

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

<u>DEFINITION</u>	<u>ABBREVIATION</u>
abortion	AB
accommodation	acc
acid-fast bacillus	AFB
acquired immunodeficiency syndrome	AIDS
acute glomerular nephritis	AGN
acute lymphatic leukemia	ALL
acute myelogenous leukemia	AML
acute myocardial infarction	AMI
acute renal failure	ARF
acute respiratory disease (or distress)	ARD
acute respiratory distress syndrome	ARDS
acute respiratory failure	ARF
adrenocorticotrophic hormone	ACTH
advance directive	AD
after	p
after meals	p.c.
afternoon/evening	PM
AIDS-related complex	ARC
air conduction	AC

alanine aminotransferase	ALT
alpha-fetoprotein	AFP
alternate binaural loudness balance	ABLB
amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	ALS
anteroposterior	A.P.
antibody	Ab
anticancer drug combination of cyclophosphamide, methotrexate, and fluorouracil	CMF
anticancer drug combination of methotrexate, mercaptopurine, and cyclophosphamide	MTX
anticancer drug combination of Purinethos, Oncovin, methotrexate, and prednisone	POMP
antidiuretic hormone	ADH
antihemolytic globulin	AHG
antihemophilic factor (blood coagulation factor VIII)	AHF
aortic stenosis	AS
arterial blood gas(es)	ABG(s)
arteriosclerotic heart disease	ASHD
as needed	p.r.n.
aspartate aminotransferase (formerly SGOT)	AST
at bedtime (every hour of sleep)	q.h.s.
atrial septal defect	ASD
atrioventricular	A-V

attention deficit	AD
attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	ADHD
auditory brainstem response	ABR
autonomic nervous system	ANS
bacilli Calmetta-Gu`erin (vaccine)	BCG
barium	Ba
barium enema	BE
basal metabolic rate	BMR
before a meal (ante cibum)	a.c.
benign prostatic hyperplasia	BPH
bilateral otitis media	BOM
biopsy	Bx, bx
blood pressure	BP
blood urea nitrogen	BUN
blood-brain barrier	BBB
bone conduction	BC
bone marrow transplant	BMT
bundle branch block	BBB
calcium	Ca
calorie; Celsius (Centrigade)	C
cancer	Ca
Capsule(s)	cap(s)
carbon dioxide	CO ₂

carcinoembryonic antigen	CEA
carcinoma in situ	CIS
cardiac catheterization	CC
cardiopulmonary resuscitation	CPR
cardiovascular disease	CVD
catheter	Cath.
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	CDC
centimeter	cm
central nervous system	CNS
cerebrospinal fluid	CSF
cerebrovascular accident; stroke	CVA
cervical spine film	C-spine
cervical vertebra 1, 2, 3...	C1, C2, C3...
cervix	Cx
cesarean section	CS
cesarean section	C-section
chest x-ray	CXR
chief complaint	CC
cholesterol-lowering lipid	CLL
chronic lymphocytic leukemia	CLL
chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	COPD
chronic renal failure	CRF
chronological age	C.A.

combination drug regimen used in the treatment of cancer, prescribed in the treatment of Hodgkin's disease (mustargen, oncovin, procarbazine hydrochloride, and prednisone)	MOPP
complete blood (cell) count	CBC
computed axial tomography (scan)	CAT (scan)
computed tomography	CT
computed tomography (scan)	CT (scan)
congenital heart disease	CHD
congestive heart failure	CHF
continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis	CAPD
continuous cyclic peritoneal dialysis	CCPD
contraction stress test	CST
coronary artery bypass graft	CABG
coronary artery disease	CAD
coronary care unit; critical care unit	CCU
coronary heart disease	CHD
cubic centimeter	cc
cystoscopy	Cysto
cytomegalovirus	CMV
decibel	dB
decubitus (ulcer); bedsore	decub.
deep tendon reflex	DTR
deep vein thrombosis	DVT

