LIST OF MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS
FOR INTERNAL PORTION OF MEDICAL RECORD

NOT FOR USE ON FACE SHEET

=  - equals
>  - greater than
<  - less than
+  - positive
-  - negative
≈  - approximately
↑  - increase
down  - decrease
♂  - male
♀  - female
✓  - check

- rectal temperature

 dram
- ounce
- psychiatric

△ - change

NOTE: All official chemical abbreviations are accepted; (e.g. Fe = Iron)
UHSH accepts all commonly accepted English abbreviations, Titles and Lab Unit of Measures

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- A -

- apical
  A - assessment
AA - alcoholic anonymous
aa - equal parts
AB - abortion
ABC - advanced breast cancer
ABI - ankle brachial index
abd - abdomen
ABD - abdominal pad
ABG - arterial blood gases
abnml - abnormal
ABW - adjusted body weight
AC - Acromio clavicular
ac - before meals
acetamin. - acetaminophen
ACF - adult care facility
Acid Phos - acid phosphates
ACL - Anterior Cruciate Ligament
ACLS - advanced cardiac life support
ACRO - acrochordons
ACT - activated clotting time
ACTH - adrenocorticotropic hormone
Act. K - actinic keratosis
a.d. - right ear
ADA - American Diabetes Association
ADD - attention deficit disorder
adduct. - adduction
ADL - activities of daily living
adm - admission
AE hose - anti embolic hose
AEMT-CC - Advanced Emergency Medical Technician - Critical Care
AEMT-I - Advanced Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate
AEMT-P - Advanced Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic
AF - atrial fibrillation
AFB - acid fast bacillus
AFO - ankle - foot orthosis
AFOF - anterior fontanel open and flat
a. flutter - atrial flutter
A/G ratio - albumen globulin ratio
AHA - American Heart Association
AIDS - auto immune deficiency syndrome
AJ - ankle jerk
AK - above knee
aka - above knee amputation
alb - albumin
ALE - asystole
A-line - arterial line
alk phos - alkaline phsophatase
ALL - acute lymphocytic leukemia
Alleg. - alleged
Alop. Ar - alopecia areata
ALS - Advanced Life Support
AMA - against medical advise
amalg - amalgam
AML - acute myelocytic leukemia
amor - amorphous
amp - ampule
amt - amount
ANA - antinuclear antibodies
ANC - absolute neutrophil count
A.N.D. - Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
ant - anterior
Ant. Font. - anterior fontanel
ant. MI - anterior myocardial infarction
Anug - Acute necrotizing ulcerative gingivitis
Ap - apical
AP - anterior posterior
APL - abductor pollicis longus
approx - approximately
appt - appointment
Aq - aqueous
AR - apical radial
ARDS - acute respiratory distress syndrome
arom - aromatic
AROM - artificial rupture of membranes
art P - arterial pressure
ASA Class - Amer. Society of Anesthesiologists Physical Status
ASA - aspirin
ASCVD - atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
ASHD - arteriosclerotic heart disease
ASLP - Acute self limiting problem
ASO - anti-streptolysin O titer (of blood antibodies)
A/T - attitude therapy
a.u. - each ear (both ears)
AV - audio-visual
A.V. - atrioventricular
Ax - axillary

-B-
b - buccal
Bab - babinski
Baso - basinophile
Ba swallow - barium swallow
BBB - bundle branch block
BCC - basal cell carcinoma
BCP - birth control pills
BE - barium enema
BEE - basal energy expenditure

