

This is a list of abbreviations AND acronyms and should be designated as such:

A

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|------|---|-------------------------------------|
| ā | = | before |
| @ | = | at |
| ABC | = | airway, breathing, circulation |
| abd. | = | abdomen |
| A/C | = | antecubital fossa |
| ACLS | = | advanced cardiac life support |
| ACS | = | Acute Coronary Syndrome |
| A.D. | = | right ear |
| A.S. | = | left ear |
| A.U. | = | both ears |
| AIDS | = | acquired immune deficiency syndrome |
| ALS | = | advanced life support |
| AMA | = | against medical advice |
| a.m. | = | morning |
| amb. | = | ambulance |
| AMI | = | acute myocardial infarction |
| amp. | = | ampule |
| amt. | = | amount |
| AP | = | anteroposterior |
| ASA | = | aspirin |
| ASAP | = | as soon as possible |
| ASHD | = | arteriosclerotic heart disease |
| ATV | = | all terrain vehicle |
| A/V | = | atrioventricular |

B

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|--------|---|---------------------------|
| bb | = | back board |
| BBB | = | bundle branch block |
| BBS | = | bilateral breath sounds |
| B/F | = | black female |
| BG | = | blood glucose |
| B/M | = | black male |
| b.i.d. | = | twice a day |
| BLS | = | basic life support |
| BM | = | bowel movement |
| BMD | = | bag mask device |
| BP | = | blood pressure |
| BPM | = | beats per minute |
| BSA | = | body surface area (burns) |
| BSI | = | body substance isolation |



BURP = backward upward rightward pressure
BVM = bag/valve/mask

C

— = with
c = with
CA = cancer
CABG = coronary artery bypass grafting
CAD = coronary artery disease
CAOX3 = conscious, alert, oriented X3 (person, place, time)
CAT = combat application tourniquet
C/C = chief complaint
cc = cubic centimeter
CCU = coronary care unit
CHD = congenital heart disease
CHF = congestive heart failure
CID = cervical immobilization device
cm = centimeter
CMS = circulatory, motor, sensory
CNS = central nervous system
C/O = complains of
CO = carbon monoxide
CO₂ = carbon dioxide
COPD = chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CP = chest pain
CPAP = continuous positive airway pressure
CPR = cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CSF = cerebrospinal fluid
CSM = carotid sinus massage
C-spine = cervical spine
CTA = clear to auscultation
CVA = cerebrovascular accident

D

D/C = discontinue
D & C = dilation and curettage
diff. = differential
DM = diabetes mellitus
DNR = do not resuscitate
DNRO = do not resuscitate order
DOA = dead on arrival
DOS = dead on scene
dsg. = dressing
DUI = driving under the influence
Dx. = diagnosis
D5W = 5% dextrose in water
D25W = dextrose 25%
D50W = dextrose 50%



E

| | | |
|------------|---|--------------------------------|
| EBL | = | estimated blood loss |
| ECG or EKG | = | electrocardiogram |
| ED | = | emergency department |
| EDC | = | estimated date of confinement |
| EENT | = | eyes, ears, nose and throat |
| EEG | = | electroencephalogram |
| e.g. | = | for example |
| EGTA | = | esophageal gastric tube airway |
| EMD | = | electromechanical dissociation |
| EMR | = | emergency medical responder |
| EMS | = | emergency medical services |
| EMT | = | emergency medical technician |
| ENT | = | ears, nose and throat |
| EOA | = | esophageal obturator airway |
| EOM | = | extraocular movement |
| epi | = | epinephrine |
| ER | = | emergency room |
| est. | = | estimate(d) |
| ET | = | endotracheal |
| ETCO2 | = | end-tidal CO2 |
| ETT | = | endotracheal tube |
| ETA | = | estimated time of arrival |
| ETOH | = | ethyl alcohol |

F

| | | |
|-------|---|---------------------------------|
| FAO | = | fire alarm office |
| FBAO | = | foreign body airway obstruction |
| FCC | = | fire communications center |
| FMA | = | further medical attention |
| fl. | = | fluid |
| flex. | = | flexion |
| ft. | = | foot |
| FROM | = | full range of motion |
| FSG | = | finger stick glucose |
| fx | = | fracture |

G

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|-----|---|--------------------------|
| g | = | gauge (diameter), gravid |
| gm | = | gram |
| GCS | = | Glasgow coma scale |
| GI | = | gastrointestinal |
| GOA | = | gone on arrival |
| gr. | = | grain |



