

Non-Comprehensive List of Medical Abbreviations

2/2 = secondary to
A&P = Assessment and Plan
A&P = Anterior and Posterior colporrhaphy
AAA = Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
AB = ABortion
Ab = Antibody
ABG = Arterial Blood Gas
ABI = Ankle Brachial Index
ABLA = Acute Blood Loss Anemia
ABPA = Allergic BronchoPulmonary Aspergillosis
Abx = Antibiotics
AC = Anti-Coagulation
AC = Assist Control (ventilator mode)
AC = before meals
ACS = Acute Coronary Syndrome
ACEI = Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibitor
Afib = Atrial fibrillation
AFL = Atrial FLutter
AFVSS = AFebrile, Vital Signs Stable
AHRF = Acute Hypoxic Respiratory Failure
AI = Adrenal Insufficiency
AI = Aortic Insufficiency
AICD = Automated Implantable Cardiac Defibrillator
AIDP = Acute Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyradiculoneuropathy
AIH = Auto-Immune Hepatitis
AIHA = Auto-Immune Hemolytic Anemia
AIN = Acute Interstitial Nephritis
AKA = Above Knee Amputation
AKI = Acute Kidney Injury
ALF = Acute Liver Failure
ALF = Assisted Living Facility
ALS = Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
AMA = Against Medical Advice
AMS = Altered Mental Status
APAP = Acetaminophen
APAP = Automatic Positive Airway Pressure
APLS = Anti-PhosphoLipid Syndrome
AR = Aortic Regurgitation
ARB = Angiotensin-Receptor Blocker
ARDS = Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome
ARF = Acute Renal Failure
ARNI = Angiotensin-Receptor Neprilysin Inhibitor
AROM = Active Range of Motion
ART = AntiRetroviral Therapy
ARU = Acute Rehabilitation Unit
AS = Aortic Stenosis
ASA = Aspirin
ASCUS = Atypical Cells of Undetermined Significance

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ASP = Antimicrobial Stewardship Program
ATN = Acute Tubular Necrosis
AVM = ArterioVenous Malformation
AVNRT = AtrioVentricular Node Reentry Tachycardia
AVR = Aortic Valve Repair
AVRT = AtrioVentricular Reentry Tachycardia
AVS = Acute Vestibular Syndrome
AVSS = Afebrile, Vital Signs Stable
B&C = Board & Care
BG = Blood Glucose
BIB = Brought In By
BID = twice per day ≠ q12h
BiV = BiVentricular
BKA = Below Knee Amputation
BLE = Bilateral Lower Extremity
BMI = Body Mass Index
BMS = Bare Metal Stent
BMT = Bone Marrow Transplant
BPAP = Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure
BPH = Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy
BRBPR = Bright Red Blood Per Rectum
BRTO = Balloon-occluded Retrograde Transvenous Obliteration
BSO = Bilateral Salpingo-Oophorectomy
BTL = Bilateral Tubal Ligation
BUE = Bilateral Upper Extremity
bx = biopsy
c̄ = with
c/b = complicated by
c/f = concerning for
c/o = complaining of
c/w = consistent with
CABG = Coronary Artery Bypass Graft
CAC score = Coronary Artery Calcium score
CAD = Coronary Artery Disease
CAP = Community-Acquired Pneumonia
CCE = Cyanosis, Clubbing, Edema
CD = Cesarean Delivery
CEA = Carotid EndArterectomy
CHF = Congestive Heart Failure
CI = Cardiac Index
CIDP = Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyradiculoneuropathy
CIN = Contrast-Induced Nephrotoxicity
CIN = Cervical Intraepithelial Neoplasia
CKD = Chronic Kidney Disease
CLD = Clear Liquid Diet
CMY = Cardiomyopathy
CNH = Community Nursing Home = SNF
CNS = Central Nervous System

