

ABBREVIATION REFERENCE LIST

A2	Aortic Second Sound
AAA	Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
AAROM	Active assistive range of motion
AB	Abortion
abd	Abdomen, Abduction
ABG	Arterial Blood Gas
Abl	Ablation
ABL	Acute blood loss
ABLA	Acute blood loss anemia
abnl	Abnormal
abx	Antibiotics
A&B	Apnea & bradycardia
Art BP	Arterial Blood Pressure
ac	Before meals, Acromioclavicular joint
A/C	Assist control
ACLS	Advanced Cardiac Life Support
ACT	Activated Clotting Time
AD	Assistive device
ad lib	As desired
ADA	American Diabetic Association, American Dietetic Association
add	Adduction
ADL	Activities of daily living
adv	Advance
A. fib	Atrial fibrillation
A. flutter	Atrial flutter
AGA	Appropriate for gestational age
AI	Aortic Insufficiency
AICD	Automatic Internal Cardiac Defibrillator
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
A.I.R.	Assessment, Intervention, Response
Airb	Airborne
AK	bove knee
AL	Amplatz Left
ALL	Acute lymphocytic leukemia
ALS	Advanced Life Support, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
AMA	Against Medical Advice
amb	Ambulate
AMBU	Adult Manual Bagging Unit
AMI	Acute myocardial infarction, Anterior myocardial infarction
Angio	Angiogram
Ant	Anterior
A/O	Alert and oriented

AO	Aorta 3
AOx3	Alert and oriented to person, place and time
A&Ox3	Alert and oriented to person, place and time
AP	Apical Pulse, Anterior/Posterior, Abdominal pain
A/P	Anterior Posterior
APPT	Appointment
ARDS	Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome
AR	Amplatz Right
ARF	Acute renal failure
ARI	Acute renal insufficiency
AROM	Artificial rupture of membranes, Active range of motion
AS	Aortic Stenosis
ASA	American Society of Anesthesiologists' Classification
ASCVD	Arteriosclerotic Coronary Vascular Disease
ASD	Atrial septal defect
ASHD	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
Asp	Aspiration
ATL	Abdominal Tubal Ligation
ATM(s)	Atmosphere(s)
AV	Arteriovenous, Atrioventricular
AVM	Arteriovenous Malformation
AVNRT	AV Node Reentrant Tachycardia
Ax	Axillary
AXR	Abdominal x-ray
BAER	Brainstem Auditory Evoked Responses
BAL	Bronchial alveolar lavage
BBB	Bundle Branch Block (right or left)
BBS	Bilateral breath sounds
BC	Blood Culture, birth control
BCA	Bilateral Coronary Angiogram
BD	Bronchial Drainage
BE	Base Excess, Barium Enema
BHC	Bilateral Heart Catheterization
BIB	Brought in by
BIBA	Brought in by ambulance
bid	Twice daily
bilat	Bilateral
BiPAP	Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure
Bi-V	Bi-Ventricular
BK	Below knee
BL	Baseline (refers to fetal heart rate)
BLS	Basic Life Support
BM	Bowel movement
BMI	Body mass index
BMT	Bilateral Myringotomy with tubes, Bone Marrow Transplant
BOM	Bilateral otitis media
BOS	Base of support
BP, B/P	Blood Pressure
BPD	Bronchopulmonary Drainage
BPH	Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy
bpm	Beats per minute, Breaths per minute
BR	Bathroom

Br	Breast
Breech	Vaginal Breech
BRP	Bathroom privileges
BRBPR	Bright red blood per rectum
BS	Bowel Sounds, Breath sounds
BSA	Body Surface Area
BSC	Bedside commode
BSO	Bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy
B/T	Between
Bx	Biopsy
C	Cervical
CA	Carcinoma (Cancer)
CABG	Coronary Artery Bypass Graft
CAD	Coronary Artery Disease
CAP	Community acquired pneumonia
Carb(s)	Carbohydrate(s)
CATH	Catheterization
CAU	Caudal
C/B	Cesarean birth
CBDE	Common Bile Duct Exploration
CBF	Cerebral blood flow
CBG	Capillary Blood Gas
CBS	Chronic Brain Syndrome
CC	Chief Complaint, Cold Cone
CCA	Common Carotid Artery
CCK	Cholecystokinin
CD	Chemical Dependency
CDB	Cough and Deep Breathe
CDI	Clean, dry and intact
CDP	Complete Decongestive Physiotherapy
CDV	Cardioversion
CF	Cystic Fibrosis
CFA	Common Femoral Artery
CFV	Common Femoral Vein
CFX	Circumflex
CGA	Contact guard assistance
CHB	Complete Heart Block
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure
CHI	Closed head injury
CHO	Carbohydrate
Circ	Circumcision
CIWA	Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment
CL	Cycle length
CMS	Circulation, motion, sensation
CMT	Cervical motion tenderness
CMV	Cytomegalovirus
CNS	Central Nervous System
c/o	Complains of
COG	Center of gravity
cont	Continue, Contact
contr	Contraction
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Cor	Coronary
CP	Cerebral Palsy, Chest Pain, Critical Pathway
CPAP	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
CPD	Cephalopelvic Disproportion
CPM	Continuous Passive Motion
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CPX	Cardiopulmonary Exercise Test
C/R	Closed Reduction
CRA	Cranial
CRF	Chronic renal failure
CRI	Chronic renal insufficiency
CS	Cesarean Section, Coronary Sinus
C-Sec	Cesarean Section
CSF	Cerebral Spinal Fluid
C spine	Cervical spine
CT	Computerized Tomography, chest tube
ctx	Chemotherapy
CVA	Cerebrovascular Accident
CVAT	Costovertebral angle tenderness
CVP	Central Venous Pressure
c/w	consistent with
Cx	Cervix
CXR	Chest x-ray
d	Day
DAH	Diffuse alveolar hemorrhage
DAT	Diet as tolerated
DB	Diabetic
DC	Discontinue
D/C	Discharge
D&C	Dilatation and Curettage
DCA	Directional Coronary Atherectomy
DD	Delivery Day
DDDR	Dual chamber, dual pacing, dual sensing, inhibits pacing, rate responsive
DDST	Denver Development Screening Test
DDx	Differential Diagnosis
Decub	Decubitus
DIA	Diameter
Diag	Diagonal Artery
dil	Dilatation
DIP	Distal Interphalangeal
DJD	Degenerative joint disease
DLBCL	Diffuse large B cell lymphoma
DM	Diabetes Mellitus
DME	Durable medical equipment
DNI	Do not intubate
DNR	Do not Resuscitate
DOA	Dead on Arrival
DOB	Date of Birth
DOD	Date of Death
DOE	Dyspnea on exertion
DOI	Date of injury
DOS	Day of Surgery