BEV - beam's eye view
BFAG - bilateral femoral arteriogram
BFR - blood flow rate
bicarb - bicarbonate
bid - twice a day (bis in die)
bilat - bilateral
Bili - bilirubin
Bili Lite - bilirubin light; phototherapy
BJ - biceps jerk
BK - below knee
BKA - below knee amputation
bld - blood
bld cult - blood culture
BLS - Basic Life Support
BM - bowel movement
BMI - body mass index
BMP - basic metabolic panel
BMR - basal metabolic rate
BNP - brain natriuretic peptide
BP - blood pressure
BPH - benign prostatic hypertrophy
BR - bathroom
brady - bradycardia
BRP - bathroom privileges
BRT - blood recalcification time
bs - bowel sounds
BS - blood sugar
BSA - body surface area
B scan - B mode ultrasonogram
BSE - breast self exam
BSF - backscatter factor
BSO - bilateral salpingoophorectomy
BSP - bromsulfophthalein excretion test
BST - bacteriuria screening test
BTL - bilateral tubal ligation
BUN - blood urea nitrogen
BVM - Bag Valve Mask
bw - bite wings
bx - biopsy
-C-
c - with (cum)
C - celsius
C&S - culture and sensitivity
C1, C2, etc. - cervical vertebrae by number
C1. T. - clotting time
Ca - cancer/carcinoma
CABG - coronary artery bypass graph
CAD - coronary artery disease
cal. - calorie
CAN - cord around neck
cap - capsule
cap pulse - capillary pulse
CAPD - continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis
carotd - carotid
cath - catheter; catheterize
CAT scan (CT scan) - computerized axial tomography
CBC - complete blood count
CBG - capillary blood gases
cc - cubic centimeter
CC - chief complaint
CCPD - continuous cyclic peritoneal dialysis
CCR - continuous complete remission
CCTA - coronary CT angiography
C-Collar - Cervical Collar
CEA - carcinoembrionic antigen
cellut - cellulitis
CAWC - Center for Advance Wound Care
ceph floc - cephalin flocculation
cerv. - cervical
cGy - centigray
cgy/MU - centigray per monitor unit
CHD - congenital heart disease
CHF - congestive heart failure
CHO - carbohydrate
chol - cholesterol
chr - chronic
CI - cardiac index
CIRC - circumcision
circ - circulation
circum - circumference
CK - creatinine kinase
CKMB - Ckk MB isoenzyme
cl - clear
cl liq - clear liquids
CM - chem strip
cm - centimeter
CMC - carpo meta carpal
CMP - comprehensive metabolic panel
CMV - cyto mega lovirus
CN - cranial nerve
CNS - central nervous system
CO - cardiac output
C/O - complaining of
coag - coagulation
coag time - coagulation time
cognitve - cognitive
COLD - chronic obstructive lung disease
comf - comfortable
comp - compound
confmd - confirmed
conjun. - conjunctiva
CONST - constitutional
cont - continuous
COPD - chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
COUQUD - administration sig. for Warfarin
CP - chest pain
CPAP - continuous positive airway pressure
CPD - cephalopelvic disproportion
CPEP - comprehensive psychiatric evaluation program
CPK - creatine phosphokinase
CPM - Continuous Passive Motion
CPR - cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CR - complete remission
creat. - creatinine
creat. cl. - creatinine clearance
CRIT - critical
CRF - chronic renal failure
CRP - C reactive protein
Cryo - cryoprecipitate
CS - chem strip
C&S - culture and sensitivity
c-section - cesarean section
CSF - cerebrospinal fluid
CSI - craniospinal irradiation
C-Spine - cervical spine
CT scan - computed tomography
CTCL - cutaneous t-cell lymphoma
CTS - carpal tunnel syndrome
CTV - clinical target volume
cult - culture
CV - cardiovascular
CVA - cerebrovascular accident
CVAT - costovertebral angle tenderness
CVP - central venous pressure
CVS - cardiovascular system
CVT - cardiovascular Technician
CW - chest wall
Cx - cervix
CXR - chest x-ray
Cyclo - cycloplegic
cysto - cystoscopic

-D-
%DD - percentage depth dose
D1, D2, etc. - dorsal vertebrae by number
D50 - dextrose 50%
D5S or 5%D/S - 5% dextrose in saline
D5W or 5% D/W - 5% dextrose in water
D(with tooth #) - distal
D&C - dilatation and curettage
DALA - delta, amino, levulinic acid
d/c - discontinue
DCIS - ductal carcinoma in situ
dcrsd - decreased
DDD - degenerative disc disease
dec - deciduous
dceasd - deceased
Defib X - Defibrillation Times
deliv. - deliver
deprsd - depressed
DEXA - dual energy x-ray absorptiometry
DF - dermatogibroma
diat - diathermy
DIEP - deep inferior epigastric perforator flap

dif. - difficulty

diff - differential

DIGQD - Administration sig. for Digoxin

dil - dilute

DIP - distal interphalangeal (joint)

