



MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS

While the “Medicalese” glossary contains medical jargon and terms and some spoken abbreviations, there are far more abbreviations used in medical records and related documents that are rarely spoken, but commonly written. The Brooklyn Hospital Center has a list of Approved Medical Abbreviations and Abbreviation Exclusion List which explains why dangerous abbreviations and dosage designations should not be used.

Table 1: Dangerous abbreviations and dosage designations

Problem Term	Intended Meaning	Reason for Problem(s)	Suggested Remedy
AU, AS, AD	both ears, left ear, right ear	Read as OU, OS, OD (both eyes) or not understood	Write out “both ears, left ear, right ear” Write out “both eyes, left eye,
IU	International unit	Misread as IV (intravenous); The I is read as a one (6 IU is read as 61 units)	Write out “unit” rather than International units, or spell out International units, using a lowercase i
QOD, QD, OD	every other day	Mistaken for each other or read as q.i.d. (four times)	Write out “every other day” Write out
μ (Greek letter “mu”) or μg	microgram	When handwritten, misread as mg	Write out “mcg” or “microgram”
U or u	unit	When handwritten, read as 0, 4, 6, or cc	Write out “unit”
Apothecary Symbols (Units)	Units of measure	Not understood or misunderstood	Write out the metric system (mg, g, mL)
(MS, _{MSO4}, MgSO4)	Morphine sulfate, Magnesium sulfate	misunderstood for one another	Write out drug names, e.g. “Morphine Sulfate”
cc	Cubic Centimeter	Looks like zeros, or “u”	Write “ml.” or “mL”
Trailing zeros: 2.0 mg	2 mg	Decimal point is not seen; read as 20 mg causing a tenfold overdose	Never put a decimal after a whole number.
Decimal doses without a leading zero .2 mg	0.2 mg		Example: 2.0 mg may be misread as 20mg Always put a leading zero before a decimal point. Example: 0.2mg

Abbreviation	Description	Abbreviation	Description
1/2NS	½ normal saline	AGA	Appropriate for gestational age
A'	Artery	AH	Adult home
	Before	AI	Aortic insufficiency
AVG	Arterio-venous graft (dialysis)	AIDS	Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
AVF	Arterio-venous fistula (dialysis)	AJ	Ankle jerk
A-P	Anteroposterior	AK	Above knee
A-V Shunt	Arterio-venous shunt or fistula	Alk. phos	Alkaline phosphatase
a.c.	Before meals	Alb	Albumin
a.m.a.	Against medical advice	ALC	Alternate level of care
A/C	Assist control	ALL	Acute lymphocytic leukemia
A/G RATIO	Albumin-globulin ratio	AMB	Ambulatory
A/W	Alive and well	AML	Acute myelogenous leukemia
A2	Aortic second sound	AMML	Acute myelomonocytic leukemia
Aa	Of each	AMS	Altered mental status
A	Assistance	ALLO	Allogenic
AA	Afro American; Alcoholics Anonymous	ALS	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease)
AAA	Abdominal aortic aneurysm	ANA	Antinuclear antibody
AAL	Anterior axillary line	Ant	Anterior
AAROM	Active assisted range of motion	A&O X 1,2,3	Alert and oriented x 1, 2, 3
Ab	Abortion; antibody	AO; AD	Right ear
Abd	Abdomin	Appt.	Appointment
ADHD	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	Approx	Approximately
ADL	Activities of daily living	ARDS	Adult respiratory distress syndrome
Adm	Admission	ARF	Acute renal failure
AF	Amniotic fluid; Atrial fibrillation	AROM	Active range of motion; artificial rupture of membrane
AFB	Acid fast bacillus; acid fast bacilli	ART	Antiretroviral therapy
Ag	Antigen	AS; a.s.	Aortic stenosis, left ear
Afib	Atrial fibrillation		

