

SHC Approved Abbreviations Acronyms and Symbols

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A

á	before
A	assist assistance artery assessment
AA	alopecia areata
AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm
AAL	activity ad lib anterior axillary line
AAO	awake, alert, oriented
AARC	American Association for Respiratory Care
AAROM	active assisted range of motion
Ab	antibody
ABC	argon beam coagulation
abd	abdomen abduction
ABG	arterial blood gasses
abn ABN	abnormal Advanced Beneficiary Notice
AC	auditory comprehension
ACT	activated clotting time
ABO	abortion
APB	arterial blood pressure
ABW	adjusted body weight
ABx	antibiotic
ac	before meals
AC	antecubital aircraft
A/C	assist/control
ACC Acc	Accutane
ACD	allergic contact dermatitis
ACEI	angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor
achr	achrochordon
ACI	after care instructions acceleration index
ACIOL	anterior chamber intraocular lens
ACIS	after care instruction sheet
ACL	anterior cruciate ligament
ACLE	acute cutaneous lupus erythematosus
ACLS	advanced cardiac life support

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ACS	abdominal compartment syndrome
ad	right ear
AD	atopic dermatitis assistive device
ADAT	advance diet as tolerated
add	adduction
ADH	antidiuretic hormone
ADL	activities of daily living
ad lib	as desired
adm	admit admission
AdnT	adnexal tumor
Adrm	amyopathic dermatomyositis
AE	asteotic exzema adaptive equipment
AED	automatic external defibrillator
AF	atrial fibrillation auto-flow activity factor
AFB	aortofemoral bypass
afeb	afebrile
AFI	amniotic fluid index
afib	atrial fibrillation
AFOSF	anterior fontanelle open, soft and flat
A/G	albumin-globulin ratio
AGA	appropriate for gestational age
AGVHD	acute graft versus host disease
AI	aortic insufficiency
AICA	anterior inferior cerebellar artery
AICD	automatic internal cardio-defibrillator
AIDS	acquired immune deficiency syndrome
AK	above knee astigmatic keratotomy actinic keratosis
aka	also known as
AKA	above knee amputation
alb	albumin
ALCL	anaplastic large cell lymphoma
ALI	atypical lymphocytic infiltrate acute lung injury
alk phos	alkaline phosphatase
ALL	acute lymphocytic leukemia

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ALM	acral lentiginous melanoma
alo	alopecia
ALOC	altered level of consciousness
ALOS	average length of stay
Alt	altitude
am	morning
AMA	against medical advice
amb	Ambulate ambulance
AMI	acute myocardial infarction
AML	acute myelogenous leukemia acute myelocytic leukemia
AMN&H	alternate means of nutrition and hydration
amp	ampule ampere
AMS	altered mental status atypical mole syndrome
amt	amount
ANA	antinuclear antibody
Anes	anesthesiologist
angio	angiography
ANLL	acute non-lymphocytic leukemia
ann	annular
ant ANT	anterior
Ante cerebral	antegrade cerebral perfusion
anti HbsAg	antibody to hepatitis b surface antigen
Ao	aortic
A&O	alert and oriented
A&O x1	alert and oriented to person
A&O x2	alert and oriented to person and place
A&O x3	alert and oriented to person, place and time
AoD	aortic dissection
AODM	adult onset diabetes mellitus
AP	airport
A/P	anterior posterior
A&P	abdominal and perineal
APC	ambulatory procedure code
approx	approximately

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appy	appendectomy
APRV	airway pressure release ventilation
APVD	atherosclerotic peripheral vascular disease
AR	aortic regurgitation acoustic reflex
A/R	apical/radial
ARB	angiotensin II receptor blocker
ARDS	adult respiratory distress syndrome
ARF	acute renal failure
ARM	artificially ruptured membrane
AROM	active range of motion
art	arterial
ARV	AIDS-related virus
as	left ear
AS	aortic stenosis
ASA	aspirin
ASAP	as soon as possible
ASC	ambulatory surgery center
ASCVD	arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease
ASD	atrial septal defect
ASHD	arteriosclerotic heart disease
ASPVD	arteriosclerotic peripheral vascular disease
Asp.Prec	aspiration precautions
AT	atraumatic
ATC atc	around the clock athletic trainer, certified automatic tube compensation
ATG	antithymocyte globulin
ATLL	adult T-cell leukemia lymphoma
ATN	acute tubular necrosis
ATP	adenosine triphosphate
atr	atrophic
ATS	autotransfusion system
ATU	Ambulatory Treatment Unit
au	both ears
Au ⁺	gold

