

**ABBREVIATION LIST FOR
MEDICAL RECORD DOCUMENTATION**

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| ā | before | amp | ampule |
| accel | acceleration | amt. | amount |
| A&P | anterior & posterior | AMU | Acute Medical Unit |
| A.M. | before noon | ant. | anterior |
| A/G | Albumin globulin ratio | ante | before |
| A2 | Aortic Second sound | AODM | Adult Onset Diabetes Mellitus |
| AA | Acute Appendectomy | approx | approximately |
| aa | of each, equal parts | appt | appointment |
| AAT | ambulate as tolerated | Appy | appendectomy |
| AB | abortion | aq | water |
| abd | abdomen | aq. dest | distilled water |
| ABG | arterial blood gases | ARDS | Adult respiratory distress syndrome |
| Abn | abnormal | AROM | Artificial rupture of membranes |
| ABW | adjusted body weight | ASA | Aspirin |
| AC | Air Contrast | ASCVD | Arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease |
| A-C | Acromio-clavicular | ASD | atrial septal defect |
| ACL | Anterior Cruciate Ligament | ASHD | arteriosclerotic heart disease |
| ad lib | as much as needed, as desired | ASIS | anterior superior iliac spine |
| ADH | anti-diuretic hormone | asst | assistance |
| ADL | Activities of daily living | ASU | Acute Surgical Unit |
| adm | admission | ATach | Atrial Tachycardia |
| AFB | acid-fast bacilli | Aug | Augmentation |
| AFI | Amniotic fluid index | AV | atriovenous |
| AFib | atrial fibrillation | avg | average |
| AFP | alpha fetoprotein | AVN | atrioventricular node |
| AGA | Appropriate for gestational age | AVSS | afebrile, vital signs stable |
| agit. | shake or stir | b.i.d. | twice daily |
| AgNo3 | Silver Nitrate | B.O.M. | bilateral otitis media |
| AIDS | Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome | B1 | thiamin |
| AK | above-knee | B2 | Riboflavin |
| AKA | above-knee amputation | BBB | Bundle Branch Block |
| AKI | acute kidney injury | BE | barium enema |
| Alb | Albuterol | BF | breast feeding |
| alb. | albumin | bil. | bilateral |
| ALD | alcoholic liver disease | bili | bilirubin |
| ALS | amyotrophic lateral sclerosis | BK | below-knee |
| alt. | alternate, alternating | BKA | Below knee amputation |
| AMA | Against Medical Advice | Bl. | bleeding |
| AMB | ambulatory | BM | Bowel Movement |
| AMI | Acute Myocardial Infarction | BMI | Body Mass Index |
| amnio | amniocentesis | BMP | Basic Metabolic Panel |

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| BMR | basal metabolic rate | CBR | complete bed rest |
| BOA | born out of asepsis | CBS | chronic brain syndrome |
| BOM | Bilateral Otitis Media | CCU | Coronary Care Unit |
| BOW | Bag of Water | CDC | Center for Disease Control |
| BP | blood pressure | CEA | carcinoembryonic antigen |
| BPH | benign prostatic hypertrophy | cm. | centimeter |
| BPP | Biophysical Profile | CHB | complete heart block |
| BR | Bathroom | CHD | Congenital heart disease |
| brady | bradycardia | CHF | Congestive Heart Failure |
| BRB | bright red blood | chg | change |
| Brk | Bronkosol | chol | cholesterol |
| BRP | bathroom privileges | CI | coronary insufficiency |
| BS | blood sugar | circ. | circumcision |
| BSA | body surface area | cl | clear |
| BSC | bedside commode | CL | chloride |
| BSE | breast self-exam | Cl. Liq. | clear liquids |
| BSER | brain stem evoked response | Cl. Time | clotting time |
| BSN | Bachelor of Science, Nursing | cldy | cloudy |
| BSO | bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy | cm H20 | centimeters of water pressure |
| BST | Breast stimulation test | CMMEL | Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia |
| BUE | bilateral upper extremity | CMS | Circulation, motion, and sensation |
| BUN | blood urea nitrogen | CNA | certified nurses aide |
| BVM | bag value mask | CNS | central nervous system |
| BVT | bag value tube | CO2 | carbon dioxide |
| Bx | biopsy | cocci | coccidioidomycosis |
| Ā | with | comp. | compound |
| C | centigrade | conc. | concentrated |