Abbreviation	Description	Abbreviation	Description
ASA	Aspirin, American Society of Anesthesiologists	BRADY	Bradycardia
asap	As soon as possible	brbpr	Bright red blood per rectum
ASD	Atrialseptal defect	BRP	Bathroom privileges
ASHD	Arteriosclerotic heart disease	B.S.	Bowel sounds, breath sounds
Auto	Autogenic	BSA	Body surface area
AV	Atrioventricular; arterio-venous; Audio Visual	BSO	Bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy
A&W	Alive and well	BUE	Both upper extremities
b.i.d (BID)	Twice a day	BUN	Blood urea nitrogen
BAEP	Brainstem auditory evoked potential	Bx	Biopsy
BAER	Brainstem auditory evoked response	C	Cycle
Baso.	Basophile	c	Before
BBB	Bundles branch block	C&S	Culture and sensitivity
BBS	Bilateral breath sounds	C/S	Caesarean section
BCG	Bacille Calmette-Guerin	C/o	Complains of
bcr	Breakpoint cluster region	Ca	Calcium
BE	Barium enema	CA	Carcinoma or cancer
BHCG	Beta-human chorionogonadotrophin	CABG	Coronary artery bypass graft
BIPAP	Bilevel positive airway pressure	CAD	Coronary artery disease
BK	Below knee	Cal	Calorie
BKA	Below knee amputation	CALLA	Common acute lymphocytic leukemia antigen
BLE	Both lower extremities	Cap	Capsule
BM	Bowel movemner; bone marrow	CAPD	Central auditory processing disorder; continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis
BMO	Basic metabolic panel	CAT; ct (Scan)	Computerized axial tomography
BMT	Bone marrow transplant	cath	Catheter
BP	Blood pressure	CBC	Complete blood count
BPH	Benign prostatic hypertrophy	CBG	Capillary blood gas

Abbreviation	Description		Abbreviation	Description
CC	Chief complaint		CRF	Chronic renal failure
CCA	Common carotid artery		CRN	Certified Registered Nurse
CCU	Coronary care unit		CRTT	Certified Respiratory Therapy Technician
CD	Cluster determinant		CSCU	Cardiac special care unit
CD ₄	T-cell helper lymphocytes		Crypto	Cryptococcus
CD ₃₄	Cluster determinant 34		CSA	Cyclosporin A
CFA	Common femoral artery		CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid
CG	Contact guard		CT	Computed tomography
CHD	Congenital heart disease		CTA	CAT scan angiogram, clear to auscultation
CHF	Congestive heart failure		CV	Cardiovascular
chol.	Cholesterol		CVA	Cerebrovascular accident; costovertebral angle
CK	Creatine kinase		CVL	Central venous line
Cl ⁺	Chloride; chlorine		CVP	Central venous pressure
CML	Chronic myelogenous leukemia		CXR	Chest xray
CMV	Cytomegalovirus; controlled mechanical ventilation		Cx	Cervix
CNS	Central nervous system		D	Day
CO ₂	Carbon dioxide		D	Dependent
Cont.	Continued		D & C	Dilation and curettage
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease		D & E	Dilation & evacuation
CPA	Costophrenic angle		D10W	Dextrose 10% in water
CPAP	Continuous positive airway pressure		D20W	Dextrose 20% in water
CPD	Cephalopelvic disproportion		D50W	Dextrose 50% in water
CPG	Capillary blood gas		D5LR	Dextrose 5% in Lactated Ringers Solution
CPK	Creatine phosphokinase		D5½NS	5% Dextrose in ½ Normal Saline
CPM	Continuous passive motion		D5NS	5% Dextrose/Normal Saline
CPR	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation		D5W	5% Dextrose/Water

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D70W	Dextrose 70% in Water	ECC	Endocervical curettage
DCF	Dormiliary Care Facility (adult Home)	ECF	Extended Care Facility; extracellular Fluid
Derm	Dermatology	ECG,EKG	Electrocardiogram
DEXA	Dual energy x-ray absorpiometry	ECHO	Enterocytopathogenic human orphan virus; echocardiogram
DIC	Disseminated intravascular coagulopathy	ECT	Electroconvulsive therapy
diff	Differential	ED	Emergency Department
DKA	Diabetic ketoacidosis	EDC	Estimated date of confinement
DLCO	Diffusion lung capacity of carbon mpnoxide	EEG	Electroencephalogram
DM	Diabetes mellitus	EFW	Estimated fetal weight
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid	EGD	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy
DNI	Do not intubate	EIA	External Iliac Artery
DNR	Do not resuscitate	EMA	Emergency Medical Area
DOA	Dead on arrival	EMC	Endometrial curettage
DOH	Department of Health	EMG	electromyogram
DOB	Date of birth	EMG/NCV	Electromyography/nerve conduction velocity studies
DPT	Diphtheria toxoid, pertussis vaccine, tetanus toxoid	ENG	Electronystagmogram
DR	Delivery room	ENT	Ear, nose, throat
DSMIV	Diagnostic Statistical Manual IV	EOB	Edge of bed
DTR	Deep tendon reflexes	EOM	Extraocular movement
DUB	Dysfunctional uterine bleeding	eos	Eosinophil
DVT	Deep vein thrombosis	EP	Evoked potential
d/w	Discussed with	EPAP	Expiratory positive airway pressure
Dx	Diagnosis	Epith.	Epithelium or epithelial
EBL	Estimated blood loss	EPS	Electrophysiology study; extra pyramidal syndrome
EBV	Epstein-Barr virus	ER	Emergency Room
		ERCP	Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography

