

**QUICK ACCESS TABLE FOR ABBREVIATIONS
(Abbreviation to Definition)**

<u>ABBREVIATION</u>	<u>DEFINITION</u>
aa	of each; arteries
Ab	antibody
AB	abortion
ABG(s)	arterial blood gas(es)
ABLB	alternate binaural loudness balance
ABO	three basic blood groups: A, AB, B, and O
ABR	auditory brainstem response
a.c.	before a meal (ante cibum)
AC	air conduction
acc	accommodation
ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone
AD	advance directive
AD	attention deficit
AD	right ear (auris dextra)
ad lib.	freely; as desired
ADH	antidiuretic hormone
ADHD	attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
AFB	acid-fast bacillus
AFP	alpha-fetoprotein
Ag	silver; antigen

AGN	acute glomerular nephritis
AHF	antihemophilic factor (blood coagulation factor VIII)
AHG	antihemolytic globulin
AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
ALL	acute lymphatic leukemia
ALS	amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
ALT	alanine aminotransferase
AM	morning
AMI	acute myocardial infarction
AML	acute myelogenous leukemia
ANS	autonomic nervous system
A.P.	anteroposterior
AQ, aq	water
ARC	AIDS-related complex
ARD	acute respiratory disease (or distress)
ARDS	acute respiratory distress syndrome
ARF	acute respiratory failure
ARF	acute renal failure
AS	aortic stenosis
AS	left ear (auris sinistra)
ASD	atrial septal defect
ASHD	arteriosclerotic heart disease
AST	aspartate aminotransferase (formerly SGOT)

AU	each ear (auris unitas)
A-V	atrioventricular
Ba	barium
BBB	blood-brain barrier
BBB	bundle branch block
BC	bone conduction
BCG	bacilli Calmetta-Gu`erin (vaccine)
BE	barium enema
b.i.d.	twice a day
BMR	basal metabolic rate
BMT	bone marrow transplant
BOM	bilateral otitis media
BP	blood pressure
BPH	benign prostatic hyperplasia
BUN	blood urea nitrogen
Bx, bx	biopsy
C	calorie; Celsius (Centrigade)
c	with
C1, C2, C3...	cervical vertebra 1, 2, 3...
C.A.	chronological age
Ca	calcium
Ca	cancer
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft

CAD	coronary artery disease
cap(s)	Capsule(s)
CAPD	continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis
CAT (scan)	computed axial tomography (scan)
Cath.	catheter
CBC	complete blood (cell) count
CC	cardiac catheterization
CC	chief complaint
cc	cubic centimeter
CC	with correction (with glasses)
CCPD	continuous cyclic peritoneal dialysis
CCU	coronary care unit; critical care unit
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CEA	carcinoembryonic antigen
CHD	congenital heart disease
CHD	coronary heart disease
CHF	congestive heart failure
CIS	carcinoma in situ
CLL	cholesterol-lowering lipid
CLL	chronic lymphocytic leukemia
cm	centimeter
CMF	anticancer drug combination of cyclophosphamide, methotrexate, and fluorouracil

CMV	cytomegalovirus
CNS	central nervous system
CO ₂	carbon dioxide
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CRF	chronic renal failure
CS	cesarean section
C-section	cesarean section
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
C-spine	cervical spine film
CST	contraction stress test
CT	computed tomography
CT (scan)	computed tomography (scan)
CVA	cerebrovascular accident; stroke
CVD	cardiovascular disease
Cx	cervix
CXR	chest x-ray
Cysto	cystoscopy
D & C	dilation and curettage
DAP	draw a picture personality test
dB	decibel
dc, D/C	discontinue
DDST	Denver Developmental Screening Test

DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration
decub.	decubitus (ulcer); bedsore
derm.	dermatology
DES	diethylstilbesterol
DEXA	dual energy x-ray absorptiometry
DI	diabetes insipidus
diff. diag.	differential diagnosis
DIP	distal interphalangeal (joint)
disp	dispense
DLE	discoid lupus erythematosus
DM	diabetes mellitus
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
DOE	dyspnea on exertion
DPT	diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus (vaccine)
Dr.	dram
DS	double strength
DS	Down syndrome
DSA	digital subtraction angiography
DSM	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
DSR	dynamic spatial reconstructor
DTs	delirium tremens
DTR	deep tendon reflex
DVT	deep vein thrombosis

EA	esophageal atresia
EAHF	eczema, asthma, and hay fever
EBV	Epstein-Barr virus
ECC	endocervical curettage
ECCE	extracapsular cataract extraction
ECG	Electrocardiogram; electrocardiograph
ECHO	echocardiography
ECT	electroconvulsive therapy
EDB	expected date of birth
EDC	expected date of confinement (<i>now</i> , EDD)
EDD	expected date of delivery (<i>formerly</i> , EDC)
EEG	electroencephalogram
EENT	ears, eyes, nose, and throat
EFM	electronic fetal monitoring
EKG	Electrocardiogram; electrocardiograph
ELISA	enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
Elix.	elixir
EMB	endometrial biopsy
EMG	electromyogram
ENT	ears, nose, and throat
EOM	extraocular muscles
eos.	eosinophils
EPO	erythropoietin

ERCP	endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography
ERG	electroretinogram
ERT	estrogen replacement therapy
ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
ESRD	end-stage renal disease
EST	electroshock therapy
ESWL	extracorporeal shock-wave lithotripsy
F	Fahrenheit
FANA	fluorescent antinuclear antibody
FBS	fasting blood sugar
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FDCA	Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
FHR	fetal heart rate
FHS	fetal heart sound
FHT	fetal heart tone
FS	frozen section
FSH	follicle-stimulating hormone
FTA-ABS	fluorescent treponemal antibody-absorption (a serological test for syphilis)
Fx	fracture
G	gravida (pregnant)
G, Gm., gm	gram
gal	gallon

GC	gonococcus; gonorrheal
G-CSF	granulocyte colony-stimulating factor
GFR	glomerular filtration rate
GH	growth hormone
GM-CSF	granulocytes-macrophage colony-stimulating factor
GPA	gravid, para, abortion
gr	grain
Gtt, gtt	drops
GTT	glucose tolerance test
GU	genitourinary
GYN	gynecology
h, hr	hour
H ₂ O	water
Hb	hemoglobin
Hbg	hemoglobin
HCG	human chorionic gonadotropin
HCT	hematocrit
HCVD	hypertensive cardiovascular disease
HD	hemodialysis
HD	hearing disease
HDL	high-density lipoprotein
HDN	hemolytic disease of the newborn (erythroblastosis)
Hib	<i>haemophilus influenzae</i> type B (vaccine)

Histo	histology
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HMD	hyaline membrane disease
h.s.	hour of sleep
HSG	hysterosalpingography
HSV	herpes simplex virus
HSV-2	herpes simplex virus, strain 2
I & D	incision and drainage
ICCE	intracapsular cataract extraction
ICP	intracranial pressure
ID	intra-dermal
IDDM	insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus
IgA, IgD, IgE, IgG, IgM	immunoglobulin A, D, E, G, M, respectively
IM	intramuscular
inj.	injection
IOL	intraocular lens
IOP	intraocular pressure
IPPB	intermittent positive pressure breathing
IQ	intelligence quotient
ITP	idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura
I.U.	international unit
IUD	intrauterine device
IV	intravenous