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AUC	area under the curve
AV	atrioventricular acne vulgaris
A/V	arterial/venous
A&V	atrial & ventricular
AVD	aortic valve disease
ave	average
AVJ	atrioventricular junction
AVM	arteriovenous malformation
AVR	aortic valve replacement
AWRR	airway respiratory rate
AWS	AIDS wasting syndrome
Ax	axillary
Aza	azathioprine

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B

B	both bilateral black
Ba	barium
BAD	Bipolar Affective Disorder
BAL	bronchoalveolar lavage blood alcohol level
BAT	blunt abdominal trauma
BBB	bundle branch block
BBF	blood and body fluid
BCC	basal cell carcinoma
BCE	basal cell epithelioma
BCLS	basic cardiac life support
BCM	body cell mass
BCO	bolus cardiac output
BCP	birth control pills
BCT	breast conservity therapy
BD	Bowen's disease Breslow depth
BE	barium enema
BEE	basal energy expenditure
bfr	blood flow rate
BG	blood gas
BI Bi	brain injury bullous impetigo Bi-ventricular
BIBA	brought in by ambulance
bid BID	twice a day
BIBA	brought in by ambulance
bilat	bilateral
BIPAP	biphasic positive airway pressure
BIS	Bispectral index
BK	below knee
BKA	below knee amputation
bl	block black
bld	blood
BLE	bilateral lower extremity

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blk	block black
BLS	basic life support
bm BM	bowel movement
BMI	body mass index
BMP	basic metabolic panel
BMR	basal metabolic rate
BMT	Blood and Marrow Transplant Bone Marrow Transplant
Bnzyn	Benzamycin
BOA	behavioral observation audiometry
BOM	bilateral otitis media
BOT	base of tongue
BP	blood pressure bullous pemphigoid
BPD	bronchopulmonary dysphasia
BPH	benign prostatic hypertrophy
bpm	beats per minute breaths per minute
BPP	biophysical profile
BR	bathroom
BRB	bright red blood
bronch	bronchoscopy
BRP	bathroom privileges
BSA	body surface area
bs BS	bowel sounds breath sounds
BSB	breath sounds bilateral
BSE	breast self exam
BSI	blood stream infection
BSO	bilateral salpingoophorectomy
BT	benign tumor
BTB	back to bed
BUE	bilateral upper extremity
bul	bullae
BUN	blood urea nitrogen
BURK	Burkitt's lymphoma

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BVM	bag valve mask
B/W or b/w	between
BWS	body-weight support
bx	biopsy
BzP	benzyl peroxide

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C

C	centigrade compliance
ć c/	with
C lami	cervical laminectomy
Ca CA	cancer
Ca⁺⁺	calcium
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft
CAD	coronary artery disease
cal	Calorie calibration time
calc	calculation
cand	Candidiasis
CaO₂	arterial oxygen content
cap	capsule capillary
CAPD	continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis
CAT	computerized axial tomography
Cat ć IL	cataract with intraocular lens
cath	catheter
C(a-v)O₂	arterial to mixed venous oxygen content difference
CAX	central axis
CBC	complete blood count
CBG	capillary blood gas
CBLC	cutaneous B-cell lymphoma
CBT	cognitive behavioral therapy
cc	cubic centimeter
CC	chief complaint cervical collar closed comedones
CCO	continuous cardiac output
C/C/E	clubbing, cyanosis and edema
CCPD	continuous cycling peritoneal dialysis
CCS	California Children's Services Crippled Children's Service
CCU	Coronary Care Unit Cardiac Care Unit
CD	cone down cluster designation
Cd	dynamic compliance

