

List of English abbreviations

A	AA	African American; Alcoholics Anonymous	A & P	assessment and plans; auscultation and percussion	
	AAA	Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm	APPY	appendectomy	
	ab, abd	abdominal	ARB	angiotensin II receptor blocker	
	AB	abortion; antibody	ARF	acute renal failure	
	ABG	arterial blood gas	AS	aortic (valvular) stenosis; (auris sinistra) left ear	
	ABP	arterial blood pressure	ASA	(acetylsalicylic acid) aspirin	
	ABx	antibiotics	ASAP	as soon as possible	
	ac	ante cibum (before meals)	ASCVD	arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease	
	ACE-I	angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor	ASD	atrial septal defect	
	ACU	ambulatory care unit	ATN	acute tubular necrosis	
	ADA	American Diabetes Association	ATU	ambulatory treatment unit	
	ADL	activity of daily living	AVJ	atrio-ventricular junction	
	Adm	admission	AVR	aortic valvular replacement	
	AE	air entry			
	AF	atrial fibrillation	B	bd	(bis in die) twice a day
	AGN	acute glomerulonephritis; antigen		BE	barium enema
	AI	aortic insufficiency		BIBA	brought in by ambulance
	AICA	anterior inferior cerebellar artery		BKA	below-knee amputation
	AKA	above-knee amputation		BLD	blood
	alb	albumin		BM	bowel movement; bone marrow
	Alc	alcohol		BP	blood pressure
	ALL	acute lymphocytic leukaemia		BPH	benign prostatic hypertrophy
	AMA	against medical advice		BR	bed rest
	amb	ambulate		brady	bradycardia
	AMI	acute myocardial infarction		BRBPR	bright red blood per rectum
	AML	acute myelocytic leukaemia		BS	bowel sounds; breath sounds; blood sugar
	Amp	ampule		BUN	blood urea nitrogen
	AND	axillary node dissection		BW	blood work
	Angio	angiography		Bx	biopsy
	AODM	adult onset diabetes mellitus			
	A & O	alert and orientated			

C	Ca	carcinoma
	CABG	coronary artery bypass graft
	CAD	coronary artery disease
	Caps	capsule
	CAT	computerized axial tomography
	Cath	catheter
	CBC	complete blood count
	CC	chief complaint
	C/C/E	clubbing, cynosis, edema
	CDB	cough, deep breath
	CF	cystic fibrosis
	CGN	chronic glomerulonephritis
	CHD	congenital heart disease
	CHF	congestive heart failure
	C(P)K-MB	creatinine (phosphor)kinase heart
	CP	chest pain
	CMV	cytomegalovirus
	CN	cranial nerve(s)
	CNS	central nervous system
	CO	cardiac output
	COAD	chronic obstructive airways disease
	coags	coagulation
	COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
	CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
	CPT	chest physiotherapy
	Cr	creatinine
	CRF	chronic renal failure
	CS	caesarean section
	CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
	C.T.	chest tube
	CVA	cerebrovascular accident

CVP	central venous pressure
CVS	cardiovascular system
CX	cervix
CXR	chest x-ray

D	D (Brit.)	diopetre
	d	days
	D/C	discontinue; discharge
	DD	differential diagnosis
	decr	decreasing
	DIC	disseminated intravascular coagulation
	diff	differential count
	Disch	discharge
	disp	disposition
	DJD	degenerative joint disease
	DKA	diabetic ketoacidosis
	DLE	disseminated lupus erythematosus
	DM	diabetes mellitus
	DNR	do not resuscitate
	DOA	dead on arrival
	DOB	date of birth
	DOE	dyspnea on exertion
	DPT	diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus (triple vaccine)
	DR	delivery room
	Ds	disease
	Dsg	dressing
	DT	delirium tremens
	DTRs	deep tendon reflexes
	DTV	due to void
	DU	duodenal ulcer
	DVT	deep vein thrombosis
	Dx	diagnosis

E	ECF	extracellular fluid
	ECT	electroconvulsive therapy
	EDC	estimated date of confinement
	EF	ejection fraction
	EGD	eosophagogastro-duodenoscopy
	EJ	elbow jerk
	EKG, ECG	electrocardiogram
	Eli	elimination
	ENT	ear, nose, and throat department
	ER	emergency room
	ERCP	endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography
	ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
	ESRD	end-stage renal disease
	ESRF	end stage renal failure
	EtOH	alcohol
	ETT	endotracheal tube
	Exam	examination
	Ext	extremities