DP	Dorsalis Pedis (Pulse)
Drg	Drainage
Drop	Droplet
drsg	Dressing
Dtr	Daughter
DTR	Deep tendon reflexes
DTs	Delirium Tremens
DTV	Due to void
DU	Duodenal Ulcer
DUB	Dysfunctional uterine bleeding
DVT	Deep vein thrombosis
D/W	Discussed with
Dx	Diagnosis
EAb	Elective abortion
EAT	Ectopic atria tachycardia
EBL	Estimated Blood Loss
ECA	External Carotid Artery
ECCE	Extra Capsular Cataract Extraction
ECG	Electrocardiogram
ECMO	Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation
ECO2	Expired Carbon Dioxide
ECT	Electroconvulsive therapy
EDC	Estimated date of confinement
EDD	Estimated due date
EDH	Epidural hematoma
EDP	End-diastolic Pressure
EEG	Electroencephalogram
EENT	Eyes, Ears, Nose and Throat
EF	Ejection Fraction
eff	Effacement
EFM	Electronic fetal monitor(ing)
EGA	Estimated Gestational Age
EGD	Esophagogastro-duodenoscopy
EGDT	Early goal directed therapy
EGS	Electrogalvanic Stimulation
EKG	Electrocardiogram
Embo	Embolization
EMG	Electromyogram
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
Endo	Endoscopy
E.O.A.	Esophageal Obturator Airway
EOB	Edge of bed
EOM	Extraocular Movements
EOMI	Extraocular movements intact
EPAP	Expiratory Positive Airway Pressure
Epi	Epidural
Epis	Episiotomy
EPS	Electrophysiology Study
ER	External Rotation
ERCP	Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (biliary duct)
ERT	Estrogen replacement therapy
ERV	Expiratory Reserve Volume

ESI	Epidural Steroid Injection
ESRD	End stage renal disease
est.	Estimated
ESWL	Extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy
ET	Endotracheal
EtCo2	End Tidal Carbon Dioxide Measurement
ETOH	Ethyl Alcohol
ETT	Endotracheal Tube
EUA	Exam under Anesthesia
Ex	Exercise
Exp.Lap	Exploratory Laparotomy
Ext	Extension
FB	Foreign body
FBS	Fasting blood sugar
Fceps	Forceps
fdg	Feeding, Fluorodeoxyglucose
FECG	Fetal Electrocardiogram
Fem	Femoral
FF	Forward Flexion
FH	Family History
FHH	Familial Hypocalciuric Hypercalcemia
FHT	Fetal Heart Tones
FHx	Family history
FIM	Functional Independence Measure
FIO2	Fractional Inspired Oxygen
fl	Fluid
Fluoro	Fluoroscopy
flex	Flexion
FLP	Fasting lipid profile
FOB	Father of baby, Foot of bed
Fr	French
FRC	Functional Residual Capacity
FTT	Failure to Thrive
Full	Full Barrier
F/U	Follow-up
FUO	Fever of undetermined origin
FVC	Forced Vital Capacity
FWB	Full Weight Bearing
Fx	Fracture, Function
G	Gravida
GA	General anesthesia
GB	Gallbladder
GC	Gonococcus
GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale
GE	Gastroesophageal
Gen	General
Gest	Gestation
GI	Gastrointestinal
Glyc hgb	Glycosylated hemoglobin
Gm	gram
Gr	Gravida
Gr Saph	Greater saphenous

GT	Gastric Tube
gtt	Drop
GTT	Glucose Tolerance Test
GU	Genitourinary
GXT	Graded exercise test
GYN	Gynecology
h	Hour
H&P	History & Physical
HA	Headache
HAP	Hospital acquired pneumonia
HAV	Hepatitis A virus
Hb	Hemoglobin
HBT	Hubbard Tank
HBV	Hepatitis B virus
HC	Home Care
HCAP	Healthcare acquired pneumonia
HCV	Hepatitis C virus
HCVD	Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease
HEENT	Head, ears, eyes, nose and throat
HEP	Home exercise program
HFNC	High flow nasal cannula
HIDA	Liver Bile Scan
HIS	HIS' bundle [Wilhem <i>H/s</i> , Jr.]
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HIVD	Herniated Intervertebral Disc
HMD	Hyaline Membrane Disease
HME	Health Maintenance Exam
HNP	Herniated Nucleus Pulposus
HPTH	Hyperparathyroidism
H/O	History of
HOB	Head of bed
HOH	Hard of hearing
HPI	History of Present Illness
HR	Heart rate
hr.	hour
HRA	High Right Atrium
HRFS	HIPAA & Registration Form signed
HRT	Hormone replacement therapy
HS	Hour of sleep
HSG	Hysterosalpingogram
Ht	Height
HTF	High Torque Floppy
HTN	Hypertension
HUSB	Husband
Hx	History
Hyst	Hysterectomy
I	Independent
IA	Intra-arterial
I&D	Incision and Drainage
I&O	Intake and Output
I:E	Inspiration compared to expiratory ratio, Inhalation compared to Exhalation ratio
IAB	Intra-aortic balloon