| C&S | culture and sensitivity | conf | conference |
| c&v | cupping & vibration | cong | congested |
| C.O. | Cardiac output | cont. | continued |
| C.S.M. | circulation, sensation and motion | Cont.aero | Continuous Aerosol |
| c/o | complaining of | COPD | chronic obstructive pulmonary disease |
| C/S | Cesarean section | CPAP | continuous positive airway pressure |
| C/W | consistent with | CPD | cephalopelvic disproportion |
| CA | carcinoma, cancer | CPK | creatinine phosphokinase |
| Ca++ | Calcium | CPM | continuous passive motion |
| CABG | coronary artery bypass graft | CPR | cardiopulmonary resuscitation |
| CAD | coronary artery disease | CPT | Chest Physiotherapy |
| Cal | calorie | CRAMS | Circulation, Respiration, Abdomen, Motor, Speech |
| CAN | cord around neck | CRNA | Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist |
| Caps | capsule | CRP | C-Reactive protein |
| CAT | Computerized Axial Tomography | CS | Central Supply |
| cath | catheterization | CSF | cerebrospinal fluid |
| CBC | complete blood count | | |

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| CSP | Central Sterile Processing | DJD | Degenerative Joint Disease |
| CST | contraction stimulation test | DKA | Diabetic Ketoacidosis |
| CT | computerized tomography | DLCO | Diffusion capacity of lung |
| CTA | clear to auscultation | DM | Diabetes Mellitus |
| ctx | cervical traction | DME | Durable medical equipment |
| Cu | copper | DNR | Do not resuscitate |
| cu. mm. | cubic millimeter | DO | Doctor of Osteopathy |
| CV | cardiovascular | DOA | Dead on Arrival |
| CVA | cerebrovascular accident | DOB | Date of Birth |
| CVC | central venous catheter | DR | Doctor |
| CVP | central venous pressure | dr. | dram |
| CXR | chest x-ray | drng | drainage |
| CTR | Carpal tunnel release | drsg | dressing |
| D&C | dilatation and curettage | DSD | dry sterile dressing |
| D.O.E. | dyspnea on exertion | DSE | daily skills evaluation |
| D.O.S. | Day of surgery | DU | duodenal ulcer |
| D.R. | Delivery Room | DUB | dysfunctional uterine bleeding |
| D.T. | delirium tremens | DVT | Deep Venous Thrombosis |
| D.W. | distilled water | DX | Diagnosis |
| d/c-dc | discontinue | E. Coli | Escherichia coli |
| D/RL | dextrose and Ringer's Lactate | e.g. | for example |
| D/W | dextrose and water | E.S. | electrical stimulation |
| D5LR | 5 percent dextrose Lactated Ringers | EBL | Estimated blood loss |
| D5W | 5% dextrose in water | ECCE | Extracapsular Cataract Extraction |
| DAT | diet as tolerated | ECG | Electrocardiogram |
| DBP | diastolic blood pressure | ED | Emergency Department |
| DDI | dressing dry & intact | EDC | Estimated date of confinement |
| Decel | deceleration | EDC | Estimated date of conception |
| decr | decrease or diminish | EDD | end diastolic diameter |
| decub | decubitus | EDP | end diastolic pressure |
| defib | defibrillation | EEG | Electroencephalogram |
| dept | department | EENT | Ears, eyes, nose & throat |
| DES | Diethylstilbestrol | eff | effective |
| dev seq | developmental sequences | EFM | external fetal monitor |
| DFA | diet for age | EGA | estimated gestational age |
| diag | diagnosis | EGD | esophagogastroduodenoscopy |
| diam | diameter | EKG | Electrocardiogram |
| DIC | disseminated intravascular coagulopathy | elix | elixir |
| dil. | dilute or dissolve | EMG | electromyogram |
| DIP | distal interphalangeal joint | Enf | Enfamil |
| disch | discharge | ENG | electronystagmography |
| DISH | Diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis | ENT | Ears, nose & throat |
| disp | dispense | EOA | esophageal obturator airway |
| div | divide | EOM | extraocular muscles |

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| EPID | epidural | FM | fetal movement |
| EPIS | episiotomy | FMC | Family Maternity Center |
| Eq Su | equipment set-up | FP | Family Practice |