dipj - distal interphalangeal joint

dipth. - diptheria

discrim. - discrimination

disloc - dislocation

DJD - degenerative joint disease

D-L - dorsolumbar

DM - diabetes mellitus

Dmax - maximum dose

d max - depth of maximum dose

DME - Durable Medical Equipment

DNR - do not resuscitate

DOA - dead on arrival

DOB - date of birth

DOE - dyspnea on exertion

dors ped - dorsal pedis

DP - dorsalis pedis

dr - dram

DR - delivery room

DRR - digitally reconstructed radiograph

drsg - dressing

DS - dorsal spine

DSD - dry sterile dressing

DST - dexamethasone supporession test

DT's - delirium tremens

DTR'S - deep tendon reflexes

DTV - due to void

DVH - dose-volume histogram
DVT - deep vein thrombosis
DW - distilled water
Dx - diagnosis
Dz - disease

E -
EBL - estimated blood loss
EC - enteric coated
E/C ratio - estrogen/creatinine ratio
echo - echocardiogram
ECT - electroconvulsive therapy
EDC - estimated/expected date of confinement
EDW - Estimated Dry Weight
EEG - electroencephalogram
EENT - eye, ear, nose and throat
effac. - effacement
EFM - electronic fetal monitoring
e.g. - for example
EKG; ECG - electrocardiogram
Elix - elixier
emerg - emergency
EMA - early morning awakening
EMG - electroyography
emul - emulsion
endo - endodontics
ENG - electronystagmography
ENT - ears, nose, throat
EOM - external ocular movements
EOMI - extraocular muscles intact
EOS - eosinophil(s)
epi - epinephrine
Epi Cyst - epidermoid cyst
Epis - episiotomy
Epith - epithelium
EPO - erythropoietin
ERX - E-prescribe
EPL - extensor pollicis longus
EPS - extrapyramidal symptoms
eq sq - equivalent square
ERCP - endoscopic retrograde cholangio-pancreatography
ERT - estrogen replacement therapy
Eryth - erythrocytes
ESR - erythrocyte sedimentation rate
ESRD - end stage renal disease
EST - electroshock therapy
ET tube - endotracheal tube
ET - endotracheal (as in "ET tube")
ETA - estimated time of arrival
EUA - examination under anesthesia
exac. - exacerbated
except. - except
exo - extraction
exp - expired
exp lap - exploratory laparotomy
Exp - expectorant
ext - extremity
extern. - external

-F-
f - facial
f. - finger
F - fahrenheit
FAG - femoral arteriogram
f-arm - fore arm
FB - foreign body
FBS - fasting blood sugar
FDP - fibrin degradation products
FDS - flexor digitorum sperificialis
fem - femoral
FF - force fluids
FFP - fresh frozen plasma
FH - family history
FHR - fetal heart rate
FHT - fetal heart tone
fib. - fibrillation
FIM - functional independence measure
FIO - fractional inspired oxygen
fl - fluid
flex - flexion
FM - flow meter
FP - flat plate
Fr - French (referring to catheter size)
freq - frequency
FROM - full range of motion
FSBS - finger stick blood sugar
FSP - fibrin/fibrinogen split products
ft - foot
FT - finger tip
FT4 - free thyroxin
FTSG - full thickness skin graft
f/u - follow up
FUO - fever of undetermined origin
FWB - full weight bearing
fwy - freeway
Fx - fracture

-G-
GA - granuloma annulare
GB - gallbladder
GBS - group B strep
GC - gonococcus; gonococal
GCS - Glasgow Coma Score
gen - general
GERD - gastro esophageal reflux disease
Gest Age - gestational age
GGT - gamma glutamyl transpeptidase
GI - gastrointestinal
Gluc - glucose
gm - gram
gm stn - gram stain
GNR - gram negative rod (bacteria)
gr - grain
Grav - gravida
grd - grade
GSW - gun shot wound
GTR - gross total resection
GTT - glucose tolerance test
gtts - drops
G-tube - gastrostomy tube
GTV - gross tumor square
GU - genitourinary
Gy - Gray
GYN - gynecology