IVC	intravenous cholangiography
IVP	intravenous pyelogram
IVU	intravenous urography
K	potassium
kg	kilogram
KS	Kaposi's sarcoma
KUB	kidneys, ureter, and bladder
L	liter
L1, L2, L3...	lumbar vertebra 1, 2, 3...
L & D	labor and delivery
lb.	pound
LDL	low-density lipoprotein
LE	(systemic) lupus erythematosus
LGI	lower gastrointestinal (series)
LH	luteinizing hormone
LLE	left lower extremity
LLL	left lower lobe (of the lung)
LLQ	left lower quadrant
Imp	last menstrual period
LOC	level of consciousness
LP	lumbar puncture
LSD	lysergic acid diethylamide (an hallucinogenic)
LSO	left salpingo-oophorectomy

LUE	left upper extremity
LUL	left upper lobe (of the lung)
LUQ	left upper quadrant
lymph	lymphocyte
MA	mental age
MCH	mean corpuscular hemoglobin
MCHC	mean-corpuscular hemoglobin concentration
MCP	metacarpophalangeal (joint)
MCV	mean corpuscular volume
MD	muscular dystrophy
mEq	millequivalent
mets	metastasis
mg	milligram
MI	myocardial infarction
mL	milliliter
MMPI	Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory
MMR	measles-mumps-rubella (vaccine)
mono.	monocytes
MOPP	combination drug regimen used in the treatment of cancer, prescribed in the treatment of Hodgkin's disease (mustargen, oncovin, procarbazine hydrochloride, and prednisone)
MRA	magnetic resonance angiography
MREM	non-rapid eye movement (stage of sleep)

MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
MS	mitral stenosis
MS	multiple sclerosis
MSH	melanocyte-stimulating hormone
MTP	metatarsophalangeal (joint)
MTX	anticancer drug combination of methotrexate, mercaptopurine, and cyclophosphamide
Multip	multipara
MVP	mitral valve prolapse
Mx	minim
Na	sodium
NGU	nongonococcal urethritis
NHL	non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
NIDDM	noninsulin-dependent diabetes mellitus
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance (imaging)
NPH	normal-pressure hydrocephalus
n.p.o., NPO	nothing by mouth
NSD	normal spontaneous delivery
NST	non stress test
O.D.	right eye
O.S.	left eye
OU	each eye
O ₂	oxygen

OB	obstetrics
OCD	obsessive-compulsive disease
O.D.	right eye (ocular dexter)
oint., ung	ointment
O.S.	left eye (ocular sinister)
OTC	over the counter (drugs)
O.U.	each eye (oculus uterque)
oz	ounce
p	after
PA	pernicious anemia
P-A; PA	posteroanterior
PA	pulmonary artery
PaCO ₂	partial pressure of carbon dioxide dissolved in the blood
PACs	premature atrial contractions
PaO ₂	partial pressure of oxygen dissolved in the blood
Pap Smear	Papanicolaou test; smear method of examining stained exfoliative cells
Pap	Papanicolaou smear
PAT	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
Path	pathology
PBI	protein-bound iodine
p.c.	after meals
PCP	phencyclidine (a psychoactive drug)

PCP	<i>Pneumocystis carinii</i> pneumonia
PCP	primary care provider; primary care physician
PDA	patent ductus arteriosus
PDR	Physicians' Desk Reference
PEARL	pupils equal and reactive to light
PEG	pneumoencephalogram
PERLA	pupils equal; react to light and accommodation
PERRLA	pupils equal; round, react to light, and accommodation
PET	positron emission tomography
PFTs	pulmonary function tests
pH	potential hydrogen; hydrogen ion concentration; (abbreviation for the degree of acidity or alkalinity of a solution)
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
PIP	posterior interphalangeal (joint)
PKU	phenylketonuria
PM	afternoon/evening
PMN	polymorphonuclear neutrophil (leukocytes)
PMS	premenstrual syndrome
PNS	peripheral nervous system
p.o.	orally; by mouth (per os)
poly.	polymorphonuclear leukocyte
POMP	anticancer drug combination of Purinethos, Oncovin, methotrexate, and prednisone

