

MEDICAL ABBREVIATION LIST BY ABBREVIATION

Annual Visit..... A
 Before food or meals a.c.
 Before noon a.m.
 Anterior-posterior A-P
 Aortic first sound..... A1
 Aortic second sound A2
 Alcoholics Anonymous AA
 Antibiotics Ab
 Abortion AB
 Abdomen abd.
 Abnormal abn.
 Abdominal pain, chest pain, headaches,
 eye problems, severe leg cramps..... ACHES
 American College of
 Obstetrics & Gynecology ACOG
 As desired..... ad lib
 Activities of daily living ADL's
 Administration..... admin
 Anteflexed..... AF
 Average for gestational age AGA
 Artificial insemination by donor AID
 Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome AIDS
 Artificial insemination by husband AIH
 Albumin..... alb
 Ampule amp.
 Amount amt.
 American Nurses Association..... ANA
 Anterior ant.
 Adolescent onset..... AO
 Approximately approx.
 Appointment appt
 Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner ARNP
 Artificial rupture of membranes..... AROM
 Acetylsalicylic Acid..... ASA
 As soon as possible..... ASAP
 Asymptomatic..... asymp.
 Abnormal transformation zone ATZ
 Alive/well..... aw
 Acetowhite epithelium..... AWE
 Before B/4
 Bachelor of science B.S.
 Bacterial Vaginosis B.V.
 Beta sub-unit B-HCG
 Basal body temperature BBT
 Benign Cellular Changes..... BCC
 Bureau of Community Health Services..... BCHS
 Birth control method BCM
 Birth control pills BCP
 Boyfriend BF

Breakfast bfst
 Breakfast BFST
 Twice daily bid
 Bowel movement BM
 Basal metabolic index..... BMI
 Basal metabolic rate BMR
 Bag of waters BOW
 Blood pressure BP
 Breath sounds BrS
 Bowel sounds BS
 Breast self exam..... BSE
 Bilateral salpingoophorectomy BSO
 Breast bst
 Breakthrough bleeding BTB
 Bilateral tubal ligation..... BTL
 Back up method BUM
 Blood urea nitrogen BUN
 Bartholin's, Urethral, Skene's glands BUS
 Biopsy..... Bx
 Complaints of..... c/o
 Centigrade C
 Complication visit..... C
 Chlamydia Trachomatis..... C.trachomatis
 Cesarean section..... c-sec or C/S
 Calcium..... Ca
 Carcinoma (cancer) CA
 Capsule caps
 Catheter..... cath
 Clinical Breast Exam CBE
 Cesarean birth..... C-Birth
 Cubic centimeter..... cc
 Chief complaint..... CC
 Center for Disease Control CDC
 Catholic Family Social Service CFSS
 Chlamydia..... chly
 Community Health Nurse CHN
 Cholesterol chol
 Contraindication..... CI
 Centimeter cm.
 Cervical motion tenderness CMT
 Cytomegalovirus..... CMV
 Central nervous system..... CNS
 Clinical Nurse Specialist CNS
 Colposcopy..... Colpo
 Consult con
 Conference conf
 Continue cont.
 Cephalopelvic disproportion CPD
 Cardiopulmonary resuscitation CPR
 Cryosurgery CRYO