- H -
H/A - headache
Ham - hamstrings
HASCVD - hypertensive arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease
HB - heart block
HbAlc - Hemoglobin Alc
HBD - alpha hydroxybutyric dehydrogens
HBO - hyper baric oxygen
HBP - high blood pressure
HBV - high biological value
HCG - human chorionic gonadotropin
HCP - Health Care Proxy
Hct - hematocrit
HCTZ - hydrochlorothiazide
HCVD - hypertensive cardiovascular disease
HD - hemodialysis
HDTU - home dialysis training unit
HEENT - head, ears, eyes, nose, throat
hepatomeg. - hepatomegaly
HFD - high forceps delivery
Hgb - hemoglobin
H&H - hemoglobin and hematocrit
HHD - hypertensive heart disease
H.I. - homicidal ideation
HIPAA - heath insurance portability accountability act
HIV - human immunodeficiency virus
HME - heat moisture exchanger
HNP - herniated nucleus pulposus
HNV - has not voided
HO - house officer
H/O - history of
HOB - head of bed
HOH - hard of hearing
HP - hepatic panel
H&P - history & physical
HPF - high power field (a microscopic field)
HPI - history of present illness
hr - hour
HR - heart rate
HRF - high risk for fall
HRT - hormone replacement therapy
hs - hour of sleep; at bedtime (hora somni)
HSM - hepatosplenomegaly
ht - height
HT - Hubbard Tank
HTN - hypertension
HWH - halfway house
Hx - history
hypo - hyodermically; hypodermic
hyst. - hysterectomy

-i-
i - incisal
IADL - instrumental activities of daily living
IABP - intra-aortic ballon pump
IBW - ideal body weight
ICC - inter-disciplinary care conference
Ict Index - icteric index
ID - identification
I&D - incision and drainage
IDU - intravenous drug use
IDWG - interdialytic weight gain
I/E - Intra/Extra
IHSS - idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis
IIP - increased intracranial pressure
IJ - internal jugular
IM - intramuscular
immun. - immunization
imp - impression
improv. - improved
impt - important
IMRT - intensity modulated radiotherapy
IMV - intermittent mandatory ventilation
Inc. - incorporated
inc - incomplete
incont - incontinent
Ind - indwelling
inf - infection
infer. - inferior
Inf MI - inferior myocardial infarction
ing - inguinal
INH - isoniazid
INIT - initials
inspectn - inspection
Insuf - insufficiency
Intercath - intercatheter
intervert. - intervertebral
IO - intraosseous
I&O - intake and output
IP - interphalangeal
IPPB - intermittent positive pressure breathing
IRF - inpatient rehabilitation facility
irreg. - irregular
ISF - inverse square factor
isol - isolation
ISS - insulin sliding scale
IT - iliotibial
ITP - idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura
IUD - intra uterine device
IUGR - intra uterine growth retardation
IUP - intra uterine pregnancy
IV - Intravenous
IVC - intravenous cholangiogram
IVP - intravenous pyelogram
IVR - Idioventricular Rhythm
IVRS - interactive voice response system

-J-
JP - Jackson Pratt
jt - joint
J-tube - jejunostomy tube
JVD - jugular venous distention

- K -

K - Keratometry
keV - kiloelectron volt
KF - kind firmness attitude
kg - kilogram
KJ - knee jerks
KOH - potassium hydroxide mount
KP - keratosis pilaris
KUB - kidney, ureter, bladder
KVO - keep vein open (such as IV or intercath, etc.)