| ERCP | endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography | FPL | flexor pollicus longus |
| ERV | expiratory reserve volume | FRC | functional residual capacity |
| ESD | end systolic diameter | Freq | frequency |
| ESR | Erythrocyte sedimentation rate | FSE | fetal scalp electrode |
| est. | estimate | FSH | follicle stimulating hormone |
| ET | Endotracheal | ft. | foot |
| et. | and | FTSG | full-thickness skin graft |
| etiol | etiology | FUO | fever of undetermined origin |
| ETOH | Ethyl alcohol | FVC | forced vital capacity |
| ETT | endotracheal tube | FWB | full weight bearing |
| EUA | examination under anesthesia | fx | fracture |
| eval | evaluation | G/S | glucose and saline |
| ex | excision | G/W | glucose and water |
| exer. | exercise | GA | gestational assessment |
| Exp. | Expired | gal | gallon |
| Exp. Lap | Exploratory laparotomy | gastroc | gastrocnemius |
| expl. | exploratory | GB | gallbladder |
| ext. | external | GBS | Group B strep |
| F | Fahrenheit | GDM | gestational diabetes mellitus |
| F.F. | force fluids | GERD | gastro esophageal reflux disease |
| F.F.P. | fresh frozen plasma | GGT | gamma glutamyl transferase |
| f.o.b. | foot of bed | G-Hgb | glycosylated hemoglobin |
| F/U | Follow-up | GI | gastrointestinal |
| FACH | forceps after coming head | GLU | glucose |
| FAS | fetal alcohol syndrome | glut | gluteal |
| FB | foreign body | gm | gram |
| FBS | fasting blood sugar | gm% | grams percent |
| FDA | Food & Drug Administration | GN | graduate nurse |
| fdg | feeding | GPN | graduate practical nurse |
| fe | female | gr | grain |
| Fe | iron | Grav, Gr | Gravida |
| FH | family history | gt | drop |
| FHM | fetal heart monitor | gtt | drops |
| FHR | fetal heart rate | GTT | Glucose Tolerance Test |
| FHT | fetal heart tones | GU | genitourinary |
| Fi02 | oxygen percentage | GYN | gynecology |
| fib | fibrillation | H&H | Hemoglobin & Hematocrit |
| fl. | fluid | H&L | heart and lungs |
| Fl. dr. | fluid dram | H&P | history and physical |
| fl. oz. | fluid ounce | H202 | hydrogen peroxide |
| | | H2O | water |
| | | HA | headache |

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| HAE | hearing aid evaluation | hyst. | hysterectomy |
| HASHD | Hypertensive arteriosclerotic heart disease | I | Iodine |
| HAT | Hemovac Auto Transfuser | I&D | incision and drainage |
| HbA | glycosylated hemoglobin | I&O | intake and output |
| HBIG | Hepatitis B Immune Globulin | i.e. | that is |
| HBP | High Blood Pressure | I.V. | intravenous |
| HbSAb | Hepatitis B surface antibody | I:E | Inspiratory time to Expiratory time ration |
| HbSAg | Hepatitis B surface antigen | IABP | Intra-aortic Balloon Pump |
| HC | head circumference | IBW | Ideal Body Weight |
| HCG | human chorionic gonadotropin | IC | intracardiac |
| HCO3 | bicarbonate | ICP | intracranial pressure |
| HCVD | Hypertensive Cardiovascular disease | ICPM | intracranial pressure monitoring |
| HDL | high density liquid protein | ICU | Intensive Care Unit |
| HEENT | head, eyes, ears, nose & throat | id. | the same |
| HELLP | hemolysis, elevated liver enzymes & low platelet syndrome | IDDM | Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus |
| hemi | half | IDM | infant of diabetic mother |
| Hep B | Hepatitis B | IFM | internal fetal monitor |
| Hep L,HL | Heparin lock | IM | intramuscular |
| HF | Heparin flush | IMI | Inferior Myocardial Infarction |
| HFP | High Fowler's position | IMV | Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation |
| Hg | mercury | inc. | incontinent |
| Hgb | hemoglobin | incr | increase |
| HHD | Hypertensive heart disease | Ind | induction |
| HHN | hand held nebulizer | indep | independent |
| HIDA | hepato-iminodiacetic acid | inf | infection |
| histo | histoplasmin | init | initials |
| HIV | Human Immunodeficiency virus | inj | injection |
| HMD | Hyaline Membrane Disease | INR | International Normalization Ratio |
| HNP | herniated nucleus pulposus | ins | insurance |