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ESR	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate	Grav. I	Primigravida
ESRD	End stage renal disease	Grav. II	Secundigravida, etc
ETT	Endotracheal tube	GT	Gastric tube
expr.	Expiratory or expiration	GTT	Glucose tolerance test
ext	External	GU	Genitourinary
FBS	Fasting blood sugar	GYN	Gynecology
FEES	Fiber optic endoscopic examination of swallowing	h.s.	Hour of sleep
FEV1, FEV2	Forced expiratory volume - 1, 2 seconds	H/F	Hispanic female
FFP	Fresh frozen plasma	H/M	Hispanic male
FH	Fetal heart	h/o; H/O	History of
FIO2	Fraction of inspired oxygen concentration	HA	Health Aid
FK506 OR "FK"	Prograf	HAART	Highly active antiretroviral therapy
FM	Family history	Hb	Hemoglobin as in Hb R,, Hb S, etc
FOI	Flight of ideas	HBs Ag	Hepatitis B surface antigen
FP	Family Practive	HLA	Human leucocyte antigen
FROM	Full range of motion	HCL	Hairy cell leukemia
FSH	Follicle stimulating hormone	HCO ₃	Bicarbonate
FTA	Fluorescent treponema antibody	Hct	Hematocrit
FUO	Fever of unknown origin	HAV	Hepatitis a virus
FWB	Full weight bearing	HBV	Hepatitis b virus
Fx	Fracture	HCV	Hepatitis c virus
G-CSF	Granulocyte colony stimulating factor	HD	Hodgkin's Disease
GB	Gallbladder	HDR	High dose rate
GFR	Glomerular filtration rate	HDCT	High dose chemotherapy
GI	Gastrointestinal	HEENT	Head, eyes, ears, nose and throat
GJT	Gastro-jejunostromy tube	HEM	Hematology
GM-CSF or "GM"	Granulocyte macrophage colony stimulating factor	heme	Blood

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Hem/onc	Hematology Oncology	IH	Inguinal hernia
HEP	Home exercise program	IMRT	Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy
HFOV	High frequency oscillatory ventilation	IMV	Intermittent mandatory ventilation
HGB	hemoglobin	Inj.	Injection
HHA	Home Health Aid	INO	Inhaled nitic oxide; internuclear ophthalmoplegia
HPI	History of present illness	INR	International normalization ratio
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus	IPAP	Inspiratory positive airway pressure
HLA	Human leukocytic antigen	IPPB	Intermittent positive pressure breathing
HMD	Hyaline membrane disease	IRDM	Insulin requiring diabetes mellitus
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization	IS	Inhibitor studies; incentive spirometry
Hpf	Per high power field	IT	Inspiratory time
HRF	Health related facility	ITP	Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura
HSV	Herpes simplex virus	IUD	Intrauterine device
HTN	Hypertension	IV	Intravenously
Hx	History	IVC	Inferior Vena Cava
I&D	Incision and drainage	IVIG	Intravenous immunoglobulin
I&O	Intake and output	IVP	Intravenous pyelogram; intravenous push
IABP	Intra Aortic Balloon Pump	IVPB	Intravenous piggy back
IBD	Inflammatory Bowel Disease	JP	Jackson Pratt
IBS	Irritable Bowel Syndrome	JT	Jejunostomy tube
ICS	Immuno-chemistry studies	K+	Potassium
ICU	Intensive Care Unit	KJ	Knee jerk
IDB	Identification band	KUB	Kidney ureter, bladder
IDDM	Insulin dependent diabetes mellitus	L&D	Labor and Delivery
I:E	Inspiratory to expiratory ratio	L/M	Liters per minute
IEP	Immunoelectrophoresis	L	Left
IgA, IgD, IgE, IgM	Immunoglobins, A, D, E, M etc	L/S RATIO	Lecithing-sphingomyelin ratio