IABP	Intra-aortic balloon pump
IADH	Inappropriate Anti-Diuretic Hormone
IBD	Irritable bowel disease, inflammatory bowel disease
IBS	Irritable bowel syndrome
IBW	Ideal body weight
IC	Inspiratory Capacity, Intra-coronary
ICA	Internal Carotid Artery
ICD	Internal Cardioverter Defibrillator
ICP	Intracranial Pressure
ID	Intradermal, Identification
IDDM	Insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
IDM	Infant of Diabetic Mother
IHSS	Idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis
IJ	Internal Jugular
IM	Intramuscular, Internal Medicine
IMA	Internal Mammary Artery
IMF	Intermaxillary Fixation
Imp	Impression, Impacted
IMV	Intermittent mechanical ventilation
Ind	Induction
Inf	Infection, Inferior
Inj	Injury
inpt	Inpatient
IOL	Intraocular Lens
IP	Interphalangeal, Inpatient
IPAP	Inspiratory Positive Airway Pressure
IPPB	Intermittent Positive Pressure Breathing
IR	Internal Rotation
IRDS	Infant Respiratory Distress syndrome
Irrig	Irrigate
IRV	Inspiratory Reserve Volume
IS	Incentive Spirometer
IUC	Intrauterine Catheter
IUD	Intrauterine Device
IUFD	Intrauterine fetal demise
IUGR	Intrauterine growth retardation
IUP	Intrauterine Pregnancy
IUPC	Intrauterine Pressure Catheter (internal)
IV	Intravenous
IVC	Inferior Vena Cava
IVCD	Intra-Ventricular Conduction Defect
IVH	Intraventricular Hemorrhage
IVP	Intravenous Pyelography
IVSD	Interventricular Septal Defect
J	Judkins
Jt	Joint
JVD	Jugular Venous Distension
JVP	Jugular Venous Pressure
kcal(s)	kilocalorie(s)
kg	kilogram
K/O	Knocked out
KUB	Kidney-Ureters-Bladder

L	Lumbar, Left
LA	Left Atrium
LAD	Left Anterior Descending
LAE	Left Atrial Enlargement
LAH	Left Anterior Hemiblock
LAO	Left anterior oblique
Lat	Lateral
lb(s)	Pound(s)
LBBB	Left Bundle Branch Block
LBM	Last bowel movement
LBP	Low Back Pain
LCA	Left Coronary Artery
LD	Left Deltoid
LDA	Lines drains airways
LE	Lower Extremity
LFA	Left Femoral Artery
LFT	Liver function test
LFV	Left Femoral Vein
LGA	Large for gestational age
LHC	Left Heart Catheterization
LIH	Left inguinal hernia
LIMA	Left Internal Mammary Artery
LIPV	Left inferior pulmonary vein
LLL	Left Lower Lobe
LLT	Left lateral thigh
LLQ	Left lower quadrant
LML	Left medio-lateral
LMP	Last menstrual period
LN	Lymph node
LOA	Left occiput anterior
LOB	Loss of Balance
LOC	Level of consciousness, Loss of consciousness, Location of care
LOM	Left otitis media
LOP	Left occiput posterior
LOS	Length of stay, Level of sedation
LP	Lumbar Puncture
LPH	Left Posterior Hemiblock
LPM	Liters per minute
LS	Lumbar Sacral
L spine	Lumbar spine
LSPV	Left superior pulmonary vein
LTC	Long Term Care Facility
LTCS	Low Transverse Cesarean Section
LTL	Laparoscopic Tubal Ligation
LTR	Lower Trunk Rotation
LTV+	Long term variability, greater than 6-10 beats amplitude and 3-6 cycle changes/min.
LTV \emptyset	Long term variability absent, less than 2 bpm amplitude & 3 cycle changes
LTV ↓	Long term variability decreased less than 6-10 bpm amplitude and less than 3 cycle changes/min.
LTV ↑	Greater than 15 beats amplitude
LTV Marked	Greater than 25 beats amplitude
LUG	Left upper gluteal

LUL	Left Upper Lobe
LUQ	Left upper quadrant
LV	Left Ventricle
LVEDP	Left Ventricular End Diastolic Pressure
LVEF	Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction
LVG	Left Ventriculogram
LVH	Left Ventricular Hypertrophy
MA	Mentum anterior, Milliamps
MAB	Missed abortion
MAE	Moves all extremities
MAMMO	Mammography
MAP	Mean Arterial Pressure, mean airway pressure
MAR	Medication Administration Record
max	Maximum
MCG	Micrograms
MD	Muscular Dystrophy
mec	Meconium
Meds	Medications
Mg	Milligram
MHR	Maximum heart rate
MI	Myocardial Infarction
MIBG	Metaiodobenzylguanidine scan
Mibi	Sestamibi
min	Minimum, minute
mL	milliliter
ML	Mid-line
MLD	Manual lymph drainage , Multiple Late Decelerations
Mm	Muscle
MMPI	Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory
MMT	Manual Muscle Test
mod	Moderate, modified
MOV	Minimal occlusion volume
MOW	Meals on Wheels
MP	Mentum posterior
MP	Metacarpal Phalangeal
MR	May repeat, medical record, Magnetic resonance
MRA	Magnetic Resonance Angiography
MRG	Murmurs rubs gallop
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MS	Multiple Sclerosis
MSOF	Multi system organ failure
MUGA	Multiple Gated Acquisition
MV	Minute Ventilation
MVA	Motor Vehicle Accident
MVD	Multiple Variable Decelerations
NA, N/A	Not Applicable, Not Available
na	Nursing attempted
NAD	No Acute Distress
NAS	No added salt
NB	Newborn
NBQC	Narrow Based Quad Cane
NBS	Nitrogen Balance Study