GSW = gunshot wound
 gtt(s) = drop(s)
 GU = genitourinary
 GYN = gynecologist

H

HF = hydrofluoric acid
 H/F = Hispanic female
 H/M = Hispanic male
 HBP = high blood pressure
 HBV = hepatitis B virus
 hr. = hour
 HEENT = head, ears, eyes, nose and throat
 HIV = human immune deficiency virus
 hgb = hemoglobin
 hosp. = hospital
 HTN = hypertension
 HTX = HazTox Medic
 Hx = history
 H2O = water
 H2S = hydrogen sulfide

I

ICS = intercostal space
 ICU = intensive care unit
 I & D = incision and drainage
 IM = intramuscular
 IN = intra nasal
 I & O = intake and output
 IO = intraosseous
 IUD = intrauterine device
 IV = intravenous
 IVP = intravenous push

J

J = joules
 JVD = jugular vein distention

K

K = potassium
 kg. = kilogram
 KCl = potassium chloride
 KVO = keep vein open

L

L. I = liter
 L/ = left



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|--------------|---|---|
| lac. | = | laceration |
| LEMON | = | Look, Evaluate, Mallampati, Obstruction, Neck |
| lat | = | lateral |
| LBBB | = | left bundle branch block |
| lb(s) | = | pound(s) |
| L & D | = | labor and delivery |
| LEA | = | law enforcement agency |
| LEO | = | law enforcement officer |
| lg. | = | large |
| L/min or lpm | = | liters per minute |
| LLQ | = | left lower quadrant |
| LMP | = | last menstrual period |
| LOC | = | loss of consciousness or level of consciousness |
| LP | = | lumbar puncture |
| LR | = | lactated ringers |
| LSB | = | long spine board |
| LUQ | = | left upper quadrant |

M

| | | |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| MAE | = | moves all extremities |
| MAST | = | medical anti-shock trousers |
| mA | = | milliamperes |
| MBL | = | major blood loss |
| MCA | = | motorcycle accident |
| mcg | = | microgram |
| MCI | = | mass casualty incident |
| MCL | = | mid-clavicular line |
| MD | = | medical doctor |
| MDFR | = | Miami Dade fire rescue |
| MDPD | = | Miami Dade police department |
| MedCom | = | medical communications center |
| meds | = | medications |
| mEq | = | milliequivalent |
| MgSO ₄ | = | magnesium sulfate |
| MI | = | myocardial infarction |
| min. | = | minute |
| mg. | = | milligram |
| mkd. | = | marked |
| mL/ml | = | milliliter |
| mm | = | millimeters |
| mod. | = | moderate |
| MOE | = | movement of extremities |
| MOI | = | mechanism of injury |
| MOM | = | medical operations manual |
| MS | = | morphine sulfate |
| mult. | = | multiple |
| MVC | = | motor vehicle crash/collision |

N



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|------------|---|---------------------|
| N2O | = | nitrous oxide |
| NaCl | = | sodium chloride |
| NAD | = | no acute distress |
| NC | = | nasal cannula |
| neg. | = | negative |
| NKA | = | no known allergies |
| n/g | = | nasogastric |
| NPO | = | nothing by mouth |
| NRB | = | non-rebreather mask |
| NS | = | normal saline |
| NSR | = | normal sinus rhythm |
| NTG, nitro | = | nitroglycerin |
| N/ V | = | nausea and vomiting |

O

| | | |
|----------------|---|--|
| O ₂ | = | oxygen |
| OB | = | obstetrics |
| OBS | = | organic brain syndrome |
| OD | = | overdose - also means right eye |
| OPQRST | = | onset, provocation, quality, radiation, severity, time |
| ophth | = | ophthalmology |
| OPP | = | organophosphate poisoning |
| OR | = | operating room |
| OS | = | left eye |
| OU | = | both eyes |

P

| | | |
|-------------------|---|---|
| P | = | pulse, para |
| — | | |
| p | = | after |
| PA | = | posteroanterior |
| PAC | = | premature atrial contraction |
| PaCO ₂ | = | partial press. of CO ₂ in arterial blood |
| PaO ₂ | = | partial press. of O ₂ in arterial blood |
| PASG | = | pneumatic antishock garment |
| PAT | = | paroxysmal atrial tachycardia |
| PCI | = | percutaneous coronary intervention |
| PCP | = | primary care physician/practitioner |
| PD | = | police department |
| PDR | = | physician's desk reference |
| PE | = | pulmonary edema |
| PEA | = | pulseless electrical activity |
| ped. | = | pedestrian |
| pedi | = | pediatric |
| per | = | by |
| PERL | = | pupils equal and reactive to light |
| PERLA | = | pupils equal and reactive to light, and accommodation |