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CO = Cardiac Output
CONS = COagulase-Negative Staphylococcus
COPD = Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CP = Chest Pain
CPAP = Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
CPM = Central Pontine Myelinolysis
CRC = ColoRectal Cancer
CRE = Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacterales
CRO = Ceftriaxone
CRRT = Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy
CRS = CardioRenal Syndrome
CRT-D = Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy Defibrillator
CRT-P = Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy Pacemaker
CSF = CerebroSpinal Fluid
CT = Computerized Tomography
CTEPH = Chronic ThromboEmbolic Pulmonary Hypertension
CTI = CavoTricuspid Isthmus
ctm = continue to monitor (avoid using this entirely in notes as it does not add value)
CVA = CerebroVascular Accident (use "Stroke" instead)
CVAT = CostoVertebral Angle Tenderness
CVP = Central Venous Pressure
CXR = Chest X-Ray
d/c = discontinue
d/c = discharge
d/t = due to
D&C = Dilation and Curettage
DCCV = Direct Current CardioVersion
DDD = Degenerative Disc Disease
DDRT = Deceased Donor Renal Transplant
Ddx = Differential diagnosis
DES = Drug-Eluting Stent
DILI = Drug-Induced Liver Injury
DKA = Diabetic KetoAcidosis
DM = Diabetes Mellitus
DMARD = Disease-Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drugs
DNAR = Do Not Attempt Resuscitation
DNI = Do Not Intubate
DNR = Do Not Resuscitate
DOAC = Direct Oral AntiCoagulation (prefer this over "NOAC")
DOE = Dyspnea On Exertion
DOT = Directly Observed Therapy (tends to be used to describe certain treatment courses for TB)
DWA = Discussed With Attending
DVT = Deep Vein Thrombosis
Dx = Diagnosis
e/o = evidence of
EBL = Estimated Blood Loss
EBUS = EndoBronchial UltraSound
ECC = EndoCervical Curettage

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ECMO = ExtraCorporeal Membrane Oxygenation
EDD = Estimated Date of Delivery
EEG = ElectroEncephaloGram
EF = Ejection Fraction (usually implies Left Ventricle)
EFW = Estimated Fetal Weight
EGA = Estimated Gestational Age
EGD = EsophagoGastroDuodenoscopy
EKG = ECG = ElectroCardioGram
EMG = ElectroMyoGraphy
EMS = Emergency Medical Services (EMTs or Paramedics)
EOE = EOsinophilic Esophagitis
EOMI = ExtraOcular Movements Intact
EPAP = Expiratory Positive Airway Pressure
ERCP = Endoscopic Retrograde CholangioPancreatography
ESBL = Extended-Spectrum Beta-Lactamase
ESRD = End-Stage Renal Disease
EtOH = Alcohol
EUA = Examination Under Anesthesia
EUS = Endoscopic UltraSound
EV = Esophageal Varices
EVALI = E-cigarette or Vaping Use-Associated Lung Injury
Ex lap = Exploratory laparoscopy
Ex lap = Exploratory laparotomy
f/u = follow-up
FEES = Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing
FFP = Fresh Frozen Plasma
FFR = Fractional Flow Reserve
FFWU = Full Fever Work-Up
FGR = Fetal Growth Restriction
FHR = Fetal Heart Rate
FM = Face Mask
FNA = Fine Needle Aspiration
FOOSH = Fall On OutStretched Hand
FPG = Fasting Plasma Glucose
Fx = Fracture
G#P#A# = Gravida # Parita # Abortus # (Gravida = # of pregnancies, Parita = # of births of viable offspring, Abortus = # of abortions)
GAD = Generalized Anxiety Disorder
GAVE = Gastric Antral Vascular Ectasia
GBS = Guillain-Barré Syndrome
GBS = Group B Strep
GDMT = Goal-Directed Medical Therapy (used in sepsis)
GDMT = Guideline-Directed Medical Therapy (used in heart failure)
GE = Gastric Varices
GERD = GastroEsophageal Reflux Disease
GH = Gestational Hypertension
GIB = GastroIntestinal Bleed
GJ tube = Gastrostomy-Jejunostomy tube