delirium tremens	DTs
Denver Developmental Screening Test	DDST
deoxyribonucleic acid	DNA
dermatology	derm.
diabetes insipidus	DI
diabetes mellitus	DM
Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders	DSM
diethylstilbesterol	DES
differential diagnosis	diff. diag.
digital subtraction angiography	DSA
dilation and curettage	D & C
diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus (vaccine)	DPT
discoid lupus erythematosus	DLE
discontinue	dc, D/C
dispense	disp
distal interphalangeal (joint)	DIP
double strength	DS
Down syndrome	DS
dram	Dr.
draw a picture personality test	DAP
drops	Gtt, gtt
Drug Enforcement Administration	DEA
dual energy x-ray absorptiometry	DEXA

dynamic spatial reconstructor	DSR
dyspnea on exertion	DOE
each ear (auris unitas)	AU
each eye	OU
each eye (oculus uterque)	O.U.
ears, eyes, nose, and throat	EENT
ears, nose, and throat	ENT
echocardiography	ECHO
eczema, asthma, and hay fever	EAHF
Electrocardiogram; electrocardiograph	ECG
Electrocardiogram; electrocardiograph	EKG
electroconvulsive therapy	ECT
electroencephalogram	EEG
electromyogram	EMG
electronic fetal monitoring	EFM
electroretinogram	ERG
electroshock therapy	EST
elixir	Elix.
endocervical curettage	ECC
endometrial biopsy	EMB
endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography	ERCP
end-stage renal disease	ESRD
enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay	ELISA

eosinophils	eos.
Epstein-Barr virus	EBV
erythrocyte sedimentation rate	ESR
erythropoietin	EPO
esophageal atresia	EA
estrogen replacement therapy	ERT
every	q
every day	q.d.
every hour	q.h.
every morning	q. a.m.
every other day	q.o.d
every two hours, every three hours	q.2h., q.3h.
expected date of birth	EDB
expected date of confinement (<i>now</i> , EDD)	EDC
expected date of delivery (<i>formerly</i> , EDC)	EDD
extracapsular cataract extraction	ECCE
extracorporeal shock-wave lithotripsy	ESWL
extraocular muscles	EOM
Fahrenheit	F
fasting blood sugar	FBS
fetal heart rate	FHR
fetal heart sound	FHS
fetal heart tone	FHT

fluorescent antinuclear antibody	FANA
fluorescent treponemal antibody-absorption (a serological test for syphilis)	FTA-ABS
follicle-stimulating hormone	FSH
Food and Drug Administration	FDA
Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act	FDCA
four times a day	q.i.d
fracture	Fx
freely; as desired	ad lib.
frozen section	FS
gallon	gal
genitourinary	GU
glomerular filtration rate	GFR
glucose tolerance test	GTT
gonococcus; gonorrheal	GC
grain	gr
gram	G, Gm., gm
granulocyte colony-stimulating factor	G-CSF
granulocytes-macrophage colony-stimulating factor	GM-CSF
gravida (pregnant)	G
gravida, para, abortion	GPA
growth hormone	GH
gynecology	GYN

<i>haemophilus influenzae</i> type B (vaccine)	Hib
(a) half	ss
hearing disease	HD
hematocrit	HCT
hemodialysis	HD
hemoglobin	Hb
hemoglobin	Hbg
hemolytic disease of the newborn (erythroblastosis)	HDN
herpes simplex virus	HSV
herpes simplex virus, strain 2	HSV-2
high-density lipoprotein	HDL
histology	Histo
hour	h, hr
hour of sleep	h.s.
human chorionic gonadotropin	HCG
human immunodeficiency virus	HIV
hyaline membrane disease	HMD
hypertensive cardiovascular disease	HCVD
hysterosalpingography	HSG
idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura	ITP
if necessary	s.o.s
immediately	stat.
immunoglobulin A, D, E, G, M, respectively	IgA, IgD, IgE, IgG, IgM