Cerebrospinal fluid.....	CSF	Education.....	educ.
Client	ct	Electroencephalogram.....	EEG
Cardiovascular.....	CV	Ears, eyes, nose and throat.....	EENT
Cervix, vagina, and adnexae	CVA	Electrocardiogram	EKG
Cerebrovascular accident.....	CVA	Emergency	emerg
Clinic visit record.....	CVR	Electromyogram	EMG
Cervix	Cx	Ears, nose and throat	ENT
Discontinue.....	d/c	Extraocular movement.....	EOM
Dilation & curettage	D & C	Episiotomy	epis.
Discharge	D/C	Epithelial	epith
Dextrose and saline.....	D/S	Emergency room	ER
Dextrose and water	D/W	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate.....	ESR or sed rate
Differential diagnosis D.Dx.		And	et
Doctor of Dental Surgery.....	DDS	Alcohol (ethyl).....	ETOH
Delivered	del	Evaluate, evaluation	eval.
Deltoid	del	Follow-up	f/u
Diethylstilbestrol.....	DES	Fahrenheit	F
Department of Health and Human Services....	DHHS	Foam and Condoms.....	F & C's
Differential	diff.	Fruits and vegetables	F & V
Dilute	dil.	Family History	F.H.
Discharge	disch.	Full term.....	F.T.
Dispense.....	disp.	Family history Fam. Hx	
Diabetes mellitus	DM	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	FAS
Diabetes Mellitus Insulin Dependent	DMID	Fasting blood sugar	FBS
Depo Mednoxy Progesterone (Depo-Provera)...	DMPA	Food and Drug Administration.....	FDA
Does not apply.....	DNA	Iron	Fe
Doctor of Osteopathy	DO	Fenfluramine-Phentemine	fen-phen
Date of birth.....	DOB	Fetal heart tone	FHT
Dyspnea on exertion.....	DOE	Fluid.....	fl.
Doxycycline.....	doxy.	Family Nurse Practitioner	FNP
Dozen	doz.	Family planning	FP
Diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus	DPT	Family Practice Center	FPC
Dram.....	dr.	Family Planning Program	FPP
Doctor.....	Dr.	Frequent	freq.
Dysfunctional uterine bleeding	DUB	Follicle stimulating hormone	FSH
Diagnosis.....	Dx	Foot	ft.
Elective abortion	EAB	Fluorescent Treponemal antibody	
Endocervical curettage	Ect	absorption test.....	FTA-ABS
Enzyme immunoassay methods.....	ELISA	Fracture	Fx
Endocervical	endocx.	Fargo Women's Health Organization	FWHO
Excherichia coli.....	E. Coli	Growth and Development.....	G & D
For example.....	e.g.	Glucose and water.....	G/W
External genitalia	EG	Gardnerella vaginalis	G.vaginalis
External auditory canal	EAC	Gravida 1, 2, etc.	G1, G2, etc.
Estimated blood loss	EBL	Gallon	gal.
Endocervical	ECC	Gallbladder	GB
Electrocardiogram	ECG	Gonococcus, gonococcal, gonorrhoea.....	Gc
Estimated date of confinement.....	EDC	Gestational age	GA

