

COMMON ABBREVIATIONS

a - before	HS - heart sounds
abd. - abdomen	HTN - Hypertension
abs. - absent	Hx – history
AMA - against medical advice	I & D - incision and drainage
Amp. - amputation	Info. - information
Amt. - amount	Irreg - irregular
Ant - anterior	Jct. - junction
Appt. - appointment	JVD - jugular venous distention
ASAP - as soon as possible	K - potassium
BC - birth control	KVO - keep vein open
b.i.d. - twice a day	O—left
BM - bowel movement	Lac. - laceration
BP - blood pressure	Lat. - lateral
c- with	L & D - labor and delivery
CAD - coronary artery disease	LLQ - left lower quadrant
CC - chief complaint	LMP - last menstrual period
CHF - Congestive heart failure	LNMP - last normal menstrual period
cl. - clear	LOC - loss of consciousness
do - complains of	LUQ - left upper quadrant
cond. - condition	Mand. - mandible
D/C - Discontinue	MAST - Medical anti shock trousers
Deform. - Deformity	Mo. - month
DOB - Date of Birth	Misc. - miscellaneous
Dx - Diagnosis	Mod. - moderate
EBL - Estimated blood loss	Mono. - infectious mononucleosis
ENT - ear, nose & throat	Mos. - months
EP - ectopic pregnancy	N. - nerve
Exam - examination	NA - not applicable
Freq. - frequency, frequent	Narc. - narcotic
FROM - full range of motion	Nas. - nasal
FTND - full term normal delivery	Nat. - natural
f/u - follow up	Neg. - negative
FUO - Fever of unknown origin	Norm. - Normal
Fx - fracture	NPI - no present illness
Gen. - general	NPO - nothing by mouth
GM seizure - Grand mal seizure	NS - normal saline
Gluc. - glucose	NSR - Normal sinus rhythm
GSW - Gunshot wound	NVD - nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
h/o - history of	N & V - nausea and vomiting
H & P - history and physical	^ - increase
HPI - history of present illness	v - decrease
HR - heart rate	< - less than
	> - greater than
	= - equal

△ - no change	Ref. - reference
/- per	Resp. - respirations
X - times	Ret. - retired
@ - at	RHD - Rheumatic Heart disease
OD - overdose	RLQ - right lower quadrant
Occ. - occasional	R/o - rule out
Oper. - Operation	RUQ - right upper quadrant
Orig. - original	SBP - systolic blood pressure
OTC - over the counter	ROM - Range of motion
PAL - posterior axillary line	ROS - Review of systems
Palpit. - palpitations	Rx - Medication
Pass. - passive	SC - sickle cell
PCN - Penicillin	SD - sudden death
P/d - packs cigarettes per day	Sect. - section
PE - Physical examination	Sev. - several
PEARL - pupils equal and reactive to light	SIDS - sudden infant death syndrome
Per - by order of	SIW - self-inflicted wound
Per. - period	SL - sublingual
Perm. - Permanent	Sl. - slight
Pers. - personal	SNS - sympathetic nervous system
PMS - Premenstrual syndrome	SOB - Short of Breath
p.o. - by mouth	SOP - standard operating procedure
Pos. - position	Spont. Spontaneous
Poss. - possible	S & S - signs and symptoms
Post. - Posterior	SP - Systolic pressure
PR - pulse rate	STAT - immediately
Pr. Pair	Std. - standard
p.r. - administer rectally	Sup. - superior
preg. - Pregnant	T - temperature
premie - premature infant	Tab. - tablet
prep. - prepare	TB - tuberculosis
prey. - previous	TCA - terminal cancer
PRN - as necessary	t.i.d. - three times a day
Pt. - patient	TKO - to keep open
Pulm. - Pulmonary	T/O - telephone order
q. - each	Tol. - Tolerated(d)
q.a.m. - each morning	Tract. - traction
q. d. - each day	Tx - treatment
q. h. - each hour	V/O - verbal order
- right	WBC - white blood count
- left	Wk. - week
R— Rate	y.o. - years old

yr. - year

bilateral - both sides

fracture - break

laceration - cut, jagged edge

incision - cut, smooth edge

abrasion - cut, layers of skin

scraped away

avulsion - cut, segment of

tissue torn away

palpation - examine by

touching

auscultation - examine using a

stethoscope

febrile - temperature > 100