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Lab	Laboratory		LPE	Lipoprotein electrophoresis
LAD	Left axis deviation		LS	Lipid studies
LADA	Left anterior descending artery		LR	Lactated Ringer Solution
LAHB	Left anterior hemiblock		LSA (RSA)	Left sacrum anterior(right)
Lap	Laparotomy		LSP (RSP)	Left sacrum posterior (right)
Lat	Lateral		LST (RST)	Left sacrum transverse(right)
Ldh	Lactic dehydrogenase		LTC	Long Term Care
LE prep	Lupus erythematosus preparation		LUE	Left upper extremity
LFT	Liver function test		LUL	Left upper lobe - lung; left upper limb
LGA	Large for gestational age		LUQ	Left upper quadrant – abdomen
LIH	Left inguinal hernia		Lymph	Lymphocyte
LH	Luteinizing hormone		M	Murmurs
LINAC	Linear accelerator		M.I.; MI	Myocardial infarction; myocardial infarct
Liq	Liquid		MAC	Microbacterium avium complex; monitored anesthesia coverage; Monitored Anesthesia Case
LLE	Left lower extremity		MAI	Microbacterium avium intercellulare
LLL	Left lower lobe – lung; left lower limb		MBG	Mixed venous blood gases
LLQ	Left lower quadrant – abdomen		MBS	Modified barium swallow
LMA (RMA)	Left mentoanterior (right)		MCA	Motorcycle accident
LMP	Last menstrual period		MCH	Mean corpuscular hemoglobin; Maternal Child Health
LMP (RMP)	Left mentoposterior (right)		MCHC	Mean corpuscular hemoglobin; concentration
LOA	Loosening of association		MCL	Mid-clavicular line
LOA (ROA)	Left occiput anterior (right)		MCV	Mean corpuscular volume
LOP (ROP)	Left occiput posterior (right)		MD	Muscular dystrophy; Medical Doctor; Physician
LOS	Length of stay		MDR	Multi-drug resistant
LOT (ROT)	Left occiput transverse (right)		Med	Medicine, medical
LP	Lumbar puncture		Meds	Medication

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MG	Myasthenia gravis	nl	Normal
MICU	Medical Intensive Care Unit	NHL	Non Hodgkins Lymphoma
MM	Multiple Myeloma	NIBP	Non Invasive Blood Pressure
MMR	Measles, mumps, rubella	NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
MMT	Manual muscle test	NIDDM	Noninsulin dependent diabetes mellitus
MN	Midnight	NIF	Negative inspiratory force
MOM	Milk of magnesia	NKA	No known allergy
Mono	Monocyte; mononucleosis	NKDA	No known drug allergy
MR	Mitral regurgitation	NP	Nurse Practitioner
MRA	Magnetic resonance angiography	NPH	Neutral protamine hagedorn insulin
MRCP	Magnetic Resonance Cholangio Pancreatography	NPO	Nothing by mouth
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging	NS	Normal saline
MS	Mitral stenosis; multiple sclerosis	NST	Non-stress test
MSE	Mental Status examination	NSVD	Normal spontaneous vaginal delivery
MTB	Mycobacterium tuberculosis	NWB	Non-weight bearing
MVA	Motor vehicle accident	NYS DOH	New Yorks State Department of Health
N&V	Nawrite outa and vomiting	NYPORTS	New York Patient Occurrence Reporting and Tracking System
NA	Not applicable	O.D.	Right eye
NA+	Sodium	O.S.	Left eye
NAD	No abnormality detected	O.U.	Both eyes
n.a.d.	No Apparent Distress	O ₂	Oxygen
NAPD	No active pulmonary disease	O ₂ cap	Oxygen capacity
NARD	No acute respiratory distress	O ₂ sat.	Oxygen saturation
NC/AT	Normal contour a traumatic	OBS	Organic brain syndrome; Obstetrics; observation
Neuro	Neurology	OCD	Obsessive compulsive disorder
NG	Nitroglycerin	OD	Overdose
NGT	Naso-gastri tube	Ogt	Orogastric tube