incision and drainage	I & D
injection	inj.
insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus	IDDM
intelligence quotient	IQ
intermittent positive pressure breathing	IPPB
international unit	I.U.
intracapsular cataract extraction	ICCE
intracranial pressure	ICP
intra-dermal	ID
intramuscular	IM
intraocular lens	IOL
intraocular pressure	IOP
intrauterine device	IUD
intravenous	IV
intravenous cholangiography	IVC
intravenous pyelogram	IVP
intravenous urography	IVU
Kaposi's sarcoma	KS
kidneys, ureter, and bladder	KUB
kilogram	kg
labor and delivery	L & D
last menstrual period	Imp
left ear (auris sinistra)	AS

left eye	O.S.
left eye (ocular sinister)	O.S.
left lower extremity	LLE
left lower lobe (of the lung)	LLL
left lower quadrant	LLQ
left salpingo-oophorectomy	LSO
left upper extremity	LUE
left upper lobe (of the lung)	LUL
left upper quadrant	LUQ
level of consciousness	LOC
liter	L
low-density lipoprotein	LDL
lower gastrointestinal (series)	LGI
lumbar puncture	LP
lumbar vertebra 1, 2, 3...	L1, L2, L3...
(systemic) lupus erythematosus	LE
luteinizing hormone	LH
lymphocyte	lymph
lysergic acid diethylamide (an hallucinogenic)	LSD
magnetic resonance angiography	MRA
magnetic resonance imaging	MRI
mean corpuscular hemoglobin	MCH
mean corpuscular volume	MCV

mean-corpuscular hemoglobin concentration	MCHC
measles-mumps-rubella (vaccine)	MMR
melanocyte-stimulating hormone	MSH
mental age	MA
metacarpophalangeal (joint)	MCP
metastasis	mets
metatarsophalangeal (joint)	MTP
millequivalent	mEq
milligram	mg
milliliter	mL
minim	Mx
Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory	MMPI
mitral stenosis	MS
mitral valve prolapse	MVP
monocytes	mono.
morning	AM
multipara	Multip
multiple sclerosis	MS
muscular dystrophy	MD
myocardial infarction	MI
non stress test	NST
nongonococcal urethritis	NGU
non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	NHL

noninsulin-dependent diabetes mellitus	NIDDM
non-rapid eye movement (stage of sleep)	MREM
normal spontaneous delivery	NSD
normal-pressure hydrocephalus	NPH
nothing by mouth	n.p.o., NPO
nuclear magnetic resonance (imaging)	NMR
obsessive-compulsive disease	OCD
obstetrics	OB
of each; arteries	aa
ointment	oint., ung
ointment	ung., oint.
orally; by mouth (per os)	p.o.
ounce	oz
over the counter (drugs)	OTC
oxygen	O ₂
Papanicolaou smear	Pap
Papanicolaou test; smear method of examining stained exfoliative cells	Pap Smear
parathyroid hormone	PTH
paroxysmal atrial tachycardia	PAT
partial pressure of carbon dioxide dissolved in the blood	PaCO ₂
partial pressure of oxygen dissolved in the blood	PaO ₂
partial thromboplastin time	PTT

patent ductus arteriosus	PDA
pathology	Path
pelvic inflammatory disease	PID
percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty	PTCA
peripheral nervous system	PNS
permanent threshold shift	PTS
pernicious anemia	PA
phencyclidine (a psychoactive drug)	PCP
phenylketonuria	PKU
physical therapy	PT
Physicians' Desk Reference	PDR
pint	pt
<i>Pneumocystis carinii</i> pneumonia	PCP
pneumoencephalogram	PEG
polymorphonuclear leukocyte	poly.
polymorphonuclear neutrophil (leukocytes)	PMN
positron emission tomography	PET
posterior interphalangeal (joint)	PIP
posteroanterior	P-A; PA
potassium	K
potential hydrogen; hydrogen ion concentration; (abbreviation for the degree of acidity or alkalinity of a solution)	pH
pound	lb.

