischemic attack transient ischemic shock	u/o	under observation for urine output	VD	venereal disease
TIBC	total iron binding capacity	u/s or US	ultrasound	Vd	void
TIP	terminal interphalangeal (joint)	UC	ulcerative colitis uterine contractions	VDRL	venereal disease research laboratory (syphilis test)
TIUP	term intrauterine pregnancy	UCD	usual childhood diseases	vent.	ventilator
TJ	triceps jerk (reflex)	UCG	urinary chorionic gonadotropin	vert.	vertical
TKR	total knee replacement/revision	UCHD	usual childhood diseases	VF	ventricular fibrillation visual fields
TLC	tender loving care total lung capacity triple lumen catheter	UE	upper extremity (Lat. extremitas)	VG	vein graft
TMJ	temporomandibular joint (Lat. temporalist mandibulae junction)	UG	upward gaze	VHD	valvular heart disease
TNF	tumor necrosis factor	UGI	upper gastrointestinal upper gastrointestinal series (x-ray)	VI	volume index
TNI	total nodal irradiation			Via	by way of
TNM	tumor, nodes, and metastases			VIPS	voluntary interruption of pregnancy and sterilization service
TO	telephone order			vit.	vitamin
to AA	to affected areas				
TOA	tubo-ovarian abscess				

So complete - you'll go to court cocky.

VLDL very low density lipoproteins
VM vestibular membrane
VN visiting nurse
VO verbal order
VOD vision right eye
vol volume
VOS vision left eye
VP venous pressure
 venticulo-peritoneal
VPC ventricular premature
 contraction
VQ scan ventilation-perfusion scan
VS vesicular sound
 volumetric solution
VS or V.S. vital signs
VSA vital signs absent
VSD ventricular septal defect
VSS vital signs stable
VT or V Tach ventricular tachycardia
VTX vertex
VWF von Willebrand factor
Vx. vertex presentation

W

W white
 widowed
W/A while awake

w/c or wh.ch. wheelchair
w/n within
W/R ward round
w/u workup
Wass. Wasserman
WB whole blood
WBC white blood count
WBC or w.b.c. white blood cells
WBT weight bearing to tolerance
WDWN well developed, well
 nourished
WE wide excision
WF white female
wk week
WM white male
WN well nourished
WNL within normal limits
WNV West Nile Virus
WP whirlpool
WPW Wolff-Parkinson-White
wt. weight

X

X exophoria distance
x times
x/12 number of months
x/52 number of weeks

x/7 number of days
X-match cross-match
XT exotrophia distance
XY male sex chromosome

Y

y.o. years old
yrs. years

Z

ZDV Zidovudine
zeep zero end-expiratory pressure
zif zero insertion force
zift Zygote Intrafallopian Transfer
zig zoster immune globulin
zip zoster-immune plasma
ZOE zinc oxide eugenol
zsr zeta sedimentation rate