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GSW = GunShot Wound
gtt = drop
GvHD = Graft-versus-Host Disease
H/A = HeadAche
h/o = history of
HAART = Highly Active AntiRetroviral Therapy (don't use this anymore, just use ART)
HAP = Hospital-Acquired Pneumonia
HCAP = HealthCare-Associated Pneumonia (this term should no longer be used)
HD = HemoDialysis
HE = Hepatic Encephalopathy
HFimpEF = Heart Failure with Improved Ejection Fraction
HFmrEF = Heart Failure with Moderately Reduced Ejection Fraction
HFpEF = Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction
HFrEF = Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction
HHS = Hyperglycemic Hyperosmolar Syndrome
HIDA = Hepatobiliary IminoDiacetic Acid
HL = Hodgkin Lymphoma
HLD = HyperLipiDemia
HOCM = Hypertrophic Obstructive CardioMyopathy
HPS = HepatoPulmonary Syndrome
HRCT = High-Resolution Computerized Tomography
HRS = HepatoRenal Syndrome
HRT = Hormone Replacement Therapy
HSM = HepatoSplenoMegaly
HTN = Hypertension
hypoTN = hypotension
I&D = Incision & Drainage
IABP = Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump
IBD = Inflammatory Bowel Disease
ICD = Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator
ICH = IntraCranial Hemorrhage
iCMY = ischemic Cardiomyopathy
ICP = IntraCranial Pressure
IDA = Iron-Deficiency Anemia
IDDM = Insulin-Dependent Diabetes Mellitus
IE = Infective Endocarditis
ILD = Interstitial Lung Disease
IM = intramuscular
IOP = IntraOcular pressure
IPAP = Inspiratory Positive Airway Pressure
IPF = Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis
IRIS = Immune Reconstitution Inflammatory Syndrome
iso = in setting of
ISS = Insulin Sliding Scale
ITP = Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura
IUD = IntraUterine Device
IUFD = IntraUterine Fetal Death
IUGR = IntraUterine Growth Restriction

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IUP = IntraUterine Pregnancy
IV = IntraVenous
IVC = Inferior Vena Cava
IVF = In Vitro Fertilization
IVF = IntraVenous Fluid
IVP = IntraVenous Push
IVPB = IntraVenous PiggyBack
JVD = Jugular Venous Distension
JVP = Jugular Venous Pressure
L&D = Labor & Delivery
LAD = LymphADenopathy
LAFB = Left Anterior Fascicular Block
Lap appy = Laparoscopic Appendectomy
Lap chole = Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy
LAVH = Laparoscopic-Assisted Vaginal Hysterectomy
LBBB = Left Bundle Branch Block
LBP = Lower Back Pain
LEEP = Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedure
LES = Lower Esophageal Sphincter
LFT = Liver Function Test (avoid using this term - use "hepatic enzymes" instead)
LGA = Large for Gestational Age
LGIB = Low GastroIntestinal Bleed
LHC = Left Heart Catheterization
LMP = Last Menstrual Period
LMWH = Low-Molecular-Weight Heparin
LN = Lymph Node
LOC = Loss of Consciousness
LP = Lumbar Puncture
LPFB = Left Posterior Fascicular Block
LRTI = Lower Respiratory Tract Infection
LUTS = Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms
LVAD = Left Ventricular Assist Device
LVEDP = Left Ventricular End-Diastolic Pressure
LVEF = Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction
LVH = Left Ventricular Hypertrophy
LVOT = Left Ventricular Outflow Tract
m/r/g = murmurs, rubs, gallops
MAC = Monitored Anesthesia Care
MAC = Mycobacterium Avium Complex
MBSS = Modified Barium Swallow Study
MDD = Major Depressive Disorder
MDM = Medical Decision Making
MDR = Multi-Drug Resistant
MDRO = Multi-Drug Resistant Organism
Medi-Medi = Medicare + Medicaid
MET = Metabolic Equivalent of Task
MI = Myocardial Infarction
MIS = Minimally Invasive Surgery