NC	Nasal Cannula
Neb	Nebulizer
neg	Negative
Neutr	Neutropenic
nf	Nursed fair
NG	Nasogastric, Nasogastric Tube
NH	Nursing Home
NHP	Nursing Home placement
NIDDM	Non-insulin dependent diabetes
NIF	Negative Inspiratory Force
NKA	No known allergies
NKDA	No known drug allergies
NKFA	No known food allergies
nl	Normal
noc	At night
nour	Nourishments
NPO	Nothing by mouth
NPPV	Noninvasive Positive Pressure Ventilation
NPR	Nothing per rectum
NPV	Nothing per vagina
NR	Nonreactive
NRB Mask	Non-Rebreather Mask
NSG	Nursing
NSR	Normal Sinus Rhythm
NST	Nonstress test
NSVD	Normal Spontaneous Vaginal Delivery
NT	Nasal Tracheal, Nasal Tracheal Tube
NTTP	Non tender to palpation
N&V, n/v	Nausea and Vomiting
N/V/D	nausea vomiting diarrhea
NUC MED	Nuclear Medicine
nw	Nursed well
NWB	Non weight bearing
O	Oral
OA	Occiput anterior
OAB	Overactive bladder
OB	Obstetrics
OBSR	Observation
Occ	Occasional
OCP	oral contraceptive pills
OCT	Oxytocin Challenge test
OFC	Occipital-frontal circumference
OGT	Oral Gastric Tube
OM	Obtuse Marginal Artery
OOB	Out of bed
OP	Occiput posterior, oropharynx
OR	Operating Room
ORIF	Open Reduction Internal Fixation
OSA	Obstructive sleep apnea
Osteo	Osteomyelitis
OT	Occupational Therapy
otc	Over the counter

OTT	Oral Tracheal Tube
OV	Ovary
oz	Ounce
P	Para, plan, pulse
PA	Posterior Anterior, Pulmonary Artery, Pulmonary Artery (M, L or R used to designate Main, Left or Right PA)
PAC	Premature Atrial Contraction
PaCO ₂	Arterial Pressure of Carbon Dioxide
PAD	Peripheral artery disease
PAGram	Pulmonary Angiogram
PAIR	Problem, assessment, intervention, response
PaO ₂	Arterial Pressure of Oxygen
PAP	Papanicolaou's smear, Pulmonary Artery Pressure
PAT	Paroxysmal Atrial Tachycardia
Path	Pathology
PAWP	Pulmonary Artery Wedge Pressure
pc	After Meals
PCA	Patient Controlled Analgesia, Personal care attendant
PCAD	Percutaneous Corporeal Access for Dialysis
PCB	Paracervical Block
PCI	Percutaneous Coronary Intervention
PCN	Percutaneous Nephrostomy
PCV	Pressure Control Ventilation
PD	Police Department
PDA	Patent Ductus Arteriosus, Posterior Descending Artery
PE	Physical examination, pulmonary embolus
PEEP	Positive End Expiratory Pressure
PEG	Percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy
PERL	Pupils equal and react to light
PERRL	Pupils equal round, reactive to light
PERRLA	Pupils equal, round, reactive to light and accommodation
PES	Problem, Etiology, Signs/Symptoms
PET	Positron-emission tomography
PETCO ₂	Pressure of end-tidal carbon dioxide level
PFC	Persistent Fetal Circulation
PFO	Patent Foramen Ovale
PFT	Pulmonary Function Test
PICC	Peripherally placed intravenous central line
PID	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
PIH	Pregnancy Induced Hypertension
PIP	Proximal Interphalangeal, Peak inspiratory pressure
PKU	Phenylketonuria
PLA	Posterior Lateral Artery
PMD	Primary medical doctor
PMH	Past medical history
PMHx	Past medical history
PNC	Premature Nodal Contraction
PND	Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
POC	Plan of Care, Product of conception
POCT	Point of care testing
POD	Post-Operative Day
p.o.	By mouth

POP	Popliteal Vein/Artery
Port	Portable
post	After, Posterior
post op	Post-Operative
pp	Post-Partum
PPD	Pack Per Day, Postpartum day
PPFT	Post Pyloric Feeding Tube
PPI	Proton pump inhibitor
PPM	Permanent pacemaker
PPTL	Post-Partum tubal ligation
PR	Pulse rate
PRB Mask	Partial Rebreather Mask
PRE's	Progressive resistive exercise
prn	As needed
PROM	Passive range of motion, Prolonged rupture of membranes
Pron	Pronation
PSI	Pounds per Square Inch
PSV	Pressure support ventilation
PSVT	Paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia
Pt, PT	Patient, Physical Therapy, Posterior Tibial (Pulse)
PTA	Prior to admission, Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty
PTCA	Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty/angiogram
PTX	Pneumothorax
PUD	Pelvic uterine disease, Pudendal, Peptic ulcer disease
Pulse Ox	Pulse oximetry
PVC	Premature Ventricular Contraction
PWB	Partial weight bearings
PWP	Pulmonary Wedge Pressure
Px	Physical
q	Every
q3d	Every third day
q4h	Every four hours
qh	Every hour
qid	Four times daily
qns	Quantity not sufficient
qs	Quantity sufficient
QS	Quick Strep
quad	Quadriplegic
Qual	Quality
R	Rectal, Right
RA	Rheumatoid Arthritis, Room air, Right Atrium
RAD	Right Axis Deviation
RAE	Right Atrial Enlargement
RAIU	Radioactive Uptake and Scan
RAO	Right anterior oblique
RBA	Right Brachial Artery
RBBS	Right bundle branch block
RBV	Right Brachial Vein
RCA	Right Coronary Artery
RD	Right deltoid
RDS	Respiratory Distress Syndrome
Rec	Recommendation