-L-

l - lingual
L - liter
L1, L2, L3, etc. - lumbar vertebrae by number
la - local anesthetic
lab - laboratory
lac - laceration
LAC - long arm cast
LAO - left anterior oblique
Lap - laparotomy
LAP - leukocyte alkaline phosphotase
lat - lateral
Lat MI - lateral myocardial infarction
lax - laxative
LBBB - left bundle branch block
lb - pound
lbs - pounds
LCIS - lobular carcinoma in situ
LCM - left costal margin
L&D - labor & delivery
LDA - left dorso-anterior position of fetus
LDH - lactic dehydrogenase (serum enzyme)
LDP - left dorso-posterior position of fetus
LE - lower extremity
le- lupus erythematosus
LET - lidocaine, epinephrine, tetracaine
Leuc - leukocytes
LFA - left fronto-anterior position of fetus
LFC - living female child
LFD - low forceps delivery
LFP - left fronto-posterior position of fetus
LFT - liver function test
lg - large
LGA - large for gestational age
lido - lidocaine
lig - ligament
Lig - ligation
lin - linament
LIP - licenced independent practitioner
liq - liquid
LKS - liver, kidneys, spleen
LLC - long leg cast
LLE - left lower extremity
LLL - left lower lobe of lung
LLQ - left lower quadrant
LMA - left mento-anterior position of fetus
LMC - living male child
LMD - local medical doctor
L/Min - liters/minutes
LML - left mediolateral
LMP - last menstrual period
LMT - lateral meniscus tear
LMW - low molecular weight
LN2 - liquid nitrogen cryosurgery
LOA - left occipito-anterior position of fetus
LOC - level of consciousness
LOT - left occipito-transverse position of fetus
LP - lumbar puncture
LPO - left occipito-posterior position of fetus
LR - labor room
L.R. - lactated ringers
LS - lumbosacral
L-S - liver-spleen
LSA - left sacro-anterior position of fetus
LSC - lichen simplex chronicus
LSP - left sacro-posterior position of fetus
L-spine - lumbar spine
L/S ratio - lecithin/shingomyelin ratio
LST - left sacro-transverse position of fetus
LT - Levin tube
Lt. - Left
LTM - long term memory
LTT - lactose tolerance test
LTV - long term variability
LUE - left upper extremity
LUL - left upper lobe of lung
LUQ - left upper quadrant
LVH - left ventricular hypertrophy
LW - Lee White
Lx - lumpectomy
Lymph - lymphocytes
Lytes - electrolytes (Na, K, Cl)

-M-
m) - murmur
    m - meter
M/ - Manifest refraction
M.S. - mental status
M(with tooth #) - mesial
MA - milliamps
MAC - Monitored Anesthesia Care
MAE - moves all extremities
Malign Mel - malignant melanoma
mand - mandibular
markd - marked
Mat - maternity
max - maxillary
max. - maximum
MC - millicurie
mcg - microgram
MCH - mean corpuscular hemoglobin
MCHC - mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration
MCIC - mean corpuscular iron content
MCL - medial collateral ligament
MCP - metacarpophalangeal
MCV - mean corpuscular volume
MD - manic depressive
mec - meconium
mech - mechanical
Med - medial
meds - medications
mEq - milliequivalent
mets - metastases
MeV - million electron volt
MFD - mid forceps delivery
mg/dl - milligrams/deciliter
mg- milligram
MHB - maximum hospital benefit
MHZ - megahertz
MI - myocardial infarction
mid - middle
min - minute
mins - minutes
ml - milliliter
ML - midline
MLC - multileaf collimator
M/L - molar lactate
MLP - mid level practitioner
mm - millimeter
mM - millimole
MM - mucous membrane
MMT - medial meniscus tear
mn - midnight
MNT - medical nutrition therapy
mo - month
mod. - moderate
MOF - matter of fact attitude
Moll Con - molluscum contagiosum
MOM - milk of magnesia
monos - monocytes
mos - months
MRA - magnetic resonance angiography
MRI - magnetic resonance imaging
MSE - medical screening exam
MTP - metatarsophalangeal
MU - monitor unit
multip - multipara
MV - million volts
MVA - Motor Vehicle Accident
MVC - motor vehicle crash
mvmnt - movement
Myr - myringotomy

-N-
N - nerve
n/a - not applicable
NAD - no acute distress or active disease
NAD - no acute distress
NAS - no added salt
NB - newborn
NBN - newborn nursery
NBT - nitroblue tetrazolium
n/c - no complaint
NCJ - needle catheter jejunostomy
NCS - no concentrated sweets
ND - no demand attitude
NED - no evidence of disease
neg - negative
neg P - negative pressure
Neu - neutrophile
neuro - neurological
NG - nasogastric
NHL - non-hodgkins lymphoma
NI - nasal intestinal
NKA - no known allergies
NKDA - no known drug allergies
nlf to N - normal finger to nose
nm - Namometers
nml - normal
noct - night
NP - neuropsychiatric
NPH - neutral protamine hagedorn (a type of insulin)
NP Mask BVM - nasal prong/mask/bag valve mask
NPN - non-protein nitrogen
NPO - nothing by mouth
NRB - non re-breather
N/S - normal saline
NSAID - non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
NSD - normal spontaneous delivery
NSR - normal sinus rhythm
NT - not tested
NTG - nitroglycerin
Nuc Med - nuclear medicine
nutr - nutrition
NV - Neurovascular
N&V - nausea and vomiting
NVT - neuro-vascular-tendon
NWB - non-weight bearing