Gonorrhea	GC	Intensive care unit	ICU
Gastrointestinal.....	GI	Insulin dependent Diabetes Mellitus	IDDM
Glucose	gluc.	Intravenous drug user.....	IVDU
Gram	gm.	Intramuscular(ly).....	IM
Gonotropin releasing hormone	GRH	Intermenstrual bleeding	IMB
Glucose Tolerance Test	GTT	Inch.....	in.
Drop(s).....	GTT(s)	Infection, inferior, infusion.....	inf.
Genitourinary	GU	Injection	inj.
Gynecology.....	GYN	Intrauterine device	IUD
Gonozyme	Gz	Intrauterine fetal demise	IUFD
Per hypo	(H)	Intrauterine pregnancy.....	IUP
Hour.....	h, H	Intravenous(ly).....	IV
Headache	H/A	Journal of American Medical Assoc.	JAMA
Water.....	H2O	Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis.....	JRA
Hydrogen peroxide	H2O2	Kilogram	Kg.
Hemoglobin	Hb	Kilogram	kgm.
High blood pressure	HBP	Potassium hydroxide	KOH
Human chorionic gonadotropin.....	HCG	Kaposi's Sarcoma.....	KS
Hematocrit	Hct	Kidneys, ureter, bladder	KUB
Hypertensive cardiovascular disease	HCVD	Living and well	L & W
Head, eyes, ears, nose, throat	HEENT	Liter.....	L, l.
Herpes Simplex Virus	HSV	Laboratory	lab
Mercury.....	Hg	Lymphadenopathy	LAD
Hemoglobin	hgb	Laparotomy.....	lap
High caloric.....	Hi CAL	Lateral.....	lat.
High vitamin.....	HI VIT	Lower extremities	LE's
Human Immunodeficiency Virus.....	HIV	Lo Estrin 1/20	LE 1/20
Human menopausal gonadotropin	HMG	Lo estrin 1.5/30.....	LE1.5/30
Hospital.....	hosp.	Large	lg., lrg.
High power field HPF		Large for gestational age.....	LGA
Hypertension	HPT	Lymphogranuloma venereum.....	LGV
Human papillomavirus	HPV	Luteinizing hormone	LH
Hour.....	hr.	Liquid	liq.
Heart.....	hrt.	Leukoplakia	LK
Bedtime	hs	Liver, kidneys, spleen	LKS
Hysterosalpingogram.....	HSG	Left lower extremity	LLE
Herpes simplex virus	HSV	Left lower lobe (lung).....	LLL
Height	Ht.	Left lower quadrant.....	LLQ
Hypertensive vascular disease	HVD	Last menstrual period	LMP
History	Hx	Liquid nitrogen.....	LN
Initial visit	I	Last normal menstrual period	LNMP
Iodine.....	I	Limitation of motion	LOM
Incision and drainage	I & D	Loop Electrocautery Excision Procedure.....	LEEP
That is.....	i.e.	Lower inner quadrant.....	LIQ
Incomplete abortion	IAB	Lumbar puncture	LP
In the same place	ibid	Licensed Practical Nurse.....	LPN
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	IBS	Lutheran Social Services	LSS
Ideal body weight.....	IBW	Left	Lt., L

Lower outer quadrant	LOQ	Not susceptible	n/s
Lost to follow up.....	LTFU	Nitrogen	N
Left upper outer quadrant.....	LUOQ	Not applicable.....	N/A
Lymphocytes	lymphs	Nasogastric N/G	
Meter	m	Nausea and vomiting.....	N/V
Murmur	m	Neisseria gonorrhoeae	N.gonorrhoeae
Medical Doctor.....	M.D.	Sodium	Na
Masters of Science	M.S.	Nurses Association of American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology	NAACOG
Mitral second sound	M2	Sodium chloride.....	NaCl
Medical Assistant.....	MA	Newborn	NB
Maternal (mother)	mat.	Nurse Clinician	NC
Maximum	max.	Negative	neg.
Microgram.....	mcg.	Natural family planning	NFP
Maternal and Child Health	MCH	National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association.....	NFPRHA
Muscular dystrophy	MD	Nongonococcal urethritis	NGU
Minimum daily requirement	MDR	Nitrates	nit.
Medical, medicine.....	med.	No known allergies	NKA
Medical record	Med. rec.	No known drug allergies	NKDA
Medical history.....	Med.hx.	Normal.....	nl.
Millequivalent	MEq.	National League of Nursing	NLN
Metronidazole	Metro.	Number.....	no.
Magnesium	Mg	Night	noc.
Milligram	mg./mgm	Nurse Practitioner.....	NP
Maternal grandfather	MGF	Nothing by mouth	NPO
Maternal great grandfather	MGGF	Non-reactive	NR
Maternal great grandmother	MGGM	Normal saline.....	NS
Maternal grandmother	MGM	Non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs.....	NSAIDS
Medical history.....	MH	Normal sinus rhythm.....	NSR
Myocardial infarction.....	MI	Nonspecific urethritis	NSU
Microscope	micro	Normal spontaneous vaginal delivery.....	NSVD
Minute, minimum, minin.....	min	Oral, by mouth.....	(O)
Millileter.....	ml.	Ocular dextra (right eye).....	O.D.
Midline	ML.	Oculus sinister (left eye)	O.S.
Millimeter	mm.	Occupational therapy.....	O.T.
Millimeters of mercury	mm.Hg	Oculus uterque (both eyes)	O.U.
Measles, mumps, and rubella.....	MMR	Office visit	O.V.
Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report	MMWR	Obstetrics	OB
Multiple contacts.....	MC	Obstetrics and Gynecology	OB/GYN
Mosaicism.....	MO	Oral birth control	OBC
Month(s)	mo(s)	Oral contraceptive(s)	oc(s)
Monocytes	monos	Oral contraceptive agent	OCA
Mucopurulent cervicitis	MPC	Occasional.....	occ.
Medical record	MR	Overdose	OD
Multiple sclerosis	MS	Ortho cept.....	O.Cept
Monthly self breast exam.....	MSBE	Ortho cyclen	O.Cyclen
Microtrack	MT	Orhtho tricyclen	O.Tricyclen
Multi vitamins	MVI		
No complaints.....	n/c		