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MMF = Mycophenylate MoFetil
MMSE = Mini-Mental Status Exam
MR = Mitral Valve Regurgitation
MRA = Mineralocorticoid Receptor Antagonist
MRCP = Magnetic Resonance CholangioPancreatography
MRI = Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MRSA= Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus
MS = Multiple Sclerosis
MSSA = Methicillin-Sensitive Staphylococcus Aureus
MTB = Mycobacterium TuBerculosis
MUA = Manipulation Under Anesthesia
MVA = Motor Vehicle Accident
MVC = Motor Vehicle Collision
MVR = Mitral Valve Regurgitation (not common)
MVR = Mitral Valve Repair
n/v = nausea vomiting
n/v/d = nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
NABS = NormoActive Bowel Sounds
NAD = No Apparent Distress
NAEO = No Acute Events Overnight
NAFLD = Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease
NASH = Non-Alcoholic SteatoHepatitis
NC = Nasal Cannula
NCS = Nerve Conduction Study
NGT = NasoGastric Tube
NHL = Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma
niCMY = non-ischemic Cardiomyopathy
NIPPV = Non-Invasive Positive Pressure Ventilation
NKDA = No Known Drug Allergies
NMTB = Non-Mycobacterial TuBerculosis
NOAC = Novel Oral AntiCoagulation (use "DOAC - Direct Oral AntiCoagulation" instead, it is no longer novel)
NP = Nurse Practitioner
NPO = Nothing Per Os = Nothing by Mouth
NSTI = Necrotizing Soft Tissue Infection
NTND = Non-Tender, Non-Distended
OCP = Oral Contraceptive Pill
ODS = Osmotic Demyelinating Syndrome (use "CPM - Central Pontine Myelinolysis" instead)
OGT = OroGastric Tube
OHT = Orthotopic Heart Transplant
OLT = Orthotopic Liver Transplant
OM = Osteomyelitis
OPAT = Outpatient Parenteral Antibiotic Therapy
ORIF = Open Reduction Internal Fixation
OSH = OutSide Hospital (instead of using this, try to list the name of the hospital)
OT = Occupational Therapy
OTC = Over The Counter
PA = Physician Assistants/Associate
PAD = Peripheral Artery Disease

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pAfib = Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation
PAP = PAPanicolaou smear
PASP = Pulmonary Artery Systolic Pressure
PBC = Primary Biliary Cholangitis
PCA = Patient-Controlled Analgesia
PCI = Percutaneous Coronary Intervention
PCOS = Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome
PD = Peritoneal Dialysis
PDA = Patent Ductus Arteriosus
PE = Pulmonary Embolism
PEA = Pulseless Electrical Activity
PERRL = Pupils Equal, Round, Reactive to Light
PERRL = Pupils Equal, Round, Reactive to Light and Accommodation
PFO = Patent Foramen Ovale
PFT = Pulmonary Function test
pHTN = Pulmonary Hypertension
PICC = Percutaneous Inserted Central Catheter
PIP = Positive Inspiratory Pressure
PJI = Prosthetic Joint Infection
PLF = Posterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion
PMH = Past Medical History
PO = Per Os = by mouth
POA = Present On Admission
POBA = Plain Old Balloon Angioplasty
POCUS = Point-Of-Care UltraSound
POD = PostOperative Day
PP = PostPartum
PPH = PostPartum Hemorrhage
PPM = Permanent PaceMaker
PPS = Porto-Pulmonary Syndrome
ppx = prophylaxis
PR = per rectum
pRBC = packed Red Blood Cell
PRN = as needed for
PROM = Passive Range of Motion
PROM = Premature Rupture of Membranes
PRVC = Pressure Regulated Volume Control (ventilator mode)
PSA = PolySubstance Abuse
PsA = Pseudomonas Aeruginosa
PSP = Progressive Supranuclear Palsy
PT = Physical Therapy
PTA = Prior To Admission
PTL = Pre-Term Labor
PTLD = Post-Transplant Lymphoproliferative Disorder
PUD = Peptic Ulcer Disease
PVD = Peripheral Vascular Disease
PVI = Pulmonary Vein Isolation
q12h = every twelve hours ≠ BID