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OOB	Out of bed	PaO ₂	Partial pressure of arterial oxygen
OPD	Outpatient Department	PAT	Paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
Oper	Operation	Path	Pathology
OPV	Oral polio vaccine	Paw	Mean airway pressure
OR	Operating Room	PCA	Patient Controlled Analgesia
ORIF	Open reduction and internal fixation	PCD	Plasma cell dyscrasia (disorder)
Ortho	Orthopedics	PCEA	Patient Controlled Epidural Analgesia
OT	Occupational Therapy	PCIRV	Pressure control inverse ratio ventilation
OT/R	Occupational Therapist Registered	PCL	Posterior cruciate element
OTC	Over the Counter	PCN	Percutaneous Nephrostomy
P	After	PCNU	Percutaneous Nephro-ureteral stent
P	Pulse	pCO ₂	Partial pressure of carbon dioxide
P&A	Percussion and auscultation	PCP	Pneumocystis Carinii pneumonia; primary care provider
P-A	Poseroanterior	PCV	Pressure control ventilation
P.A.T.	Pre-admission testing	PCWP	Pulmonary capillary wedge
p.c.	After meals	PE	Pulmonary embolism; physical examination
p.o.	By mouth	Ped.	Pediatrics
p.p.b.s.	Post prandial blood sugar	PEG	Percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy tube; polyethylene glycosylated
p2	Pulmonic second heart sound	PEEP	Positive expiratory pressure
p50O ₂	Partial pressure at which 50% saturation	PEP	Protein electrophoresis
Pap smear	Papanicolaou smear	PERLA	Pupils equal, reactive to light and accommodation
PACU	Post-Anesthesia Recovery Unit	PERRLA	Pupils equal, round, reactive to light and accommodation
Para I, Para II	Primipara, secundipara, etc	PFT	Pulmonary function test
PA	Posterior/anterior view; Physician Assistant; platelet aggregation; Pathologist Assistant of blood by oxygen	PGY	Post graduate year

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pH	Negative log of hydrogen; hydrogen concentration	PPN	Peripheral parenteral nutrition
Ph	Philadelphia (leukemia)	PRE	Progressive resistive exercise
PI	Present illness	RRE	Round, regular and equal
PICC	Peripheral inserted central catheter	Prep	Prepare for
PICU	Pediatric Intensive Care Unit	Prn	As often as necessary
PID	Pelvic inflammatory disease	PRO	Peer Review Organization
PIH	Pregnancy induced hypertension	PROM	Premature rupture of membranes; passive range of motion
PKU	Phenylketonuria	PPROM	Preterm premature rupture of membrane
plt	Platelet	Prot	Protein
PMD	Private medical doctor' primary medical doctor	PSA	Protective Services Administration; prostate specific antigen
PMH	Past medical history	PSH	Past surgical history
PMI	Point of maximal impulse	PSCT	Peripheral stem vell transplant
PND	Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea	PSV	Pressure support ventilation
PHN	Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria	PSVT	Paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia
pO ₂	Partial pressure of oxygen	PT	Physical Therapy; prothrombin time; Physical Therapist
po	Per oral (by mouth)	PTCA	Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
POC	Product of conception	pt	Patient
POD	Post Operative Day	PTA	Prior to admission
polys (PMN)	Polymorphonuclear leukocytes	PTH	Parathormone
post	Posterior; after	PTL	Pre-term labor
Pr	Per rectum	PTT	Partial thromboplastin time
pre	Before	PUD	Peptic ulcer disease
PPD	Purified protein derivative; Packs Per Day	Pulm	Pulmonary
PPLO	Pleuropneumonia-like organism	PVC	Premature ventricular contraction

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PVD	Peripheral vascular disease	RO	Radiation Oncology
PWB	Partial weight bearing	ROM	Range of motion
Px	physical	ROS	Review of systems
q.h.	Every hour	RPAC	Registered Physician Assistant Certified
q.h.s.	Every bed time	RR	Respiratory Rate
q.i.d.	Four times daily	RRT	Registered Respiratory Therapist
q.s.	Quantity sufficient	RPR	Syphilis test
q2h, q3h, q4h, etc.	Every two, three, four hours, etc..	RSR	Regular sinus rhythm
qns	Quantity not sufficient	RT	Radiation Therapy
R	Respiration; right	RUC	Random urine chemistry
R/o	Rule out	RUE	Right upper extremity
R/T	Related to	RUL	Right upper lobe – lung; right upper limb
RAD	Radiology	RUQ	Right upper quadrant – abdomen
RAHB	Right anterior hemiblock	Rx	Therapy
RBB	Right bundle branch block	S	Supervision
RBC	Red blood cell	s/p	Status post
RCA	Right coronary artery; Root caWrite out Analysis	SaO ₂	Arterial oxygen saturation
Reg	Regular	SBO	Small bowel obstruction
RCP	Respiratory Care Practitioner	SC or SQ	Stem cell
Rehab	Rehabilitation	s.c.	Subcutaneous
RF	Rheumatic fever; rheumatoid factor RH+Rhesus positive	SCUT	Schizophrenic Chronic Undifferentiated Type
Rh-	Rhesus negative	S.O.B	Shortness of breath
RIA	Radioimmunoassay	S.T.S.G.	Split thickness skin graft
RIH	Right inguinal hernia	S.W.	Social Worker
RLE	Right lower extremity	Sed rate	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate
RLL	Right lower lobe – lung; right lower limb	SGA	Small for gestational age
RN	Registered Nurse	SGC	Swan-Ganz (catheter)