-O-
O - objective
O(with tooth #) - occusal
O2Sat - oxygen saturation
OA - occipito-anterior position of fetus
OAR - off axis ratio
OB - obstetrics
obs - observation
OBS - organ brain syndrome
obst - obstruction
occ - occasional
OCS - Oral cancer screen
OCT - oxytocin challenge test
OD - overdose
O.D. - right eye
OG - oral gastric
OHS - obesity hypoventilation syndrome
ointment
OJ - orange juice
OMFS - oral surgery
OMH - Office of Mental Health
OMM - osteopathic manipulative medicine
OMT - osteopathic manipulative therapy or treatment
OOB - out of bed
OOC - out of cast
OP - occipito-posterior of fetus
OPD - Outpatient Department
ophth - ophthalmology
OR - Operating Room
ORIF - open reduction internal fixation
ORTHO - orthopedis
os - mouth
O.S. - left eye
OT - occupational therapy
OTC - over the counter
Oto - otology
O.U. - both eyes
Ox - oximeter
oz - ounce

-P-
p - plan
P - pulse
P. - para
P(with tooth #) - palatal
P&A - percussion and auscultation
pa - periapical
PA - posteroanterior
PAC - premature atrial contraction
PAD - pulmonary artery diastolic
palp. - palpitation
pan - panorex
Pap - Papanicolaou (smear or test)
PAP - pulmonary arterial pressure
PAR - post anesthesia room
parox - paroxysmal
PAS - pulmonary artery systolic
PAT - paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
Path - pathology
PBI - protein bound iodine
PBP - post blood pressure
pc - after meals (post cibos)
PCA - Patient Controlled Analgesia
PCL - posterior cruciate ligament
pCO2 - partial pressure carbon dioxide
PCN - penicillin
PCP - primary care provider
PCR - Pre-Hospital Care Record
P c/s - primary cesarean section
PCV - packed cells volume
PD - peritoneal dialysis
PE - physical examination
PEA - pulse electrical activity pulseless
Peds - pediatrics
PEEP - positive end expiratory pressure
PEG - pneumoencephalogram
perio - periodontics
periph. - peripheral
PERL - pupils equal and react to light
PERRLA - pupils equal, regular, and react to light and accommodation
PF - passive friendliness attitude
PFTs - pulmonary function tests
pH - acidity (of blood, urine, etc.)
PH - past history
Pharm - pharmacy
PHR - post heart rate
PI - present illness
PID - pelvic inflammatory disease
PIPJ - proximal interphalangeal joint
PKU - phenylketonuria
plat. - platelets
PleurRub - pleural rub
PMD - private medical doctor
PMH - past medical history
PMI - point of maximum intensity
PMV - passy miur valve
PN - primary nurse
PND - paroxismal nocturnal dyspnea
pneumo - pneumococcus/pneumococcal
PO - phone order
P.O. - by mouth
pO2 - partial pressure oxygen
POD - post operative day
polio - poliomyelitis
polys - polymorphic leukocytes
pos - positive
post - after
Post - autopsy
post-menop - post menopausal
Post MI - posterior myocardial infarction
Post-op - post-operative; after operation
PP - post partum
P-Pad - perineal pad
PPD - packs per day
PPROM - pre-term premature rupture of membranes
PR - per rectum
PRBC - packed red blood cells
pre-op - pre-operative; before operation
preg - pregnant
prelim - preliminary
premed - pre-medication
prep - preparation
PRI - patient review instrument
primip - primipara
PRN - whenever necessary (pro res nate)
pro - protein
Pro-time - prothrombin time
prob - problem
prog - prognosis
PROM - premature rupture of membranes
prophy - prophylaxis
PSA - prostate specific antigen
PSP - phenosulfonphthalein
PSVT - paroxysmal-supra ventricular tachycardia
Psych - psychiatry
Pt - patient
PT - physical therapy
PTA - prior to admission
PTCA - Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty
PTD - prior to discharge
PTT - partial thromboplastin time
PTV - planning target volume
PUA - pelvic under anesthesia
pulm - pulmonary
PV - paravertebral
PVC - premature ventricular contraction
PVR - post void residual
PWP - pulmonary wedge pressure
PZI - protamine zinc insulin
-q-
q - every
q3d - every 3 days
q4h - every 4 hours
qAM - every morning
qh - every hour
qhs - every night
QLT - quantitative loop technique
qns - quantity not sufficient
qs - quantity sufficient
quad - quadriceps
qw - every week

