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MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CENTER ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

A

Aa	Equal parts of each
Ab	Abortion
Abd	Abdomen
ABG	Arterial Blood Gases
ACTH	Adrenocorticotrophic hormone
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
Ad. Lib.	If desired
A.G.A	Appropriate for Gestational Age
AGN	Acute Glomerulonephritis
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AK	Above Knee
AKA	Above Knee Amputation
ALL	Acute Lymphomatic Leukemia
AM	Morning
AMA	Against Medical Advice
AML	Acute Myelocytic Leukemia
Ant	Anterior
AP	Anteroposterior
A/P	Antepartum
A&P	Auscultation and percussion
ARF	Acute renal failure
AROM	Artificial rupture of membrane
Art	Arterial
ASCVD	Arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease
ASD	Arterial septal defect
ASHD	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
ASO	Antistreptolysin- o
ATN	Acute Tubular Necrosis

B

BCP	Birth control pill
BE	Barium enema
b.i.d.	Twice a day
bili	Bilirubin
b.i.w.	Twice a week
BK	Below knee
BKA	Below knee amputation
BM	Bowel movement
BMR	Basal metabolic rate
BOW	Bag of Water
BP	Blood Pressure
BPD	Bronchopulmonary dysplasia
BPH	Benign prostatic hypertrophy
Bs	bowel sounds

BSO
BTL
BW
Bx

C

Ca
Ca
Cal
Cath
Caps
CAT
CBC
CBD
CBI
CC
CCA
CDC
CDH
CHD
CHF
chol
CLL
CMV
CNS
c/o
COPD
CPAP
CPR
CRL
C/S
c&s
CSF
CT scan
CVP
Cx
CXR

Bilateral salpingo oophorectomy
Bilateral Tubal Ligation
Birth Weight
Biopsy

Carcinoma
Calcium
Calorie
Catheter, catheterization
capsules
Computerized Axial Tomography
Complete Blood Count
Common bile duct
Continuous bladder irrigation
Chief Complaint
Common carotid artery
Communicable Disease Center
Congenital Dislocation of the Hip
Congenital Heart Disease
Congenital Heart Failure
Cholesterol
Chronic lymphocytic leukemia
Cytomegalovirus
Central Nervous System
Complains of
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
Continuous positive airway pressure
Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation
Chronic renal failure
Caesarean Section
Culture and sensitivity
Cerebrospinal accident
Computed tomography scan
Cerebrovascular accident
Cervix
Chest x-ray

D

D&C
D/C
DES
D5W
D5/NS
D5/RL
Disp
DJD
DLE
DM
DNA
DR
DT
DTR
DUB
Dx

Dilation and curettage
Discontinue
Diethylstilbesterol
5% glucose in water
dextrose in normal saline
Dextrose in ringer's lactate
Disposition
Degenerative joint disease
Disseminated lupus erythmatosis
Diabetes mellitus
Deoxyribonucleic acid
Delivery Room
Delirium tremens
Deep tendon reflex
Dysfunctional uterine bleeding
Diagnosis

E

ECG &EKG
EDC
EEG
EFW
EMG
ENT
EOM
ER
ERCP
Etoh
EUA

Electrocardiogram
Estimated date of confinement
Electroencephalogram
Estimated fetal weight
Electromyogram
Ear, Nose, and Throat
Extra-Ocular movement
Emergency Room
Endoscopic retrograde cholangio-pancreatography
Ethanol
Examination under anesthesia

F

FBS
FEV
FHR
FiO₂
FP
FSH
FT
FTA
FTT
FUO
Fx

Fasting blood sugar
Forced expiratory volume
Fetal heart rate
Fractional of inspiratory oxygen
Family Planning
Follicle Stimulating Hormone
Full term
Fluorescent treponeme antibody
Failure to thrive
Fever of unknown origin
Fracture

G

G
GB
GC
GI
GV
GYN

Gravida
Gallbladder
Gonorrhea, gonococcus
Gastrointestinal
Genitourinary
Gynecology

