

MEDICAL TERMS and ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATIONS:

MEANING:

1. abd	Abdomen
2. a.c.	Before meals
3. ADL	Activities of Daily Living
4. Ad Lib	As desired
5. ADM (adm)	Admitted or admission
6. AM (am)	Morning
7. amb	Ambulatory
8. ap	Apical
9. approx.	Approximately
10. assist	Assistance
11. ax	Axilla or axillary / underarm
12. b.i.d.	Twice a day
13. BM (bm)	Bowel Movement
14. BP	Blood Pressure
15. BRP	Bathroom Privileges

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ABBREVIATIONS:

MEANING:

16. c	With
17. Ca	Cancer
18. Cath	Catheter
19. CBC	Complete Blood Count
20. CBR	Complete Bed Rest
21. cc	Cubic Centimeter
22. CCU	Coronary Care Unit
23. c/o	Complaint of
24. CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitaion
25. C/S	Culture and Sensitivity
26. CVA	Cerebrovascular Accident, Stroke
27. dc (d/c)	Discontinue
28. DOA	Dead on Arrival
29. DON	Director of Nurses

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ABBREVIATIONS:

MEANING:

30. DR.	Doctor
31. dr	Dram
32. drsg	Dressing
33. Dx	Diagnosis
34. ECG (EKG)	Electrocardiogram
35. EEG	Electroencephalogram
36. ER	Emergency Room
37. F	Fahrenheit
38. FBS	Fasting Blood Sugar
39. FF	Force Fluids (<u>enouraage fluids</u>)
40. fld	Fluid
41. foley	Urinary Catheter
42. ft	Foot or Feet

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ABBREVIATIONS:

MEANING:

43. gal

Gallon

44. GI

Gastrointestinal

45. h (hr.)

Hour

46. H₂ O

Water

47. H₂ O₂

Hydrogen Peroxide

48. H.S. (h.s.)

Hour of Sleep

49. ht

Height

50. ICU

Intensive Care Unit

51. in.

Inch

52. I & O

Intake and Output

53. IV

Intravenous

54. KG

Kilogram

55. L

Liter

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ABBREVIATIONS:

MEANING:

56. Lab	Laboratory
57. lb	Pound
58. liq	Liquid
59. LLQ	Left Lower Quadrant
60. LMP	Last Menstrual Period
61. LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
62. lt	Left
63. LVN	Licensed Vocational Nurse
64. LUQ	Left Upper Quadrant
65. meds	Medications
66. MG	Milligram
67. MI	Myocardial Infarction (<u>Heart Attack</u>)
68. mid noc	Midnight

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ABBREVIATIONS:

MEANING:

69. min

Minute

70. ml

Milliliter

71. NA

Nursing Assistant

72. neg

Negative

73. nil

None

74. no

Number

75. noc

Night

76. NPO

Nothing by Mouth

77. O
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Oxygen

78. OB

Obstetrics

79. OD

RT eye

80. OJ

Orange Juice

81. OOB

Out of Bed

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ABBREVIATIONS:

MEANING:

82. OR	Out of Bed
83. OR	Operating Room
84. Ord	Orderly (male Nursing Assistant)
85. OS	LT eye
86. Osteo	Bone
87. OT	Occupational Therapy
88. OU	Both eyes
89. Oz (oz)	Ounce
90. PAR	Post Anesthesia Room
91. p.c.	After meals
92. PCP	Patient Care Plan
93. Peds	Pediatrics
94. per	by, through
95. PM (pm)	Afternoon

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ABBREVIATIONS:

MEANING:

96. Pneumo	Lung
97. p.o. (per os)	By mouth
98. post – op / (post op)	Postoperative
99. pre-op / (pre op)	Preoperative
100. prep	Preparation
101. p.r.n.	When necessary
102. Psych	Related to Psychology
103. Pt (pt)	Patient
104. PT	Physical Therapy
105. q	Every
106. q.d.	Every day
107. q.h.	Every hour
108. q2h, q3h, ect...	Every 2 hours, every 3 hours, ect...
109. q.h.s.	Every night at bedtime

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ABBREVIATIONS:

MEANING:

110. q.i.d.	Four times a day
111. q.o.d.	Every other day
112. R	Rectal Temperature
113. RLQ	Right Lower Quadrant
114. RN	Registered Nurse
115. ROM	Range of Motion
116. RR	Recovery Room
117. rt	Right
118. RUQ	Right Upper Quadrant
119. RX	Prescription
120. S/A	Sugar and Acetone
121. $\frac{\quad}{s}$	Without
122. Spec (spec)	Specimen

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ABBREVIATIONS:

MEANING:

123. SSE	Soap Suds Enema
124. ss	One half (½)
125. STAT (stat)	At once, immediately
126. Sub-Q	Subcutaneous
127. Surg	Surgery
128. tbsp	Tablespoon
129. t.i.d.	Three times a day
130. TLC	Tender Loving Care
131. TPR	Temperature, Pulse and Respirations
132. tsp	Teaspoon
133. U/A (u/a)	Urinalysis
134. VS (V/S, vs)	Vital Signs
135. WBC	White Blood Cell Count
136. w/c	Wheelchair

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ABBREVIATIONS:

MEANING:

137. wt

Weight

138. UNG

Ointment

139. TWE

Tap Water Enema

140. Tab

Tablet

141. Supp

Suppository

142. RBC

Red Blood Cell Count