Abbreviation	Description	Abbreviation	Description
SGOT (AST)	Serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase (aspartate transaminase)	Sympt	Symptoms
SGHP (ALT)	Serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase (alanine transferase)	T	temperature
SH	Social history	T & A	Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
SI	Sputum induction	t.i.d.	Three times daily
SICU	Surgical Intensive Care Unit	T3	Tri iodothyronine
SIMV	Synchronized intermittent mandatory ventilation	T4	Total thyroxide
SLE	Systemic lupus erythematosus	Tachy	Tachycardia
SMA	Sequential multiple analysis	TAH	Total abdominal hysterectomy
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility	TB	Tuberculosis
SO	Salpingo oophorectomy; Significant Other	TBI	Traumatic brain injury; total body irradiation
Soln.	Solution	TENS	Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulator
SPE/SPEP	Serum protein electrophoresis	TO	Telephone Order
sp. gr.	Specific gravity	TFT	Thyroid function test
SROM	Spontaneous rupture of membrane	TLC	Total lung capacity
SSE	Soap solution enema	Toxo	Toxoplasmosis
Staph	Staphylococcus	TPN	Total parenteral nutrition
Stat	Immediately, once only	TPR	Temperature, pulse and respiration
STD	Sexually transmitted disease	TRH	Thyrotropin releasing hormone
Std.	Standard	Trigly	Triglyceride
Strep	Streptococcus	TSH	Thyroid stimulating hormone
Subcut	Subcutaneous	TTP	Thrombotic thrombocytopenia purpura
SL	Sublingual	TULIP	Transurethral ultrasound-guided laser induced prostatectomy
SS	Signs and symptoms	TURBT	Transurethral resection bladder tumor
Surg.	Surgery	TURP	Transurethral resection, prostate
Sx	Signs	Tx	Therapy; treatment

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U/a	Urinalysis	VZ(v)	Varicella zoster (virus)
UFE	Uterine Fibroid embolization	W/c	Wheelchair
UG	Microgram	WBAT	Weight bearing as tolerated
UIF	Urine immunofixation electrophoresis	Wnl	Within normal limits
UPE	Urine proteing electrophoresis	WPW	Wolf Parkinson White
URI	Upper respiratory infection	y/o	Year old
Urol	Urology	WBQC	Wide based quad cane
U.S.	Ultrasound	WD, WN	Well developed, well nourished
UTI	Urinary tract infection	WFL	Within functional limits
V.O.	Verbal order	WIC	Women Infants & Children
V.S.	Vital signs	WBC	White Blood Count
Vag	Vagina or vaginal		
VAS	Verbal/ visual analog scale		
VBAC	Vaginal birth after C-section		
VC or vit.ca	Vital capacity		
V _d	Dead space ventilation		
VD	Venereal disease		
VDRL	Venereal disease research laboratory test		
Ve	Minute ventilation		
VEP	Visual evoked potentials		
VF	Ventricular fibrillation		
VIR	Vascular/Interventional Radiology		
Vit	Vitamin		
VMA	Vanillylmandelic acid		
PVC	Premature ventricular contraction		
V _T	Tidal volume		
VT	Ventricular tachycardia		
Vtx	Vertex		

Symbols	Description
=,	approximately, change
? ,	decrease, lower
=,	equal
,	extension
♀	female
,	Flexion
?	increase
♂	male
-	minus
#	number, pound, parallel
+	plus
c	with
soro	without
?	change

Symbols	Description
□	concentration
'	feet
"	inches