-R-
r - respiration

R - resin
RA - right atrium
RAA - Read and Approved
RA factor - rheumatoid factor
RAI - radioactive iodine
RAO - right anterior oblique
RAP - resident assessment plan
RBBB - right bundle branch block
RBC - red blood count
RBP - resting blood pressure
cr - root canal
RCM - right costal margin
R c/s - repeat cesarean section
RDI - recommended daily intake
RDS - respiratory distress syndrome
rec - recurrent
ref - reference
reg - regular
rehab - rehabilitation
rem - removal
RESP - respiration
ret - retained
Retro - retrograde
RHD - rheumatic heart disease
RHM - routine health maintenance
RHR - resting heart rate
RIA - radioimmuno assay
RISA - radio-iodinated serum albumen
RLE - right lower extremity
RLL - right lower lobe of lung
RLQ - right lower quadrant
RMA - right mento-anterior position of fetus
RML - right middle lobe of lung; right mediolateral
RMP - right mento-posterior position of fetus
R/O - rule out
ROA - right occipito-posterior position of fetus
ROI - release of information
ROM - Range of Motion
ROS - review of systems
rot - rotator
ROT - right occipito-transverse position of fetus
ROT Ax - rectal oral tympanic axillary
RPC - red packed cells
RPO - right posterior oblique
RPR - radip plasma reagin (syphilis blood test)
RR - Recovery Room
RRR - regular rate and rhythm
RRT - rapid response team
RSA - right sacro-anterior position of fetus
RSP - right sacro-posterior position of fetus
RST - right sacro-transverse position of fetus
Rt. - right
Rte - route
RUE - right upper extremity
RUL - right upper lobe of lung
RUQ - right upper quadrant
RVH - right ventricular hypertrophy
Rx - prescription
-S-
s - without
S, S, S, etc. - sacral vertebrae by number
S - subjective
S&A - sugar and acetone
SAC - short arm cast
Sa02 - pulse oximetry
SAO2 - saturated oxygen
SAD - source axis distance
Sat Sol - saturated solution
SBE - subacute bacterial endocarditis
SCC - squamous cell carcinoma
SCDs - Sequential Compression Devices
sched - scheduled
schiz - schizophrenia
SC Jt - sternoclavicular joint
SCLAV - superclavicular
SCLC - small cell lung cancer
Seb Derm - seborrheic dermatitis
sec - seconds
secretions - secretions
Sed Rate - sedimentation rate
segs - segmented cells
sens. def. - sensory deficit
SG - swan-ganz
SGOT - serum glutamic oxaloacetate transaminase
SGPT - serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase
SH - social history
shldr - shoulder
SI - sacro-iliac
Sig - give the following directions
SIRS - systemic inflammatory response syndrome
SK - seborrheic keratosis
sl - slight
SL - sublingual
SLC - short leg cast
SLE - systemic lupus erythematosus
SLP - speech language pathology
SLR - straight leg raising
sm - small
SMA-12 - sequential multiple auto-analyzer (12 channel)
SMBG - self-monitoring blood glucose
SNB - sentinel node biopsy
snds - sounds
SNF - skilled nursing facility
snsry - sensory
S.O. - significant other
S&O - salpingoophorectomy
SOAP - Subjective Objective Assessment Plan
SOB - shortness of breath
Sol - solution
SP - supra pubic
S/P - status post
Spec - specimen
Sp Gr - specific gravity
SPEP - serum protein electrophoresis
splenomeg. - splenomegaly
spts - spirits
SQ - subcutaneous
SROM - spontaneous rupture of membranes
ss - one half (semis)
SSD - source surface distance
SSE - soap suds enema
ST - stress test
Sta Derm - statis dermatitis
Staph - staphylococcus (bacteria)
STAT - immediately (statim)
STD - sexually transmitted disease
STM - short term memory
str - strength
STR - sub total resection
Strep - streptococcus (bacteria)
STS - serologic test for syphilis
STSG - split thickness skin graft
STV - short term variability
subling - sublingual
sub q - subcutaneous
SUP - superior
supp - suppository
SVE - sterile vaginal exam
SVT - supraventricular tachycardia
SW - social work
Sx - symptoms
sync - synchronized
syr - syrup
systms - systems