Obstetrical/Gynecological Nurse		Previous menstrual period.....	PMP
Practitioner	OGNP	Premenstrual Syndrome.....	PMS
Ortho Novum	ON	Prenatal (care).....	PN (PNC)
Ovaries not palpable.....	ONP	Per mouth.....	PO
Out of town	OOT	Polymorphonuclear leukocytes	polys (MN)
Outpatient Department	OPD	Positive	pos.
Optimal Pregnancy Outcome Program	OPOP	Possible	poss.
Operating room	OR	Posterior	post.
Orthopedic.....	ortho	After surgery, post-operative	post-op
Opening of cervix.....	os	Post-pill amenorrhea	PP
Over the counter.....	OTC	Problem pregnancy	PP
Ounce.....	oz.	Post-pill amenorrhea with galactorrhea	PPAG
Pulse P		Problem pregnancy counseling	PPC
Phone call.....	p.c.	Packs per day.....	PPD
After food or meals	p.c.	Penicillinase-producing N-gonorrhoeae	
Physical exam	P.E.	(penicillin resistant).....	PPNG
Past history.....	P.H.	Before surgery, pre-operative.....	pre-op
Present illness	P.I.	Pregnancy, pregnant	preg.
Afternoon.....	p.m.	Preparations	prep.
Post partum	p.p.	Previous.....	prev.
Pill supply.....	P.S.	Whenever necessary.....	prn
Pregnancy test.....	P.T. (UCG)	Premature rupture of membranes	PROM
Para 1, Para 2, etc.....	P1, P2, etc.	Psychology	psych
Pulmonary second sound	P2	Physical Therapy	PT
Posteroanterior	PA	Patient, pint.....	pt.
Papanicolaou Smear	PAP	Premature vascular accident	PVA
Post-anesthesia room.....	PAR	Premature ventricular contraction.....	PVC
Paternal (father).....	pat.	Every	q.
Pathology.....	path.	Every 2 hrs, 3 hrs, etc.....	q2h, q3h, etc.
Premature birth, live infant.....	PBLI	Every day.....	qd
Postcoital test	PCT	Every hour	qh
Physician's Desk Reference	PDR	Four times a day.....	qid
Pediatrics.....	Peds.	Every night.....	qn
Through or by	per	Quantity not sufficient	QND
Pupils equal, regular, react to light,		Every other night	qod
and accomodate	PERRLA	Quantity sufficient	QS
Paternal grandfather.....	PGF	Quart	qt.
Paternal great grandfather	PGGF	Rectal	(R)
Paternal great grandmother	PGGM	Respirations.....	R
Paternal grandmother.....	PGM	Rule out	R/O
Postgonococcal urethritis	PGU	Release of records	R.O.R.
Doctor of Philosophy	PhD	Review of systems.....	R.O.S.
Public Health Nurse.....	PHN	Radium	RA
Pelvic inflammatory disease	PID	Red blood cells	RBC
Platelets.....	plts.	Regarding	re.
Postmenopausal bleeding	PMB	Regular	reg.
Private medical Doctor	PMD	Respiratory	resp.
Point of maximum impulse	PMI	Releasing factor.....	RF