| HOB | head of bed | insp. | inspiratory |
| hp | hot pack | instr. | instructions |
| HPI | history of present illness | int. | internal |
| HPTN | hypertension | invol | involuntary |
| HR | heart rate | IOL | Intraocular lens |
| hr,h | hour | IOP | intraocular pressure |
| HSP | Henoch-Schönlein purpura | IP | inpatient |
| HSV | herpes simplex viruses | IPG | Impedence Phlebograph |
| HT | Hubbard Tank | IPPB | intermittent positive pressure breathing |
| Ht. | height | IQ | intelligence quotient |
| HTN | Hypertension | IRV | inspiratory reserve volume |
| HWP | home walking program | IS | incentive spirometry |
| hx | history | iso | isoenzymeisol |
| hypo | hypodermically | Isol. | isolation |
| | | Isup | Isuprel |

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| ITP | Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura | LAP | left atrial pressure |
| IUC | intrauterine catheter | LASER | light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation |
| IUD | intrauterine device | lat | lateral |
| IUGR | intrauterine growth retardation | LAT | left anterior thigh |
| IUPC | intrauterine pressure catheter | lb. | pound |
| IVAC | intravenous infusion pump | LBBB | left bundle branch block |
| IVCD | intraventricular conduction defect | LBP | low blood pressure |
| IVP | intravenous pyelogram | LBW | low birth weight |
| IVPB | intravenous piggyback | LCL | lateral cruciate ligament |
| IV-push | intravenous push | LD | left deltoid |
| IVU | intravenous urogram | LDH | lactic dehydrogenase |
| IWMI | Inferior Wall Myocardial Infarction | LDL | low density liquid protein |
| JDM | juvenile diabetes mellitus | LDR | Labor Delivery Recovery |
| jt. | joint | LDRP | Labor Delivery Recovery Postpartum |
| JVD | jugular vein distention | LE | lower extremity |
| JVP | jugular venous pulse | LEEP | Loop electrocautery excision procedure |
| K,K+ | potassium | LFA(RFA) | left frontoanterior (right) |
| K.O. | keep open | LFP (RFP) | left frontoposterior (right) |
| KCL | potassium chloride | LFT (RFT) | left frontotransverse (right) |
| Kg | kilogram | LG | left gluteus |
| KI | potassium iodine | lg. | large |
| KJ | knee jerks | LGA | large for gestational age |
| KLS | kidney, liver, spleen | liq. | liquid |
| KPM | kilopound meter | LKS | liver, kidneys, spleen |
| KUB | kidney, ureter, bladder | LL | Left lateral |
| Kv. | kilivolts | LLC | long leg cast |
| KVO | keep vein open | LLE | left lower extremity |
| l | liter | LLL | left lower lobe |
| L | left | LLQ | left lower quadrant of abdomen |
| LL | left lateral | LLSB | lower left sternal border |
| l&w | living and well | LMA (RMA) | left mentoanterior (right) |
| L.E. | Lupus Erythematosis | LML | left medial lateral |
| L.M.L. | left middle lobe | LMP | last menstrual period |
| L/D | Labor & Delivery | LMT (RMT) | left mentotransverse (right) |
| L/S | lumbosacral | LOA | Left Occiput Anterior |
| L/S ratio | lecithin/sphingomyelin ratio | LOA | Leave of Absence |
| LA | left arm | LOC | level of consciousness |
| LA line | left atrial line | LOP | left occiput posterior |
| lab | laboratory | LOS | length of stay |
| lac | laceration | LOT | left occiput transverse |
| LAC | long arm cast | LP | lumbar puncture |
| LAD | left anterior descending | lpm | liters per minute |
| LAE | left atrial enlargement | LPN | Licensed Practical Nurse |
| lang | language | | |

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| LR | lactated ringers | mEq | milliequivalent |
| LSA(RSA) | left sacrum anterior (right) | mg | milligram |
| LSB | left sternal border | Mg | Magnesium |
| LSO | left salpingo-oophorectomy | Mg/dl | milligrams per deciliter |
| LSP (RSP) | left sacrum posterior (right) | MH | medical history |
| LST(RST) | left sacrum transverse (right) | MI | Myocardial Infarction |
| Lt. L | left leg | ml | milliliter |
| LTB | laryngotracheo bronchitis | ML | midline |