H

HCG
Hct
HCVD
HDL
HEENT
Hgb
HMD
H/O
HPE
HPI
HR
h.s.
hypo
Hx
HTN

Human chorionic gonadotropin
Hematocrit
Hypertensive cardiovascular disease
High density lipoprotein
Head, Ear, Eye, Nose, Throat
Hemoglobin
Hyaline membrane disease
History of
History and Physical Examination
History of present illness
Heart Rate
At bedtime
Hypodermically
History
Hypertension

HRF

Health Related Facility

I

Ics
ICU
I&D
I/E
IHSS
IM
IMP
IPPB
Inc.ab
ITP
I&O
IUD
IUFD
IUGR
IUP
IV
IVC
IVP
IVU

Intercostal space
Intensive Care Unit
Incision and Drainage
Inspiratory/Expiratory ration
Idiopathic hypertropic subaortic stenosis
Intramuscular
Impression
Intermittent positive pressure breathing
Incomplete abortion
Immune thrombocytopenic purpura
Intake and output
Intrauterine device
Intrauterine fetal death
Intrauterine growth retardation
Intrauterine pregnancy
Intravenous
Intravenous cholangiogram
Intravenous pyelogram
Intravenous urogram

J

Jt

Joint

K

K.J.
KUB
KVO

Knee jerk
Kidney, ureter, bladder
Keep vein open

L

L
L&A
Lat
LATS
LAO
LBBB
LBW
LE
L&D
LFD
LGA
LGV
LLL
LLE
LLQ
LMP
LOC
LP
LPO
LS

Left
Light and accommodation
Lateral
Long-acting thyroid-stimulating hormone
Left anterior oblique
Left bundle branch block
Low birth Weight
Lupus erythmatosis
Labor and Delivery
Low forceps delivery
Large for gestational age
Lymphogranuloma venereum
Left Lower Lobe
Left Lower Extremity
Left Lower Quadrant
Last Menstrual Period
Loss of Consciousness
Lumbar puncture
Left posterior oblique
Lumbosacral

L/S
LSO
LUE
LUL
LUQ
LVH

Lecithin/sphingomelin ration
Left salpingo-oophorectomy
Left Upper Extremity
Left Upper Lobe
Left Upper Quadrant
Left ventricular hypertrophy

M

M
MCL
MEq/L
M.I.
MIC
MN
MOD
MOM
MP
MSU
MULTIP

Murmur
Mid-clavicular line
Milliequivalent per liter
Myocardial Infarction
Maternal and Infant Care
Midnight
Moderate
Milk of Magnesia
Menstrual Period
Midstream Urine
(Multiparous) Woman who has borne children

N

NAD
NB
N/C
NFTD
NG
NICU
NKA
NPH
NPN
NPO
N.R.
N.S.
N.S.D.
N.S.V.D.
N.S.R.
N.S.T.

No acute distress
Newborn
No Change
Normal full term delivery
Nasogastric
Neonatal intensive care unit
No known allergies
Neutral protamine hagedorn insulin
Nonprotein nitrogen
Nothing by mouth
Do not repeat or refill
Normal saline
Normal spontaneous delivery
Normal spontaneous vaginal delivery
Normal sinus rhythm
Non-stress test

O

OBS
Oc
O.D.
OOB
OOBcBRP
O.M.
O&P
OPD
OR
ORIF
O.S.
Ostec
O.T.

Obstetrics
Oral contraceptive
Oculus dexter (right eye)
Out of bed
Out of bed with bathroom privileges
Otitis media
Ova and parasites
Outpatient privileges
Operating Room
Open reduction internal fixation
Oculus sinister(left eye)
Osteomyelitis
Occupational Therapy

OU

Oculi unitas (both eyes together)

P

P&A
Para
PaCO₂
PAP
PAT
P.B.
P.C.
PCO₂
P.D.A.
P.E.
PEFR
PERLA
P&F
PFM
PG
PH
PH
P.I.
PID
PIP
PKU
PMI
PMN
PMR
p.o.
pO₂
post
pp
PROM
Protime
Pm
P.T.
Pt
PTA
PTH
PVC
PVD
Px
PZI