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|------|---|---|
| PMHX | = | past medical history |
| PID | = | pelvic inflammatory disease |
| PIH | = | pregnancy induced hypertension |
| PJC | = | premature junctional contraction |
| p.m. | = | evening |
| PMD | = | private medical doctor |
| PO | = | by mouth |
| post | = | after |
| POV | = | privately operated vehicle |
| PR | = | administered rectally |
| pre | = | before |
| prn | = | as needed |
| PSD | = | public safety department |
| PSVT | = | paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia |
| pt. | = | patient |
| PTA | = | prior to arrival |
| PTS | = | pediatric trauma score |
| PTV | = | percutaneous transtracheal ventilation |
| PVC | = | premature ventricular contraction |
| PVR | = | peripheral vascular resistance |
| Px. | = | medical prognosis/patient transfer |

Q

| | | |
|--------|---|------------------|
| q | = | every |
| q.h. | = | hourly |
| q.i.d. | = | four times daily |
| q.o.d. | = | every other day |
| QRX | = | standby |
| QTH | = | location |

R

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|------|---|-------------------------------|
| RBBB | = | right bundle branch block |
| RBC | = | red blood count |
| R/ | = | right |
| RLQ | = | right lower quadrant |
| R/O | = | rule out |
| ROM | = | range of motion |
| RR | = | respiratory rate |
| RRR | = | regular, rate, rhythm (heart) |
| RUQ | = | right upper quadrant |

S

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|--------------|---|--|
| — | = | without |
| s | = | without |
| SAMPLE | = | signs/symptoms, allergies, medications, Past Hx, last oral intake, |
| events prior | | |
| SIDS | = | sudden infant death syndrome |
| SGA | = | supraglottic airway |



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|----------------|---|---|
| SL | = | sublingual |
| SMR | = | spinal motion restriction |
| SOAP | = | subjective, objective, assessment, plan |
| SOB | = | short(ness) of breath |
| sol. | = | solution |
| spec. | = | specimen |
| SRT | = | special response team |
| S/Sx | = | signs and symptoms |
| Sub. Q, SQ, SC | = | subcutaneously |
| STD/STI | = | sexually transmitted disease/infection |

I

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|--------|---|------------------------------------|
| tab. | = | tablet |
| TB | = | tuberculosis |
| TC | = | trauma center |
| temp. | = | temperature |
| TIA | = | transient ischemic attack |
| t.i.d. | = | three times daily |
| TKO | = | to keep open |
| TMJ | = | temporomandibular joint |
| TOT | = | turned over to |
| TPR | = | temperature, pulse and respiration |
| TTC | = | trauma transport criteria |
| TTP | = | trauma transport protocol |
| Tx. | = | treatment |

U

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|------|---|-----------------------------|
| UA | = | urinalysis |
| ULQ | = | upper left quadrant |
| unk. | = | unknown |
| URI | = | upper respiratory infection |

V

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|---------------|---|--------------------------|
| V - fib (VF) | = | ventricular fibrillation |
| V - tach (VT) | = | ventricular tachycardia |
| VD | = | venereal disease |
| via | = | by way of |
| vol. | = | volume |
| VS | = | vital signs |

W

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|-----|---|----------------------|
| WBC | = | white blood count |
| W/F | = | white female |
| W/M | = | white male |
| WNL | = | within normal limits |
| wt. | = | weight |



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| | <u>X</u> | |
| X | | = times |
| | <u>Y</u> | |
| Y/O | | = years old |

SYMBOLS

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|---|--|-------------------|
| ~ | | = approximately |
| < | | = less than |
| > | | = more than |
| - | | = negative |
| + | | = plus/positive |
| # | | = number |
| % | | = percent |
| @ | | = at |
| ♂ | | = male |
| ♀ | | = female |
| ↑ | | = increase |
| ↓ | | = decrease |
| Ⓡ | | = right |
| Ⓛ | | = left |
| ∅ | | = nothing/no/none |