| LTCS | low transverse Cesarean section | mm | millimeter |
| LTG | long term goals | mm1hg | millimeters of mercury |
| LTM | long term memory | mm3 | millimeter cubed |
| LTV | long term variability | MMK | Marshall-Marchetti-Krantz |
| LUAQ | left upper abdominal quadrant | MMPI | Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory |
| LUE | left upper extremity | MMR | mumps, measles, rubella |
| LUL | left upper lobe | MMT | manual muscle test |
| LUOQ | left upper outer quadrant of gluteal area | MMW | Marshall-Marchetti-Weiss |
| LUQ | left upper quadrant | mod | moderate |
| LV | left ventricle | MOM | Milk of Magnesia |
| LVE | left ventricular enlargement | Mono | mononucleosis |
| LVEDP | left ventricle and diastolic pressure | MP | metabolic panel |
| LVET | left ventricular ejection time | mph | miles per hour |
| LVG | left ventrogluteal area | MRMI | Mental Retardation, Mental Illness |
| LVH | left ventricular hypertrophy | MS | Multiple Sclerosis |
| LVL | left vastus lateralis | mtg | meeting |
| LVN | Licensed Vocational Nurse | MTP | metatarsophalangeal |
| LVPW | left ventricular posterior wall | mult | multiples |
| LVSV | left ventricle stroke volume | MV | mitral valve |
| LVSW | left ventricle stroke work | MVA | motor vehicle accident |
| m | meter | MVP | mitral valve prolapse |
| ma | male | MVR | mitral valve regurgitation |
| m.s. | morphine sulphate | N | normal |
| MAP | mean airway pressure | N/A | not applicable |
| MAS | mobile arm support | N/C | no complaints |
| max | maximum | N/V | nausea and vomiting |
| MBU | Mom/Baby Unit | NA | Nurses Aide |
| mcgm | microgram | Na+,Na | sodium |
| mcgts | microdrops | NaCl | sodium chloride |
| MCL | medial collateral ligament | NB | newborn |
| MCP | metacarpal interphalangeal joint | NC | nasal cannula |
| MD | Medical Doctor | neg | negative |
| MDI | Metered dose inhaler | Neuro | Neurology |
| mech | mechanical | NG | nasogastric |
| med | medication | NG tube | nasogastric tube |
| MEF | maximal mid-expiratory flow | | |

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| Ng/ml | nanogram/milliliter | OR | Operating Room |
| NICU | Neonatal Intensive Care Unit | ORIF | open reduction, internal fixation |
| NIDDM | non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus | Ortho | Orthopedics |
| NIF | negative inspiratory force | OSA | Obstructed sleep apnea |
| NKA | no known allergies | OT | Occupational Therapy |
| NKDA | No known drug allergies | oz. | ounce |
| NKMA | no known medication allergies | P | after |
| NM | nanometer | P | pulse |
| NNP | Neonatal Nurse Practitioner | P ox chk | pulse oximeter check |
| no. | number | p ox cont. | pulse oximeter continuous |
| noc | night | P&A | percussion & auscultation |
| NP | Neuropsychiatric | p.c. | after meals |
| NPH | Type of Insulin (Isophane) | P.E. | physical examination |
| NPN | nonprotein nitrogen | P.I. | present illness |
| NPO | nothing by mouth | p.m. | afternoon |
| NR | do not repeat | P.R.O.M. | partial range of motion |
| NS | normal saline | P.S.P. | Phenolsulfonphthalein test |
| NSL | normal saline lock | P.T. | physical therapy |
| NSAID | Non-steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug | PA | pulmonary artery |
| NSR | normal sinus rhythm | PAC | premature atrial contraction |
| NST | non-stress test | PACU | Post-Anesthesia Care Unit |
| NSU | non-specific urethritis | PACU | Post Anesthesia Care Unit |
| NSY | Nursery | Pap | Papanicolaou smear |
| NTG | nitroglycerine | PAP | pulmonary arterial pressure |
| NVD | neck vein distention | PAR | postanesthesia recovery |
| NWB | non weight bearing | para | number of births |
| NYD | not yet diagnosed | PAT | paroxysmal atrial tachycardia |
| O&P | Ova & Parasites | Path | pathology |
| o.c. | open crib | PAWP | pulmonary artery wedge pressure |
| O.D. | right eye | PB | barometric pressure |
| O.S. | left eye | PBI | protein bound iodine |