F	F à N	finger-to-nose-test
	F/C	fever and chills
	F/U	follow-up
	FB	foreign body
	FBC	full blood count
	FDP	fibrin degradation products
	FEV1	forced expiratory volume in 1s
	FFA	free fatty acids
	FFP	fresh frozen plasma
	FHx	family history
	FISH	fluorescent in situ hybridization
	fl. Oz.	Fluid ounce (ca. 28 ml)
	FMF	fetal movements felt
	FMP	first menstrual period

FOB	faecal occult blood
Fx	fracture

G	GA	general anesthesia
	GB	gall bladder
	GFR	glomerular filtration rate
	GI(T)	gastrointestinal tract
	Glc	glucose
	GN	glomerulonephritis
	GP	general practitioner
	GS	group + screen
	GTT	glucose tolerance test
	GU	gastric ulcer; genitourinary
	Gyn	gynecology

H	H à S	heel-to-shin test
	H & P	history and physical examination
	h	hour
	HA	headache
	HAL	hyperalimentionation
	HBP	high blood pressure
	Hct	hematocrit
	HCTZ	hydrochlorothiazide
	HCVD	hypertensive cardiovascular disease
	hd	(hora decubitus) at bed time
	HEENT	head, ears, eyes, nose, and throat (were normal)
	Heme (n)	hematest negative (...stools)
	HH	hiatal hernia
	HNV	has not voided
	HPI	history of present illness
	ht	height
	HTN	hypertension
	Hx	history

I	I & O	intake and output	LAE	left atrial enlargement
	ICF	intracellular fluid	LAH	left anterior hemiblock
	ICP	intracranial pressure	Lap	laparotomy
	ICS	intercostal space	LBBB	left bundle-branch block
	ICU	intensive care unit	LE	lower extremity
	ID	infectious disease	LFTs	liver function tests
	IDA	iron deficiency anemia	Lig	ligament
	IDDM	insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus	LMD	local medical doctor
	Inj	injury	LMP	last menstrual period
	INR	international normalized ratio (prothrombin time expressed in relation to normal value)	LN	lymph node
	int	internal	LOC	loss of consciousness
	IOP	intraocular pressure	LP	lumbar puncture
	IUD	intrauterine device; intrauterine death	LPH	left posterior hemiblock
	IUP	intrauterine pregnancy	LV	left ventricle
	iv	intravenous	LVF	left ventricular failure
	IVC	inferior vena cava	Lytes	electrolytes
	IVF	intravenous fluid	M	M & M
J	JACCOL	jaundice, anemia, cyanosis, clubbing, oedema, lymphadenopathy	M	morbidity and mortality (conference)
	JODM	juvenile onset diabetes	M	murmur
	JP	jugular pulse	MAE	moves all extremities
	JVD	jugular venous distension	MAL	midaxillary line
	JVP	jugular venous pressure	MCH	mean corpuscular haemoglobin
K	K+	potassium	MCL	midclavicular line
	KCL	potassium chloride	MHCU	mental health care unit
	KUB	kidney, ureter, bladder	MI	myocardial infarction; mitral incompetence
L	L1	first lumbar vertebra	MIC	minimum inhibitory concentration
	LA	lymphadenopathy; left atrium	MMR	measles, mumps, and rubella (vaccine)
	Lab	laboratory	MR	mitral regurgitation; mental retardation
	LAD	left axis deviation; left anterior descending	MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
			MS	multiple sclerosis; mitral stenosis; mental status
			MSU	midstream urine (culture)
			MVP	mitral valve prolaps