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q6h = every 6 hours ≠ QID
q8h = every eight hours ≠ TID
qday = daily (best to avoid qday)
QHS = every night before bedtime ≠ qPM
QID = four times per day ≠ q6h
qod = every other day
QoL = Quality of Life
qPM = every evening ≠ QHS
r/o = rule out
r/t = related to
RA = Rheumatoid Arthritis
RA = Room Air
RBBB = Right Bundle Branch Block
RCFE = Residential Care Facility for the Elderly = ALF = B&C
RD = Registered Dietician
RFA = Radio Frequency Ablation
RHC = Right Heart Catheterization
RN = Registered Nurse
ROSC = Return of Spontaneous Circulation
RSBI = Rapid Shallow Breathing Index
RSI = Rapid-Sequence Intubation
RT = Respiratory Therapy
RV = Residual Volume
RV = Right Ventricle
RVR = Rapid Ventricular Response (HR > 100 bpm, used specifically in A-fib)
RVSP = Right Ventricular Systolic Pressure
S/D ratio = Systolic/Diastolic Ratio
s/p = status-post (this means “after”)
s/s = signs and symptoms
SAB = Spontaneous ABortion
SAH = SubArachnoidHemorrhage
SCAD = Spontaneous Coronary Artery Dissection
SCD = Sequential Compression Device (can be used to help prevent deep vein thrombosis)
SCUF = Slow Continuous UltraFiltration
SDH = SubDural Hematoma
SIADH = Syndrome of Inappropriate Diuretic Hormone
SILT = Sensation Intact to Light Touch
SIMV = Synchronized Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation (SIMV)
SIRS = Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome
SLE = Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
SNF = Skilled Nursing Facility = CNH
SOB = Shortness of Breath
SOT = Solid Organ Transplant
SROM = Spontaneous Rupture Of Membranes
SSI = Sliding Scale Insulin

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SSS = Sick Sinus Syndrome
SSTI = Skin and Soft Tissue Infection
STI = Sexually Transmitted Infection
subQ = subcutaneous
SUI = Stress Urinary Incontinence
SVD = Spontaneous Vaginal Delivery
SVR = Systemic Vascular Resistance
Sx = Surgery
sx = symptoms
T/E/D = Tobacco, EtOh (alcohol), Drugs (this should be part of your Social History, but should not be your entire Social History)
T1DM = Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus
T2DM = Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus
TACO = Transfusion-Associated Circulatory Overload
TAH = Total Abdominal Hysterectomy
TAH-BSO = Total Abdominal Hysterectomy with Bilateral Salpingo-Oophorectomy
TAPSE = Tricuspid Annular Plane Systolic Excursion
TAVI = Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation
TAVR = Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement
TBI = Toe Brachial Index
TBI = Traumatic Brain Injury
TCD = TransCranial Doppler
TEE = TransEsophageal Echocardiography
TIA = Transient Ischemic Attack
TID = three times per day ≠ q8h
TIPS = Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunt
TLH = Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy
TLSO brace = Thoracic Lumbar Sacral Orthosis brace
TRALI = Transfusion-Related Acute Lung Injury
TTE = TransThoracic Echocardiography
TTP = Tenderness To Palpation
TURBT = TransUrethral Resection of Bladder Tumor
TURP = TransUrethral Resection of Prostate
TVH = Total Vaginal Hysterectomy
TWI = T-Wave Inversion
tx = transplant
Tx = treatment
U/A = UrinAlysis
U/S = UltraSound
UES = Upper Esophageal Sphincter
UF = UltraFiltration (amount of fluid removed during dialysis)
UGIB = Upper GastroIntestinal Bleed
ULN = Upper Limit of Normal
URI = Upper Respiratory Infection
USOH = Usual State of Health
UTI = Urinary Tract Infection
VAD = Ventricular Assist Device
VAP = Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia

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VATS = Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery
VBAC = Vaginal Birth After Cesarean delivery
VBG = Venous Blood Gas
VC = Volume Control (ventilator mode)
VL = Viral Load
VP shunt = VentriculoPeritoneal shunt
VRE = Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococcus
VTE = Venous ThromboEmbolism
w/ = with
w/d = withdrawal
w/o = without
w/u = work-up
WBAT = Weight-Bearing As Tolerated
wnl = within normal limits
WNV= West Nile Virus
WWP = Warm, Well-Perfused
XRT = X-ray Radiation Therapy
yo = year-old