| O.U. | both eyes | PBP | peak blood pressure |
| O2 | Oxygen | PC | packed cells |
| OA | occiput anterior | PCA | patient controlled analgesia |
| OB | Obstetrics | PCL | posterior cruciate ligament |
| obl | oblique | PCN | penicillin |
| OBS | Organic Brain Syndrome | PCP | Primary Care Physician |
| OC | oral contraceptive | PCW | pulmonary capillary wedge |
| OCT | oxytocin challenge test | PCXR | portable chest x-ray |
| OFC | occipitofrontal circumference | PD | postural drainage |
| OOB | out of bed | PE | pulmonary embolism |
| OP | Outpatient | Peds | Pediatrics |
| OPD | Outpatient Department | PEEP | positive and expiratory pressure |
| OPG | oculoplethysmography | PEF | positive expiratory force |

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| PEFR | peak expiratory flow rate | PTCA | Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty |
| PEG | percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy | PTSD | Posttraumatic stress disorder |
| PEP | Positive Expiratory Pressure | PTT | partial thromboplastin time |
| PERLA | pupils equal reactive to light and accommodation | pud | pudendal |
| PFC | persistent fetal circulation | PUD | Peptic ulcer disease |
| PFT | pulmonary function test | pulm | pulmonary |
| PG | phosphatidyl glycerol | pulse AP | apical pulse |
| pH | hydrogen ion concentration | Pulse R | radial pulse |
| PH | past history | Pulv. | powder |
| PHR | peak heart rate | PUW | pick up walker |
| PI | phosphatydinnositol | PV | pulmonary valve |
| PICC | Peripherally-inserted central catheter | PVC | premature ventricular contraction |
| PID | pelvic inflammatory disease | PVD | peripheral vascular disease |
| PIH | pregnancy induced hypertension | PVR | pulmonary vascular resistance |
| PIP | proximal interphalangeal | PWB | partial weight bearing |
| pit | pitocin | q | every |
| PJC | premature junctional contraction | q2h | every 2 hours |
| PKU | phenylketonuria | qh | every hour |
| PMH | past medical history | qid | four times a day |
| PMI | point of maximum impulse | QNS | quantity not sufficient |
| PMS | premenstrual syndrome | QS | quantity sufficient |
| PNA | pneumonia | qt. | quart |
| po | by mouth | quad | quadriplegia |
| POD | Post Op Day | quads | quadriceps |
| POP | persistent occipitoposterior | qv | as much as you wish |
| pos | positive | R | right |
| PP | postpartum | R.O.M. | range of motion |
| PPBS | post-prandial blood sugar | R/O | rule out |
| PPD | purified protein derivative | RA | room air |
| PPT | partial prothrombin time | RAT | right anterior thigh |
| PPTL | Postpartum tubal ligation | RBBB | right bundle branch block |
| PRBC | packed red blood cells | rbc | red blood cells |
| prep | prepare for | RBC | red blood count |
| PRN | as necessary | RBP | resting blood pressure |
| Pro. | Prosobee | RCP | Respiratory Care Practitioner |
| PROM | premature rupture of membranes | RD | right deltoid |
| Pro-time | prothrombin time | RDS | respiratory distress syndrome |
| PS | Pressure Support | ref | refused |
| PSA | prostatic specific antigen | REM | rapid eye movement |
| PSIS | posterior superior iliac spine | reps | repetitions |
| psych | psychology | res | residual |
| PT | prothrombin time | resp | respiration |
| PTA | prior to arrival | resus | resuscitation |

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| RF | rheumatoid arthritis factor | Sig. | let it be labeled |
| RG | right gluteus | Sim. | Similac |
| Rh | Rhesus blood factor | SIMV | Synchronous Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation |
| RHD | rheumatic heart disease | | |
| RHR | resting heart rate | SL | saline lock |
| RL | right lateral | SLE | Systemic Lupus Erythematosus |
| RLE | right lower extremity | SMAC | lab profile study |
| RLL | right lower lobe | SN | student nurse |
| RLQ | right lower quadrant | SOB | shortness of breath |
| rm | room | Sol | solution |
| RML | right middle lobe | SOP | standard operating procedure |