N	N/V/D/C	nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, constipation	PFTs	pulmonary function tests	
	NABS	normal active bowel sounds		PHx	past history
	NBN	newborn nursery		PI	present illness
	NGTF	nasogastric tube feeding		PIH	pregnancy-induced hypertension
	NK(D)A	no known (drug) allergies		PM & R	physical medicine and rehabilitation (U.S.)
	NPO	(nihil per orem) empty stomach		PMB	post-menopausal bleeding
	NS	normal saline; not significant		PMC	pseudomembranous colitis
	NSAID	nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug(s)		PMH	past medical history
	NSR	normal sinus rhythm		PMI	point of maximal intensity; previous medical illnesses
	NSS	normal sterile saline		PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
	NTG	nitroglycerin		po	(per orem) oral
O	OBGYN	obstetrics and gynecology	PPD	packs per day; purified protein derivative (cutaneous test for tuberculosis); post partum	
	OCP	oral combined pill			
	od	(omni die) every day	pr	(per rectum) rectal	
	OM	otitis media	PRBCs	packed red blood cells	
	OPD	outpatient department	Preme	premature infant	
	OR	operating room	PRO-time	prothrombin time	
	OT	occupational therapy	PSH	psychosocial history; past surgical history	
			PT	physical therapy; prothrombin time	
P	P & A	percussion and auscultation	PTA	prior to admission	
	PA	pulmonary artery; posteroanterior	PTT	partial thromboplastin time	
	PAP	pulmonary artery pressure	PUD	peptic ulcer disease	
	PAR	postanesthesia recovery	PVC	premature ventricular contraction	
	PC	(post cibum) after meals; presenting complaint; packed cells	PVD	peripheral vascular disease	
			P-Y	pack years	
	PCN	penicillin			
	PD	peritoneal dialysis	Q	Qd	(quotidian) daily
	PDA	patent ductus arteriosus	qds	4 times a day	
	PDR	Physician's Desk Reference (U.S.)	qhs	every night	
	PE	pulmonary embolus; physical examination	qod	every other day	
	PERRLA	pupils equal, round, reactive to light and accommodation			
	PET	positron emission tomography			

R	R/g/m	rubs/gallops/murmurs	T	Stat	(statim) immediately
	r/o	rule out		STD	sexually transmitted disease
	RA	rheumatoid arthritis		Supp	suppository
	RAD	right axis deviation		SVT	supraventricular tachycardia
	Rad hys	radical hysterectomy		Sx	symptoms
	RBBB	right bundle-branch block		Sz	seizure
	RBC	red blood cells/count			
	RF	rheumatic fever; renal failure		T & A	tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
	RFA	reason for admission		T & C	type and cross match
	ROS	review of systems		Tab	tablet
	RR	respiratory rate		tachy	tachycardia
	RRR	regular rate and rhythm		TB	tuberculosis
	RVH	right ventricular hypertrophy		TCN	tetracycline
	Rx	take prescription; treatment		TEE	transesophageal echocardiography
	S	S/p		status post	Temp
S/S		signs and symptoms	TFTs	thyroid function tests	
S1,S2		first, second heart sound	TGA	transposition of the great arteries	
SAH		subarachnoid hemorrhage	THR	total hip replacement	
SB		small bowel	TIA	transient ischemic attack	
Sc		subcutaneously	TM	tympanic membrane	
SD		standard deviation	TNG	nitroglycerin (U.S.)	
SE		saline enema	TOP	termination of pregnancy	
Sed		sedimentation (U.S.)	TP	total protein	
SHx		social history	TPN	total parenteral nutrition	
SI		sacroiliac joint	TPR	temperature, pulse and respirations	
sl		sublingually	TV	tidal volume	
SLE		systemic lupus erythematosus	Tx	transplantation; therapy	
SLR		straight leg raising (Lasègue)	U	UA	urinalysis
SNS		sympathetic nervous system		UE	upper extremity
SOB(OE)		short of breath (on exertion)		URTI	upper respiratory tract infection
Sp. Fl.		Spinal fluid		US	ultrasound
Spec		specimen		UTI	urinary tract infection
SPEP		serum protein electrophoresis			

V	Vag	vaginal
	VC	vital capacity
	VD	venereal disease
	vd	void
	VF	ventricular fibrillation
	VIP	voluntary interruption of pregnancy
	VPB	ventricular premature beats
	VS	vital signs
	VSD	ventricular septal defect
	VSS	vital signs stable

W	W/C	wheelchair
	WB	whole blood
	WCC	white cell count
	WN	well nourished
	WNL	within normal limits
Y	YO	years old