Ref	Refused
Rehab	Rehabilitation
Reps	Repetitions
Res Vol	Residual Volume
RF	Radiofrequency
RFA	Right Femoral Artery
RFV	Right Femoral Vein
RHC	Right Heart Catheterization
RHD	Rheumatic Heart Disease
RIH	Right inguinal hernia
RIPV	Right inferior pulmonary vein
RLL	Right Lower Lobe
RLQ	Right lower quadrant
RLT	Right lateral thigh
RML	Right Middle Lobe
R/O	Rule out
ROA	Right occiput anterior
ROC	Resident on call
ROM	Right otitis media, Range of motion
ROP	Retinopathy of Prematurity, Right occiput posterior
ROS	Review of systems
RPA	Right posterior arm (subq.)
RR	Respiratory Rate
RRR or RR&R	Regular rhythm and rate
RSPV	Right superior pulmonary vein
RSR	Regular Sinus Rhythm
RSV	Respiratory Syncytial virus
RT	Respiratory Therapy
RTC	Return to clinic
RTG	Retrograde pyelogram
RUG	Right upper gluteal
RUL	Right Upper Lobe
RUOQ	Right upper outer quadrant
RUQ	Right upper quadrant
RV	Residual Volume, Right Ventricle
RVA	Right Ventricular Apex
RVH	Right Ventricular hypertrophy
RVOT	Right ventricular outflow tract
RW	Rolling walker
Rx	Prescription, treatment
SAB	Spontaneous Abortion
SAH	Subarachnoid Hemorrhage
SaO ₂	Saturation of Oxygen
SAP	Systolic Arterial Pressure
Saph	Saphenous vein
SAQ	Short arc quad
SBA	Stand by assist
SBAR	Subject, background, assessment, recommendation
SBE	Subacute Bacterial Endocarditis, Self Breast Exam
SBFT	Small bowel follow through (X-ray)
SCI	Spinal cord injury
SCV	Subclavian Vein

SEC	Single end cane
SFA	Superficial Femoral Artery
SFV	Superficial Femoral Vein
SGA	Small for gestational age
SH	Social History, Sideholes
SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
SI joint	Sacral Iliac joint
SIMV	Synchronized intermittent Mandatory Ventilation
SL	Sublingual
SLE	Systemic lupus erythematosus
SLR	Straight leg raising
SMR	Submucous resection
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SNV	Skilled Nurse Visit
SO	Significant other
SOAP	Subjective, Objective, Assessment, Plan
SOB	Shortness of Breath
SocHx	Social History
SOE	Service Order Entry
SOM	Serous otitis media
SORC	Spontaneous Onset Regular Contractions
S/P	Status post
sp	Suprapubic
SPECT	Spectroscopy or single photon emission computerized tomography
SP02	Oxyhemoglobin saturation, as measured by pulse oximetry
SPK	Single parent keeping
SPNK	Single parent not keeping
SPT	Standing Pivot Transfer
Sq, SQ	Squamous, subcutaneous
SROM	Spontaneous rupture of membranes
S/S	Signs and symptoms
SS	Sliding scale
SSE	Soap suds enema
SSI	Sliding scale insulin
SSS	Sick sinus syndrome
stab	Stabilization
Stand	Standard
stat	Immediate
STD	Sexually transmitted disease
STE	Self testicular exam
STEMI	ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction
STSG	Split-thickness Skin Graft
S/T	Spontaneous timed
STV+	Short term variability present; roughness of tracing line present
STV∅	Short term variability absent; tracing line is smooth
STV Inter	Short term variability intermittent; + and ∅ during a greater than 10 min. observation
sub	Substitute
subq	Subcutaneous
Sup	Supination
SUP	Supine
surg	Surgery
SVC	Superior Vena Cava

SVD	Spontaneous Vaginal Delivery
SVE	Sterile Vaginal Exam
SVt	Spontaneous Tidal Volume
SVT	Supraventricular Tachycardia
Sx, sxs	Symptoms, signs and symptoms
sz	Seizure
T	Temperature, Tympanic
T&A	Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy
T&C	Type and Crossmatch
tab	Tablet
TAB	Therapeutic abortion
TAH	Total Abdominal Hysterectomy
TB	Tuberculosis
TBI	Traumatic brain injury
TC	Telephone call
TCB	Transcutaneous bilirubin
TCD	Transcranial Doppler
TCDB	Turn, cough, deep breathe
TCH	Turn, Cough, Hyperventilate
TCM	Transcutaneous Oxygen Monitor
TcPCO2	Transcutaneous Pressure of Carbon Dioxide
TcPO2	Transcutaneous Pressure of Oxygen
TDS	Tubal Dye Studies
TE	Tracheoesophageal
TEDs	Thromboembolitic Stockings
TEE	Trans-esophageal echocardiogram
TENS	Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation
TF	Tube feeding
TGV	Transposition of Great Vessels
THA	Total hip arthroplasty
THR	Total hip replacement
Ti	Time inspired or inspiratory time
TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack
tid	Three times daily
TIPS	Transvenous Intrahepatic Portal System Shunt
TKA	Total knee arthroplasty
TKE	Terminal Knee Extension
TKO	To keep open
TKR	Total knee replacement
TL	Triple lumen
TLC	Total Lung Capacity
TLSO	Thoracic lumbar sacral orthosis
TM	Tympanic Membrane
TMJ	Temporal Mandibular joint
TO	Telephone Order
Tob	Tobacco
TOLAC	Trial of labor after Cesarean
TOCO	Tocodynamometer (external)
TORCH	Toxoplasma, Rubella, Cytomegalovirus, Herpes
TPN	Total Parenteral Nutrition
TPR	Temperature, Pulse, Respirations
TR	Trans-radial