| RN | Registered Nurse | SOS | one dose only |
| ROA | right occiput anterior | sp. gr. | specific gravity |
| ROM | rupture of membranes | spu ind | Sputum Induction |
| ROP | right occiput posterior | SR | Sinus rhythm |
| ROS | review of systems | SROM | spontaneous rupture of membranes |
| ROT | right occiput transverse | s/s | signs and symptoms |
| RPh | Registered Pharmacist | SSE | Soapsuds enema |
| RPR | rapid plasma reagin | ST | Sinus tachycardia |
| Rpt | repeat | Staph | Staphylococcus |
| RR | Recovery Room | stat | at once, immediately |
| RRR | regular rhythm, rate | STD | sexually transmitted disease |
| RSA | right sacral anterior | Stim. | Stimulation |
| RSB | right sternal border | Str | strong |
| RSO | right salpingo-oophorectomy | Strep | Streptococcus |
| RSR | regular sinus rhythm | STV | short term variability |
| RSV | Respiratory Syncytial Virus | subq | subcutaneous |
| RT | Respiratory Therapy | supp. | suppository |
| Rt.L | right leg | Surg. | Surgery |
| RTC | return to clinic | SVD | single vaginal delivery |
| Rx | prescription | SVN | small volume nebulizer |
| ſ | without | syr. | syrup |
| S.G. | specific gravity | T | temperature |
| S/P | status post | T#3 | Tylenol #3 |
| S/P O2 | special Oxygen | T&A | tonsillectomy & adenoidectomy |
| SAA | same as above | T&S | type and screen |
| SAB | spontaneous abortion | t.i.d. | three times a day |
| SaO2 | Oxygen Saturation | T.O. | telephone order |
| SCN | Special Care Nursery | T.P. | Total protein |
| SE | spiral electrode | tab | tablet |
| SF | Semi fowlers | TAB | Therapeutic abortion |
| SGOT | serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase | TAH | Total Abdominal Hysterectomy |
| SGPT | serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase | TB | Tuberculosis |
| SIDS | Sudden Infant Death Syndrome | Tbsp | tablespoon |

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|--------|---|--------|--------------------------------------|
| temp | temperature | UVC | umbilical vein catheter |
| Tet | Tetanus | V | volume |
| THA | Total Hip Arthroplasty | V Fib | Ventricular fibrillation |
| TIA | Transient Ischemic Attack | V Tach | Ventricular tachycardia |
| TIBC | Total iron binding capacity | vag | vaginal |
| TKA | Total knee arthroplasty | VBAC | vaginal birth after Cesarean |
| TKO | To keep open | VC | Vital capacity |
| TMJ | Temporomandibular joint | VD | venereal disease |
| TOCO | tocometer | VDRL | Venereal disease research laboratory |
| Top | topically | VE | vaginal exam |
| TORCH | toxoplasmosis, other, rubella virus, cytomegalovirus | vit | vitamin |
| TPN | Total Parenteral nutrition | VO | verbal order |
| TPR | temperature, pulse, respiration | VS | vital signs |
| tr. | tincture | VSS | vital signs stable |
| tsp. | teaspoon | Vt | Tidal Volume |
| TTP | Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura | VTE | Venous Thromboembolism |
| TUR | Transurethral resection | VTX | Vertex |
| TURP | Transurethral resection of prostate | w/o | without |
| TVH | Total Vaginal Hysterectomy | wa | while awake |
| TVTO | tension free transvaginal tape –obturator approach | Wass | Wasserman |
| TX | treatment | WB | whole blood |
| U.S.P. | United States Pharmacopecia | wbc | white blood cell |
| UA | urinalysis | WBC | White Blood Count |
| UAC | umbilical artery catheter | wc | wheelchair |
| UC | Uterine Contractions | WDWN | well-developed, well-nourished |
| UE | upper extremity | WF | white female |
| UGI | upper gastrointestinal | WM | white male |
| UHF | ultrabeige frequency | WNL | within normal limits |
| ung | ointment | WP | whirlpool |
| UO | urine output | WPW | Wolf-Parkinson-White |
| URI | upper respiratory infection | wt | weight |
| US | ultrasound | x | times |
| USN | Ultrasonic nebulizer | XM | cross-match |
| UTI | urinary tract infection | XR | x-ray |
| UV | ultraviolet | Y | year |
| | | Yd | Yard |