PPD	purified protein derivative (TB test)
Primip	primipara
p.r.n.	as needed
PSA	prostate-specific antigen
PSS	progressive systemic scleroderma
PT	physical therapy
PT	prothrombin time
pt	pint
PTCA	percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
PTH	parathyroid hormone
PTS	permanent threshold shift
PTT	partial thromboplastin time
PVC	premature ventricular contraction
q	every
q.2h., q.3h.	every two hours, every three hours
q. a.m.	every morning
q.d.	every day
q.h.	every hour
q.h.s.	at bedtime (every hour of sleep)
q.i.d	four times a day
q.o.d	every other day
q.s.	quantity sufficient; as much as needed
qt	quart

R	rectal
R	respiration
RA	rheumatoid arthritis
rad	radiation absorbed dose
RAI	radioactive iodine
RAIU	radioactive iodine uptake
RBC	red blood cell (erythrocytes); red blood count
RDS	respiratory distress syndrome
REM	rapid eye movement (stage of sleep)
RF	rheumatoid factor
RIA	radioimmunoassay
RLE	right lower extremity
RLL	right lower lobe (of the lung)
RLQ	right lower quadrant
RML	right middle lobe (of the lung)
RNA	ribonucleic acid
RP	retrograde pyelogram
RSO	right salpingo-oophorectomy
RT	reading test
RT	radiation therapy; respiratory therapy
RUE	right upper extremity
RUL	right upper lobe (of the lung)
RUQ	right upper quadrant

Rx	take; treatment; prescription
s	without
S1	sacrum
SA	sinoatrial
SAD	seasonal affective disorder
SBS	small bowel series
SC	without correction
SC, subq, sub-Q	Subcutaneous(ly)
Sed rate	sedimentation rate
segs	segmented neutrophils
SIDS	sudden infant death syndrome
Sig.	write on label (let it be labeled)
SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus
SNS	somatic nervous system
SOB	shortness of breath
sol	solution
s.o.s	if necessary
sp. gr.	specific gravity
SPECT	single-photon emission computer tomography
ss	a half
stat.	immediately
STS	serological test for syphilis
supp.	suppository

SVD	spontaneous vaginal delivery
T, Tbsp.	tablespoon
t, tsp.	teaspoon
T1, T2, T3...	thoracic vertebra 1, 2, 3, etc.
T ₃	triiodothyronine (thyroid hormone)
T ₄	thyroxine (thyroid hormone)
tab.	tablet
TAH	total abdominal hysterectomy
TAT	Thematic Apperception Test (personality test)
TB, Tb	tuberculin;tuberculosis
Td	tetanus and diphtheria toxoid
TENS	transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation
TFT	thyroid function test
THR	total hip replacement
TIA	transient ischemic attack
t.i.d.	three times a day
tinct., tr.	tincture
TKR	total knee replacement
TM	tympanic membrane
TMJ	temporomandibular joint
TNM	staging system for malignant neoplasms
TO	telephone order
TPAL	term, pre-term, abortions, living (this is used on obstetrical history)

	forms to obtain pertinent data)
TPR	temperature, pulse, and respiration
TSH	thyroid-stimulating hormone
TTS	temporary threshold shift
TUR	transurethral resection
TURP	transurethral resection of the prostate gland
TVH	total vaginal hysterectomy
U	unit
U	uranium
u/s	ultrasound
UA	urinalysis
UC	uterine contraction
UGI	upper gastrointestinal (series)
ung., oint.	ointment
URI	upper respiratory infection
USP/NF	United States Pharmacopeia/National Formulary
UTI	urinary tract infection
UV	ultraviolet (light)
VA	visual acuity
VDRL	Venereal Disease Research Laboratory
vf	visual field
VLDL	very low density lipoprotein
VO	verbal order

VSD	ventricular septal defect
VT	ventricular tachycardia
VUG	voiding cystourethrogram
WAIS	Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale
WBC	white blood cell (leukocyte); white blood count
WISC	Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children
x	times, multiplied by
XP; XDP	xeroderma pigmentosum