Percussion and auscultation
Pregnancy
Partial pressure of carbon dioxide
Pap smear
Paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
Piggy Back
After Meals
Partial pressure of CO₂
Patent ductus arteriosus
Physical examination
Peak expiratory flow rate
Pupils equal and reactive to light and accommodation
Prophylaxis and fluoride
Porcelain fused to metal crown
Prostaglandin
Hydrogen in concentration
Past History
Present Illness
Pelvic inflammatory disease
Proximal interphalangeal
Phenylketonuria
Point of Maximum impulse
Polymorphonuclear leucocyte
Physical medicine and rehabilitation
By mouth
Partial pressure of oxygen
Posterior
Post partum
Premature rupture of membranes
Prothrombin Time
When required
Physical Therapy
Patient
Prior to admission
Parathyroid hormone
Premature ventricular contraction
Peripheral vascular disease
Physical
Protamine zinc insulin

Q

Q
Q.D.
Q2D
QH
Q2H
Q.Z.D.
Q.N.S.
Q.O.D.
Q.S.
Q/s

Every
Everyday
Every two days
Every hour
Every two hours
Four times a day
Quantity not sufficient
Every other day
A sufficient quantity
Every shift

R

R	Right
RA	Rheumatoid arthritis
RAO	Right anterior oblique
RBBB	Right bundle branch block
RBC	Red blood count
RCT	Root canal therapy
R.D.S.	Respiratory distress syndrome
R.F.	Rheumatic fever
Rh	Rhesus (factor)
R.H.D.	Rheumatic heart disease
RLE	Right lower extremity
RLL	Right lower lobe
RLQ	Right lower quadrant
R/O	Rule Out
ROA	Right occipitoanterior
ROM	Range of motion
ROP	Right occipitoposterior
ROS	Review of systems
RPO	Right posterior oblique
RR	Respiratory Rate
RSA	Right sacroanterior
RSO	Right salpingo-oophorectomy
RSP	Right sacroposterior
RSR	Regular sinus rhythm
RST	Right sacrotransverse
RTC	Return to clinic
RUE	Right upper extremity
RUL	Right upper lobe
RUQ	Right upper quadrant
Rx	Treatment or therapy

S

S	Without
SB	Stillbirth
SBE	subacute bacterial endocarditis
SBO	small bowel obstruction
S.C.	Subcutaneous
SCD	Sickle cell disease
SCFE	Slipped capital femoral epiphysis
SCP	Sickle cell preparation
S-G	Swans-Ganz catheter
SGA	Small for Gestational Age
SI	Sacroiliac
SLE	Systemic lupus erythmatosis
SMR	Submucous resection
SNF	Skilled nursing facility
SNR	Septonasal reconstruction
SOB	Shortness of Breath
SPECT	single photon emission computed tomography
S/P	Status post
SPONT	Spontaneous
SROM	Spontaneous rupture of membranes

SSC
SSE
S.T.
Staph
STAT
STD
Strep
STS
Supp
Susp
SVT

Stainless steel crown
Soap studs enema
Sinus tachycardia
Staphlococcus
Immediately
Sexually transmitted disease
Streptococcus
Serologic test for syphilis
Suppository
Suspension
supraventricular tachycardia

T

T
T&A
TAH
TBC;TB
TIBC
T.I.D.
TINCT
TL
TMJ
TNTC
Tomo
TPR
TPN
TRB
TRF;TRH
TSH
TT
TTN
TUR
TURP
TOP

Temperature
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
Total abdominal hysterectomy
Tuberculosis
Total iron-binding capacity
Three times a day
Tincture
Tubal Ligation
Temporal mandibular joint
Too numerous to count
Tomography
Temperature, Pulse, respiration
Total parental nutrition
Transrectal biopsy
Thyrotropin releasing factor, hormone
Thyroid stimulating hormone
Thyrombin Time
Transient tachypnea of newborn
Transurethral resection
Transurethral resection of prostate
Termination of pregnancy

U

U/A
UC
UGI
Ung
URI
URO
US
USO
UTI
Ut

Urinalysis
Uterine contractions
Upper gastrointestinal
Ointment
Upper respiratory infection
Urology
Ultrasound
Unilateral salpingo-oophorectom
Urinary tract infection
Uterus

V

Vag
VCU
VD

Vaginal
Voiding cystourethrogram
Venereal disease

VH
v.o.
VPB
V.S.
V.S.D.

