Medical Abbreviation List

**General Terms**

- ABG – arterial blood gas
- ADM - admission, admitted
- ASAP - as soon as possible
- ALS - advanced life support
- AMA - against medical advice
- ASAP - as soon as possible
- A&W - alive and well
- C - centigrade, celsius
- CC - chief complaint
- C/O - complains of
- CO2 - carbon dioxide
- DNR - do not resuscitate
- DO - disorder
- DOA - dead on arrival or date of admission
- DOB - date of birth
- EDC - estimated date of confinement
- EDD - estimated delivery date
- EGA - estimated gestational age
- ER - emergency room
- F - fahrenheit
- FNF - finger to nose
- H&P - history and physical examination
- HPI - history of present illness
- H/O - history of
- HR - heart rate or hour
- ICU - intensive care unit
- ID - infectious diseases
- IP - inpatient
- IQ - intelligence quotient
- MG - milligram
- MVA - motor vehicle accident
- ML - milliliters
- NKDA - no known drug allergies
- NTG - nitroglycerin
- O2 - oxygen
- OPD - outpatient department
- P - pulse
- Post-op - postoperative (after surgery)
- Pre-op - preoperative (before surgery)
- PA or PT - patient
- PCP - primary care physician
- RBC - red blood cell
- RF - risk factor
- S - without
- SX - symptoms
- S/S - signs and symptoms
- STAT - immediately
- T - temperature
- TPR - temperature, pulse, respiration
- USOH - usual state of health
- VS - vital signs
- VSS - vital signs stable
- WB - whole blood
- WBC - white blood cell
- WNL - within normal limits

**Prescription**

- ABX - antibiotics
- AC - before meals
- Ad lib - at will, as desired
- BID - bis in dies (twice a day)
- CAP - capsule
- GTT - drop-liquid measurement
- MDD - maximum daily dose
- NPO - nothing by mouth
- OCP - oral contraceptive pill
- OPV - oral polio vaccine
- OTC - over the counter
- PC - after meals
- PCN - penicillin
- PNV - pre-natal vitamins
- PO - per os (by mouth)
- PRN - as needed
- q2h - every 2 hours
- q3h - every 3 hours
- qam - every morning
- qh - once every hour
- qhs - at bedtime
- qid - four times a day
- qpm - every evening
- RDI - recommended daily intake
- Rx - prescription, treatment
- TAB – tablet
- Tid – three times a day

**Care**

- AXR - abdominal x-ray
- BAL - blood alcohol level
- BC - birth control
- BE - barium enema
- BMT - bone marrow transplant
- Bx - biopsy
- CPR - cardiopulmonary resuscitation
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### Diagnosis or Condition

- ADHD - attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
- AF - acid-fast
- AIDS - acquired immune deficiency syndrome
- A&O - alert and oriented
- AOB - alcohol on breath
- ARDS - adult respiratory distress syndrome
- ARF - acute renal failure, acute rheumatic fever
- BAD - bipolar affective disorder
- BM - bowel movement
- BP - blood pressure
- CA - cancer
- CAB - carotid artery bruit
- CABG - coronary artery bypass graft
- CAD - coronary artery disease
- CBC - complete blood count
- CF - cystic fibrosis
- C/F - chills, fever
- CFT - complement fixation testing
IDDM - insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
IPF - idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
IUI - intrauterine insemination
IUP - intrauterine pregnancy
IVF - in vitro fertilization
IVIG - intravenous immune globulin
IVP - intravenous push
JCV - JC virus
JRA - juvenile rheumatoid arthritis
JVD - jugular venous distension
LAD - leukocyte adhesion deficiency
LBP - lower back pain
LBW - low birth weight
LIH - left inguinal hernia
LOF - loss of fluid
MD - muscular dystrophy
MR - mental retardation
MS - multiple sclerosis
NAD - no acute distress
Nat/O - birth
NIDDM - non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
NM - neuromuscular
N/V - nausea vomiting
NVD - normal vaginal delivery
OCD - obsessive compulsive disorder
ON - optic neuritis
OSA - obstructive sleep apnea
PD - Parkinson's disease
PE - pulmonary embolism
PKD - polycystic kidney disease
PID - pelvic inflammatory disease
PIH - pregnancy induced hypertension
PMS - premenstrual syndrome
PTSD - post-traumatic stress disorder
RA - rheumatoid arthritis
RAD - reactive airway disease
RDS - respiratory distress syndrome
REM - rapid eye movements
RHD - rheumatic heart disease
RXN - reaction
SAB - spontaneous abortion
SBO - small bowel obstruction
SBS - shaken baby syndrome
SOB - shortness of breath
STD - sexually transmitted disease
TAH - total abdominal hysterectomy
TB - tuberculosis
TBI - traumatic brain injury
TGA - transient global amnesia
UC - ulcerative colitis
UO - urine output
URI - upper respiratory infection
UTI - urinary tract infection
VB - vaginal bleeding
VBAC - vaginal birth after caesarean section
VF - ventricular fibrillation
VH - vaginal hysterectomy, hallucination
VIP - voluntary interruption of pregnancy

Body Description

ABD - abdomen
BMD - bone mass density
BMI - body mass index
BMR - basic metabolic rate
CBD - common bile duct
CBF - cerebral blood flow
FROM - free range of motion
HC - head circumference
IBW - ideal body weight
LLL - left lower lobe
LLQ - left lower quadrant
LUL - left upper lobe
LUQ - left upper quadrant
LV - left ventricle
PNS - peripheral nervous system
RA - right atrium
RUL - right upper lobe
RUQ - right upper quadrant
RV - right ventricle, residual volume
TLC - total lung capacity
UE - upper extremity
WT - weight