T spine	Thoracic spine
TSB	Total serum bilirubin
TTN	Transient Tachypnea of newborn
Ttot%	Total percentage of breaths initiated by the patient
TTT	Tilt table test
TTWB	Toe touch weight bearing
tym	Tympanic
TURP	Transurethral resection of prostate
TV	Tidal volume
TWE	Tap water enema
Tx	Traction, Treatment
UAC	Umbilical Arterial Catheter
UBW	Usual body weight
UC	Uterine Contraction
UE	Upper extremity
UF	Ultra Filtrate
UGI	Upper gastrointestinal
uo	urine output
UPT	Urine Pregnancy Test
URI	Upper Respiratory Infection
US	Ultrasound
UT	Uterus
UTI	Urinary Tract Infection
UV	Ultraviolet
UVC	Umbilical Venous Catheter
VAC	Vacuum
Vag	Vaginal
VBAC	Vaginal Birth After Cesarean
VC	Vital Capacity
VCS	Vertical Cesarean Section
VCV	Volume Control Ventilation
VCUG	Voiding Cystourethrogram
VD	Venereal Disease
Vdg	Voiding
VDRL	Ventilator dependent respiratory failure
VE	Expired Minute Volume
Vent	Ventilator, Ventricle
Vent Shunt	Ventricular Shunt Patency
Vert	Vertebral Artery
VF, VFIB	Ventricular fibrillation
VH	Vaginal Hysterectomy
VIP	Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy
VO	Verbal order
VORB	Verbal Order Read Back
V/Q	Ventilation/Perfusion Scan
VQ	Ventilation perfusion
VS	Vital signs
VSD	Ventricular Septal Defect
VSS	Vital Signs Stable
Vt	Tidal Volume
VT	Ventricular Tachycardia
VVI / VVIR	Ventricular pacing, ventricular sensing, inhibits pacing, rate responsive

WA	While awake
WBAT	Weight bearings as tolerated
WBQC	Wide based quad cane
W/C	Wheelchair
WCC	Well child check
WCT	Wide Complex Tachycardia
W/D	Warm and dry
WDL	within defined limits
WDWN	Well-Developed, Well-Nourished
WFL	Within functional limits
whpl	Whirlpool
WIC	Women Infant Children Program
W/M	Warm, moist
WNL	Within normal limits
WOC	Wound, ostomy, continence
WP	Whirlpool
WPW	Wolf-Parkinsons-White (syndrome)
Wt	Weight
w/	with
w/o	Without
W/U, w/up	Work up
y.o.	Year(s) old
Δ	Change
↓	Decrease
°	Hour, Degree
↑	Increase
1°	Primary
2°	Secondary
⊕	Positive
ψ	Psychiatric
#	Pound

ABBREVIATIONS OF SPECIFIC UNITS/DEPARTMENTS AND REFERENCES TO OTHER HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

C/C	Critical Care
CHILMP	Childrens Health Care - Minneapolis
CT	Computerized Tomography
CVL	Catheterization Lab
ECC	Emergency Care Center
ED	Emergency Department
FBC	Family Birth Center
FSD	Fairview Southdale
FUMC	Fairview University Medical Center
HCMC	Hennepin County Medical Center
HH	Home Health
HH&H	Home Health and Hospice
HHH	Hubert H Humphrey Cancer Center
HHHCC	Hubert H Humphrey Cancer Center
HIM	Health Information Management
HOSP	Hospice
HR	Human Resources

ICC	Intensive Care Center
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IR	Interventional Radiology
IT	Information Technology
LDR	Labor & Delivery
MCC	Medical Care Center
MCRH	Midwest Center of Reproductive Health
MDH	Minnesota Department of Health
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NJC	National Jewish Center
NM	Nuclear Medicine, North Memorial
NSY	Nursery
NUR	Nursery
OB	Obstetrics
ONC	Oncology
OPC	Outpatient Center
OR	Operating Room
ORTHO	Orthopedics
PACU	Post Anesthesia Care Unit
PALL	Palliative Care
PCC	Patient Care Center
PCF	Patient Care Facilitator
PEDS	Pediatrics
PET	Position Emission Tomography
PFA	Patient Flow Assistant
PIR	Preinduction Room
REHAB	Rehabilitation Services
SCC	Surgical Care Center
SCN	Special Care Nursery
SPD	Sterile Processing Department
SDS	Same Day Surgery
TCU	Transitional Care Unit
U of M	University of Minnesota
US	Ultrasound

ABBREVIATIONS OF TITLES OF DOCUMENTERS

APRN	Advance Practice Registered Nurse
CCRN	Certified Critical Care Registered Nurse
CCVT	Certified Cardiovascular Technician
CEN	Certified Emergency Nurse
CMA	Certified Medical Assistant
CNA	Certified Nursing Assistant
CNM	Certified Nurse Midwife
CNMT	Certified Nuclear Medicine Technologist
CNS	Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist
COTA	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
CRNA	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
CRTT	Certified Respiratory Therapist
CWOCN	Certified Wound, Ostomy, Continence Nurse
CWON	Certified Wound, Ostomy Nurse

DA	Dietetic Assistant
DDS	Doctor of Dental Science
DNP	Doctor of Nursing Practice
DO	Doctor of Osteopathy
DT	Dietetic Technician
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
GN	Graduate Nurse
HHA	Home Health Aide
HUC	Health Unit Coordinator
LICSW	Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker
LP	Licensed Psychologist
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
MD	Medical Doctor
MDA	Anesthesiologist, Medical Doctor of Anesthesiology
MHA	Mental Health Assistant
MS	Medical Student
NA	Nursing Assistant
NMS	National Medical Services
NNP	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
NP	Nurse Practitioner
OTR	Occupational Therapist Registered
PA	Physician Assistant
PCF	Patient Care Facilitator
PCP	Primary Care Physician/Provider
PFA	Patient Flow Assistant
PharmD	Doctor of Pharmacy
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
PHN	Public Health Nurse
PT	Physical Therapist
PTA	Physical Therapist Assistant
RCIS	Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist
RCP	Respiratory Care Practitioner
RD	Registered Dietitian
RDMS	Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer
RN	Registered Nurse
RNBC	Registered Nurse Board Certified
RNC	Registered Nurse Certified, Registered Nurse Clinician
RPh	Registered Pharmacist
RRT	Registered Respiratory Therapist
RT, CT	Registered Technologist, Computed Tomography
RT, M	Registered Technologist, Mammography
RT, MR	Registered Technologist, Magnetic Resonance
RT, R	Registered Technologist, Radiology
RT(R)	Radiologic Technologist, Registered
RVT	Registered Vascular Technologist
SN	Student Nurse
SRNA	Student Registered Nurse Anesthetist
SRT	Student Respiratory Therapist
SW	Social Worker
USC	Unit Shift Coordinator