**-T-**
T - temperature
T , T , etc. - thoracic vertebrae by number
T.T. - tetanus toxoid
T&A - tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
T&S - type & screen
tab - tablet
TAC - tetracaine, adrenaline, cocaine
tachy - tachycardia
TAH - total abdominal hysterectomy
TB - tuberculosis
TBI - total body irradiation
TBSA - total body surface area
TCDB - turn, cough, deep breath
TCOM - transcutaneous oxygen monitoring
TCU - transitional care unit
Td - tetanus
TEDS - thromboembolitic devices
temp - temporary
TENS unit - transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation
TF - tube feeding
Theoph - theophylline
THR - total hip replacement
TIA - transient ischemic attack
tib-fib - tibia/fibula
tid - three times a day (ter in die)
TIG - tetanus immune globulin
tinct - tincture
TJ - triceps jerk
TKR - total knee replacement
TM - tympanic membrane
tmj - temporomandibular joint
TMP - transmembrane pressure
tndr - tender
TNTC - too numerous to count
T.O. - telephone order
tol - tolerated
TOP - termination of pregnancy
TP - total protein
TPN - total parenteral nutrition
TPR - temperature, pulse and respiration
tr - trace
trach - tracheostomy
TRAM - transverse rectus abdominal muscle flap
TS - Trauma Score
TSH - thyroid stimulated hormones
T-Spine - thoracic spine
TT - thymol turbidity
TTA - trans-tracheal aspiration/aspirate
TTV - therapeutic trial visit
TUR - transurethral resection
TWE - tap water enema
Tx - traction

-U-
UA - urinalysis
UAC - umbilical artery catheter
UE - upper extremities
UF - ultra filtrate
UGI - upper gastrointestinal series
UGI c SBFT - upper GI with small bowel follow through
umb - umbilicus
unchangd - unchanged
ung - unguentum (ointment)
unresponsv - unresponsive
u/o - urinary output
UPJ - uretero pelvic junction
URI - upper respiratory infection
USP - United States Pharmacopoeia
UTD - up to date
UTI - urinary tract infection
UTR - unable to read
UVJ - ureterovesicular junction

-V-
VA - visual Acuity
vag - vaginal
Vas - vasectomy
VASC - vascular
vb - vitrebond
VBAC - vaginal birth after cesarean
VD - venereal disease research lab test (for syphilis)
vent. - ventrical
V.Fib. - ventricular fibrillation
VIS - vaccine information statement
vit - vitamin
VMA - vanillyl mandelic acid
vo - verbal order
VP - venous pressure
vs - visited
v.s. - vital signs
V Tach. - Ventricular Tachycardia
VTG - ventriculogram
VZIG - varicella zoster immune globulin

-W-
W- wedge
Wang - Wangenstein
WB - whole blood
WBC - white blood cells; white blood count
WBS - whole body scan
w/c - wheelchair
WD; w/d - well developed
WFL - within functional limits
wk - week
WN; w/n - well nourished
wnd clnsr - wound cleanser
WNL - within normal limits
W/o ; w/o - without
WOC - wound ostomy continence
WPW - wolf parkinson white
W&S - wound and skin
wt - weight
- X -
x - number of times
XRT - radiotherapy

- Y -
y.o. - year old
yr - year

- Z -
zoe - zinc oxide eugenol