Retroflexed	RF	Serological test for syphilis	STS
Rhesus blood factor.....	Rh	Subcutaneous.....	sub-q
Right lower extremity	RLE	Suppositories.....	supp
Right lower quadrant	RLQ	Social worker	SW
Registered nurse	RN	Symptoms	sx
Registered nurse Clinician.....	RNC	Temperature.....	T
Range of motion	ROM	Tonsils and adenoids, tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy	T & A
Reactive plasma agent.....	RPR	Telephone call	t.c.
Regular sinus rhythm.....	RSR	Telephone order	t.o.
Right	Rt.	Treponema pallidum.....	T.pallidum
Return to clinic.....	RTC	Trichomonas (vaginalis)	t.vaginali
Return to inventory	RTI	Therapeutic abortion.....	TAB
Right upper extremity	RUE	Tablet.....	tab.
Right upper quadrant.....	RUQ	Tuberculosis	TB
Rectovaginal.....	RV	Term birth, live infant	TBLI
Treatment, prescription.....	Rx	Tablespoon.....	tbsp
Single s		Temperature.....	temp.
Supply visit.....	S	Three times a day tid	
Signs and symptoms	S/S, S & S	Tender loving care.....	TLC
Subcutaneous.....	S.C.	Too numerous to count	TNTC
Side effects.....	s.e.	Tubo-ovarian abcess	TOA
Social history	S.H.	Test of cure	TOC
Social Services	S.S.	Tolerated	tol.
Supply visit.....	S.V.	Toxoplasmosis.....	toxoplasmosis
Spontaneous abortion	SAB	Treponema pallidum immobilization test	TPI
Saturated	sat.	Temperature, pulse, and respiration.....	TPR
Stillbirth, stillborn.....	SB	Tincture.....	Tr
Self breast exam.....	SBE	Trichomonas (vaginalis)	Trich
Scheduled.....	sche'd	Triglycerides	Trigly
Sterile dressing.....	SD	Teaspoon	tsp.
Second, secondary.....	sec.	Toxic Shock Syndrome.....	TSS
Sedimentation rate	sed.rate	Tincture.....	Tx
Segmented cells	segs	Urinalysis	u/a, ua
Small for gestational age.....	SGA	Units	unit
Sexual intercourse	SI	Unprotected intercourse	UPI
Stress incontinence	SI	Upper respiratory infection	URI
To be labeled.....	sig.	Ultrasound	US
Small.....	sm	United State Public Health Service.....	USPHS
Shortness of breath	SOB	Urinary tract infection.....	UTI
Social history	Soc.hx.	Vomiting and diarrhea	V & D
Solution.....	sol.,soln	Verbal orders	V.O.
Specimen.....	spec.	Vagina, vaginal.....	vag.
Subcutaneous.....	SQ	Vaginal delivery after C section	VBAC
Spontaneous rupture of membranes.....	SROM	Venereal disease.....	VD
Staphylococcus	staph	Venereal Disease Research Laboratory.....	VDRL
Immediately	stat	Vaginal hysterectomy	VH
Sexually transmitted disease	STD	Volume	vol.
Streptococcus.....	strep		

Versus vs.
Vertex vtx.
Withdrawal..... w/d
Well-developed..... W/D
White blood cells (count)..... WBC
Withdrawal bleeding WDB
Wrinkled epithelial cells WEC
Women, Infants, and Children..... WIC
Weeks wks.
Well-nourished WN
Within normal limits WNL
Weight wt.
Years old Y.O.
Years yrs.
Yeast, Trich, clue cells, and Whiff YTC&W

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