ABBREVIATIONS PRINTED FROM THE CLINICAL LABORATORY SYSTEM

A	Blood Type A
AB	Blood Type AB
AB	Antibody
ABDY	Antibody
ABG	Arterial Blood Gases
ABL	Abelson Concogene
ABN	Abnormal
ABS	Antibody Screen
ABY	Antibody
AChR	Acetylcholine Receptor
ACTH	Adrenocorticotrophic Hormone
ADENO DEAM	Adenosine Deaminase
AFB	Acid Fast Bacilli
AFP	Alpha-Feto Protein
AG	Antigen
AGGLUT	Agglutinins
AGNS	Antigens
AIT	Alloimmune Thrombocytopenia
ALC	Alcohol
ALK	Alkaline
ALT	Alanine aminotransferase
AMNIO	Amniocentesis
ANA	Antinuclear Antibody
ANCA	Anti-Neutrophilic Cytoplasmic Antibodies
ANISO or ANISOCYT	Anisocytosis
ANTI	Antibody to
ANTIBDY	Antibody
ANTIMITO	Antimitochondrial
APC	Activated Protein Resistance
ARC	American Red Cross
ARUP	Associated Regional & University Pathologies, Inc
ASO	Antistreptolysin O
AST	Asparatate aminotransferase
ATHENA	Athena Diagnostics
ATYP LYM	Atypical Lymphocytes
ATYP	Atypical
ATYP PLT	Atypical Platelet
B	Blood Type B
BAL	Bronchial Alveolar Lavage
BASO	Basophil
BASOSTIP	Basophilic Stippling
BCR	Breakpoint Cluster Region
BF	Body Fluid
BILI	Bilirubin
BLD	Blood
BM	Bone Marrow
BUN	Blood Urea Nitrogen
C. difficile	Clostridium difficile
CA	Cancer Antigen

CAP, CAPIL, or	
CAPILL	Capillary
CATH	Catheter
CBC	Complete Blood Count
CDC	Centers for Disease Control
CEA	Carcinoembryonic antigen
CELL	Cell
CF	Complement Fixation
CHLAM	Chlamydia
CHOL	Cholesterol
CHOR	Choriomeningitis
CHROM	Chromosome
CHROMO	Chromogenic
CK	Creatine Kinase
CL	Chloride
CMV	Cytomegalovirus
CNT	Count
CO2	Carbon Dioxide
COAGS	Coagulation
COAR	Coarse
COAR GRAN	
CASTS	Coarse granular casts
COMP	Complement or Compatibility
CONF	Confirmation
CREAT	Creatinine
CREAT CLEAR	Creatinine Clearance
CRMP	Collapsin Response Mediator Protein
CRYS	Crystals
CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid
CULT	Culture
CV TIP	Cardio-vascular Tip
DAT	Direct Coombs Test
DFA	Direct Fluorescent Antibody
DHEA	Dehydroepiandrosterone
DHEA-S	Dehydroepiandrosterone-Sulfate
DIB	Dibucaine
DIFF	Differential
DIPTH	Diphtheria
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
DOHLEBDY	Dohle bodies
DWARFMEG	Dwarf Megakaryocyte
EBV	Epstein Barr Virus
EIA	Enzyme immunoassay
ELISA	Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay
ELLIPTOS	Elliocytes
ELP	Electrophoresis
ELU	Elution
ENA	Extractable Nuclear Antigen
EOS	Eosinophil
EPITH	Epithelial
EPO	Erythropoietin
ESOLAB	Esoterix Laboratories

ESR	Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate
ET-TUBE	Endotracheal Tube
EXAM	Examination
FA	Fluorescent Antibody
FACT	Factor
FAST	Fasting
FE	Iron
FINE GRAN	
CASTS	Fine granular casts
FISH	Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization
FIX	Fixation
FLD	Fluid
FLUOR	Fluorescence
FRACT	Fractionated
FRAG	Fragility
FRAGRBCS	Fragmented Red Blood Cells
FSH	Follicle Stimulating Hormone
FTA-ABS	Fluorescent Treponemal Antibody-Absorption
FUNG	Fungus
G-6-PD	Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase
GALACTO	Galactosemia
GBM	Glomerular Basement Antibody
GC	Gonococcus
GENE	GeneCare Genetics
GGT or GGTP	Gamma-glutamyltransferase
GH	Growth Hormone
GHB	Gamma-Hydroxy-Butyric Acid
GLUC	Glucose
GR	Group
G-Tube	Gastric Tube
H2O	Water
HAV	Hepatitis A Virus
HBcAG	Hepatitis B core Antigen
HBEAG	Hepatitis Be Antigen
HBSAG	Hepatitis B Surface Antigen
HCG	Human Chorionic Gonadotropin
HCL	Hydrochloric Acid
HCT	Hematocrit
HCV	Hepatitis C Virus
HDL	High Density Lipoprotein
HEINZBDY	Heinz bodies
HEMOLYSD	Hemolysed
HGB	Hemoglobin
HIAA-5	5-Hydroxyindolacetic Acid
HISTO	Histoplasma
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HLA	Human Lymphocyte Antigens
HOWJOLLY	Howell-Jolly bodies
HPF	High power field
HPV	Human Papilloma Virus
HR	Hour
HSV	Herpes Simplex Virus