premature atrial contractions	PACs
premature ventricular contraction	PVC
premenstrual syndrome	PMS
primary care provider; primary care physician	PCP
primipara	Primip
progressive systemic scleroderma	PSS
prostate-specific antigen	PSA
protein-bound iodine	PBI
prothrombin time	PT
pulmonary artery	PA
pulmonary function tests	PFTs
pupils equal and reactive to light	PEARL
pupils equal; react to light and accommodation	PERLA
pupils equal; round, react to light, and accommodation	PERRLA
purified protein derivative (TB test)	PPD
quantity sufficient; as much as needed	q.s.
quart	qt
radiation absorbed dose	rad
radiation therapy; respiratory therapy	RT
radioactive iodine	RAI
radioactive iodine uptake	RAIU
radioimmunoassay	RIA
rapid eye movement (stage of sleep)	REM

reading test	RT
rectal	R
red blood cell (erythrocytes); red blood count	RBC
respiration	R
respiratory distress syndrome	RDS
retrograde pyelogram	RP
rheumatoid arthritis	RA
rheumatoid factor	RF
ribonucleic acid	RNA
right ear (auris dextra)	AD
right eye	O.D.
right eye (ocular dexter)	O.D.
right lower extremity	RLE
right lower lobe (of the lung)	RLL
right lower quadrant	RLQ
right middle lobe (of the lung)	RML
right salpingo-oophorectomy	RSO
right upper extremity	RUE
right upper lobe (of the lung)	RUL
right upper quadrant	RUQ
sacrum	S1
seasonal affective disorder	SAD
sedimentation rate	Sed rate

segmented neutrophils	segs
serological test for syphilis	STS
shortness of breath	SOB
silver; antigen	Ag
single-photon emission computer tomography	SPECT
sinoatrial	SA
small bowel series	SBS
sodium	Na
solution	sol
somatic nervous system	SNS
specific gravity	sp. gr.
spontaneous vaginal delivery	SVD
staging system for malignant neoplasms	TNM
Subcutaneous(ly)	SC, subq, sub-Q
sudden infant death syndrome	SIDS
suppository	supp.
systemic lupus erythematosus	SLE
tablespoon	T, Tbsp.
tablet	tab.
take; treatment; prescription	Rx
teaspoon	t, tsp.
telephone order	TO
temperature, pulse, and respiration	TPR

temporary threshold shift	TTS
temporomandibular joint	TMJ
term, pre-term, abortions, living (this is used on obstetrical history forms to obtain pertinent data)	TPAL
tetanus and diphtheria toxoid	Td
Thematic Apperception Test (personality test)	TAT
thoracic vertebra 1, 2, 3, etc.	T1, T2, T3...
three basic blood groups: A, AB, B, and O	ABO
three times a day	t.i.d.
thyroid function test	TFT
thyroid-stimulating hormone	TSH
thyroxine (thyroid hormone)	T ₄
times, multiplied by	x
tincture	tinct., tr.
total abdominal hysterectomy	TAH
total hip replacement	THR
total knee replacement	TKR
total vaginal hysterectomy	TVH
transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation	TENS
transient ischemic attack	TIA
transurethral resection	TUR
transurethral resection of the prostate gland	TURP
triiodothyronine (thyroid hormone)	T ₃

tuberculin;tuberculosis	TB, Tb
twice a day	b.i.d.
tympanic membrane	TM
ultrasound	u/s
ultraviolet (light)	UV
unit	U
United States Pharmacopeia/National Formulary	USP/NF
upper gastrointestinal (series)	UGI
upper respiratory infection	URI
uranium	U
urinalysis	UA
urinary tract infection	UTI
uterine contraction	UC
Venereal Disease Research Laboratory	VDRL
ventricular septal defect	VSD
ventricular tachycardia	VT
verbal order	VO
very low density lipoprotein	VLDL
visual acuity	VA
visual field	vf
voiding cystourethrogram	VUG
water	AQ, aq
water	H ₂ O

Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale	WAIS
Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children	WISC
white blood cell (leukocyte); white blood count	WBC
with	c
with correction (with glasses)	CC
without	s
without correction	SC
write on label (let it be labeled)	Sig.
xeroderma pigmentosum	XP; XDP