Vaginal hysterectomy
Verbal orders
Vaginal hysterectomy
Ventricular premature beat
Ventricular septal defect

W
WBC
W/C
W/D
W/N
WNL

White blood count
Wheel Chair
Well Developed
Well nourished
Within normal limits

X
X
X-match
X-R

Times
Cross match
X-ray

APPROVED SYMBOLS

↓<	Decreased or diminished , below or less than
↑>	Increased or elevated, greater than
2•	Secondary
	With
	Without
	Male
	Female
Testes↓↓	Both testicles descended
⊕	Positive
	Negative
=	Equal
1•	Primary
"	Inch
%	Percent
	Upper Right Quadrant
	Upper Left Quadrant
	Lower Left Quadrant
	Lower Right Quadrant
	Murmur
	Twice

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE ABBREVIATIONS, THE FOLLOWING ARE ALSO APPROVED:

1. Internationally used abbreviations for an element or chemical compound, e.g., K=potassium, CO₂=carbon dioxide
2. Standard abbreviations for measurements, e.g., cm. = centimeter, ft. = foot
3. Accepted English abbreviations, e.g., etc. = et cetera, a.m. = morning

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LABORATORY AND TEST ABBREVIATIONS

A

(A-a)O ₂	Alveolar-arterial oxygen difference
Acid Phos	Acid Phosphatase
ALK	Alkaline
ANA	Anti-nuclear antibody

B

baso	Basophile
BSP	Bromsulphalein
BU	Bodansky unit
BUN	Blood urine nitrogen

C

CBC	Complete blood count
CDYN	Dynamic Lung Compliance
CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
CO ₆₀	Cobalt 60
CPK	Creatine phosphokinase
CST	Static Lung Compliance

D

Diff	Differential
DLCO	Diffusion

E

Eos	Eosinophil
ERV	Expiratory Reserve Volume
ESR	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate

F

FEF (25 75)	Forced expiratory flow between 25% & 75% of the FVC
FEF 25(50, 75)	Forced expiratory flow at 25% (50%, 75%) of the FVC
FEV ₁₍₃₎	Forced expiratory volume in one second (three seconds)
FIF	Forced inspiratory flow
FRC	Functional residual capacity
FV Loop	Flow volume loop
FVC	Forced vital capacity

G

G6PD	Glucose 6 phosphate dehydrogenase
GTT	Glucose tolerance test

H

hpf	Per high powerfield
HDL	High Density Lipoprotein

I
 IC Inspiratory capacity
 IgG Gamma G immunoglobulin
 IgM Gamma M immunoglobulin

L
 LDH Lactic dehydrogenase
 LDL Low density lipoprotein
 LE prep Lupus Erythmatosis preparation
 LH Luteinizing hormone
 LYMPH Lymphocyte
 LYTES Electrolytes

M
 MONO Monocyte
 MMV Maximum voluntary ventilation

O
 OCG Oral cholecystogram
 OCT Oxytocin challenge test

P
 PaO₂ Partial pressure of oxygen (arterial)
 PaCO₂ Partial pressure of carbon dioxide (arterial)
 PBI Proteinbound iodine
 PPD Purified protein derivative
 Ptase Phosphatase
 PTT Partial thromboplastin time

R
 R Resistance
 RAI Radioactive iodine
 RV Residual Volume

S
 SaO₂ Saturation of Oxygen
 Sg Specific conductance
 SGOT Serum glutamic oxalacetic transaminase
 SGPT Serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase
 sp.gr. Specific gravity
 SVC Slow vital capacity

T
 T₃ Triiodidethyromine
 T₄ Thyroxine
 TLC Total Lung Capacity

V
 V Flow (Volume/Unit Time)
 VCO₂ Carbon Dioxide Production

VDRL	Venereal disease research laboratory
VE	Minute Ventilation
VO ₂	Oxygen Consumption
V _T	Tidal Volume