HVA	Homovanillic Acid
HYPERSEG	Hypersegmentation
HYPOCHRO	Hypochromasia
HYPSEN	
PNEUM PNL	Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis Panel
IAT	Indirect Antiglobulin Test (antibody screen)
IBC	Iron Binding Capacity
ID	Immunodiffusion
ID or IDENT	Identified
IF	Immunofluorescence
IGA	Immunoglobulin A
IGG	Immunoglobulin G
IGE	Immunoglobulin E
IGM	Immunoglobulin M
IM or IMM	Immune
INC	Increased
INCBAND	Increased Bands
IND or	
INDETER	Indeterminate
INFLU	Influenza
INH	Inhibitor
INORG	Inorganic
IN-02	Inspired oxygen
INR	International Normalized Ratio
INTERP	Interpretation
ISO	Isoenzymes
JP	Jackson Pratt
K	Potassium
KET	Ketones
L/E SYN	Lambert-Easton Syndrome
L/S	Lecithin/Sphingomyelin Ratio
LDH	Lactic Dehydrogenase
LEUK	Leukocyte
LI	Labeling Index
LMP	Last Menstrual Period
LPF	Lower power field
LG PLT	Large Platelet
LT	Left
LYMPH	Lymphocyte
LYTES	Electrolytes
MACRO	Macroscopic
MACROCYT	Macrocytosis
MAG	Myelin-associated Glycoprotein
MBC	Minimum Bacteroidical Concentration, Memorial Blood Center
MCHC	Mean Corpuscular Hemoglobin Concentration
MCV	Mean Corpuscular Volume
META	Metamyelocyte
MG	Myasthenia Gravis
MIC	Minimum Inhibitory Concentration
MICRO	Microscopic
MICROCYT	Microcytosis
MIL	Millions

MIN	Minutes
MIX	Mixing
MONO	Monocyte
MORPH	Morphology
MRSA	Methicillin Resistant Staph aureus
M.TB	Mycobacterium tuberculosis
MUSC	Muscle
MYCO	Mycobacterium or Mycoplasma
MYELO	Myelocyte
NA	Sodium
NAD	Newborn Aneuploidy Detection
NAPA	N-acetylprocainamide
NEG	Negative
NEIS. GONO	Neisseria gonorrhoeae
NEO	Neonatal
NL	Normal
N. MEN	Neisseria meningitides
NONE DET.	None Detected
NONREACT	Nonreactive
NOR or NORM	Normal
NOT REQ	Not Required
NR	Nonreactive
NRBC	Nucleated Red Blood Cell
NTD	Neural Tube Defect
NUCL	Nucleated
O	Blood Type O
OCCASN'L	Occasional
OSMO	Osmolality
OVALO O	valocytes
PAD	Prenatal Aneuploidy Detection
PAN	Panel
PCR	Polymerized Chain Reaction
PCP	Phencyclidine
PD	Peritoneal Dialysis
PED	Pediatric
PEN	Penicillium
PEP	Peptide or Polypeptide
PERIPH	Peripheral
PF4(HIT)	Platelet Factor 4 (Heparin-Dependent Immune Mediated Thrombocytopenia)
PG	Phosphatidylglycerol
PKU	Phenylketonuria
PLASMA C	Plasma Cells
PLT	Platelets
PLTLOW	Decreased platelets
PMN	Polymorphonuclear neutrophil
PNH	Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobin
POC	Products of Conception
POIK	Poikilocytosis
POLY	Polychromasia
POS	Positive
PRBC	Packed red blood cells
PRD	Products

PREG	Pregnancy
PROCAIN	Procainamide
PROF	Profile
PROMYELO	Promyelocyte
PROT	Protein
PSA	Prostate Specific Antigen
P'TASE	Phosphatase
PT	Prothrombin Time
PTH	Parathyroid Hormone
PTT	Partial Thromboplastin Time
QNS	Quantity not sufficient
QUAL or QL	Qualitative
QUANT or QT	Quantitative
RA	Rheumatoid Arthritis
RAST	Radioallergosorbent Test
RBC	Red Blood Cell
REACT	Reactive
REC'D	Received
REF	Reference
RESP	Respiratory
RF	Rheumatoid Factor
Rh	Rhesus Factor in Blood
RhIG	Rh Immune Globulin
RIA	Radioimmunoassay
RIBA	Recombinant Immunoblot Assay
RSV	Respiratory Syncytial Virus
RT	Right
RTF	Report to follow
SCR or SCRN	Screen
SEC	Seconds
SENS	Sensitivity
SEPRP	See separate report
SER	Serum
SERO	Serology
SF	Synovial Fluid
SMR	Smear
SM AMT	Small amount
SOL	Solution
Sp.	Species
SPEC	Specimen
SPGRAV or SG	Specific Gravity
SPHEROS	Spherocytosis
SSR	See Separate Report
ST	Stain
STAPH	Staphylococcus
STL	Stool
STREP	Streptococcus
STS	Serological Test for Syphilis
SUB(S)	Substance
SULFA CR	Sulfa crystals
SURG	Surgical
SYN	Synovial

T	Total
T3	Triiodothyronine
T4	Thyroxine
TB	Tuberculosis
TBG	Thyroid Binding Globulin
TC	Throat Culture
THC	Tetrahydrocannabinol Carboxylic Acid
THOUS	Thousands
TIBC	Total Iron Binding Capacity
TITR	Titer
TOL	Tolerance
TOT	Total
TOX	Toxin
TOXOPLAS	Toxoplasmosis
T. PROT	Total Protein
TRGH	Trough
TRICH	Trichomonas
TRIG	Triglyceride
TROPH	Trophozoite
TSH	Thyroid Stimulating Hormone
T-TUBE	Tracheal Tube
UA	Urinalysis
UC	Urine Culture
ULTRA or	
ULTRASENS	Ultrasensitive
URE+	Urea Positive
URE-	Urea Negative
UR	Urine
VAG	Vaginal
VAS	Vasectomy
VCA	Viral Capsid Antigen
VI PEPTIDE	Vasoactive Intestinal Polypeptide
VIRO	Viromed Laboratories
VIT	Vitamin
VMA	Vanillylmandelic Acid
VOL	Volume
VZV	Varicella Zoster Virus
WB	Whole Blood
WBC	White Blood Cell
WBG	Whole Blood Glucose
WEST	Western
WKLY RCT	Weakly Reactive
WPOS	Weak Positive

TABLE OF REVISIONS

Date	Description of Change(s)
2/2016	Removed TPA - No longer considered an acceptable abbreviation by stroke to list.