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C&D	curettage and dessication
C&DB	cough and deep breath
CDE	common duct exploration
CDI	clean dry intact
cent	central
ceph	cephalic
cerro	cerrobend
CF	cystic fibrosis common femoral
CG	contact guard
CG/SBA	contact guard/stand by to assist
CH ch	chamber cherry hemangioma
CHD	congenital heart disease
chemo	chemotherapy
CHF	congestive heart failure
chg	change
CHI	closed head injury
Chlo	Chloroquine
CHO	carbohydrate
chole	cholecystectomy
CHT	certified hand therapist
cGy cgy	centi-gray
CI	cardiac index cochlear implant
CID	cervical immobilization device
CIN	cervical intraepithelial neoplasia
circ	circulation circumcision circumflex
Circ arrest	circulatory arrest
CK	conductive keratoplasty creatine kinase
cl	clear
Cl	chloride lung compliance
CLAMP	aortic cross clamp
Clar	Claritin
CLD	chronic liver disease capillary lab draw

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Clin Lab	clinical laboratory
CLL	chronic lymphocytic leukemia
Clob	Clobetasol
CLRT	continuous lateral rotation therapy
cm	centimeter
CM	cutaneous melanoma cardiomyopathy
CMI	co-morbidity index
CML	chronic myelogenous leukemia chronic myelocytic leukemia
CMP	comprehensive metabolic panel
cmpd	compound
CMS	circulation, motion, sensation Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CMV	cytomegalovirus continuous mandatory ventilation
CN	cranial nerve
CndA	condyloma accuminata
CNH	chondrodermatitis nodularis helices
CNS	central nervous system
CO	cardiac output
c/o C/O	complains of
coag	coagulation
coll	collimator
colo	colonoscopy
comp	complete comprehensive compensator
con	confluent
coniz	conization
conj	conjunctiva
const	constitution
cont	continuous continue continual
contr	contraction
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
cor	coronary
COW	computer on wheels
CP	cerebral palsy chest pain catricular pemphigoid

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CPA	cerebellopontine angle
CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure
CPB	cardiopulmonary bypass
CPD	cephalopelvic disproportion
CPK	creatine phosphokinase
CPM	continuous passive movement
CPOE	computerized physician order entry
CPP	cerebral perfusion pressure
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CPT	chest physiotherapy
CR	capillary refill
cr creat	creatinine
crani	craniotomy
CRC	Clinical Research Center
CREST	CREST syndrome
CRF	chronic renal failure
Cric	cricoid
CRP	C-reactive protein Cardiac Rehab Program
cryo	cryoprecipitate
Cs	cesium static compliance
CS	Communication Specialist Coronary Sinus
C/S	cesarean section
CSA	Cyclosporin A
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
CSLA	coronary sinus left atrium
CSM	circulation, sensation, motion
C spine	cervical spine
CST	contraction stress test
CSU	Cardiac Surveillance Unit
CSVLCV	cutaneous small vessel leukocytoclastic vasculitis
CT	chest tube computerized tomography
C&T	cholesterol & triglycerides

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CTA	clear to auscultation
CTCL	cutaneous T-cell lymphoma
CTD	connective tissue disease
CTV	clinical tumor volume
CTx	chemotherapy
Cu	copper
CU	chronic urticaria
CV	cardiovascular
CVA	cerebrovascular accident costovertebral angle
CVAD	central vascular access device
CVAT	costovertebral angle tenderness
CVC	central venous catheter
CVO2	mixed venous oxygen content
CVP	central venous pressure
CW	chest wall
Cw	chest wall compliance
c/w	consistent with
cx	cervix
CXR	chest x-ray
Cyclop	cyclophosphamide
Cyclos	Cyclosporine
cysto	cystoscopy
C&S	culture and sensitivity

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D

D5	dextrose 5%
D5LR	dextrose 5% in lactated ringer's
D5W	dextrose 5% in water
DAI	diffuse axonal injury
dB	decibels
DBP	diastolic blood pressure
d/c D/C	discontinue discharge
dc DC	discharge discontinue
D&C	dilation and curettage
DCR	dacryocystorhinostomy
DDx	differential diagnosis
DDS	dapsone (diaminodiphenylsulfone)
D&E	dilation and evacuation
DED	donor eligibility determination
defib	defibrillate
dep DEP	dependent
derm	dermatological
DES	diethylstilbestrol
Df DF	dermatofibroma demand flow
DfsP	dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans
DH	dermatitis herpetiformis
DHL	diffuse histiocytic lymphoma
DI	drug-induced
D&I	dry and intact
diam	diameter
DIC	disseminated intravascular coagulation
DIDMOHS	drug-induced delayed multiorgan hypersensitivity syndrome
DIF	direct immunofluorescence
diff	Differential difficulty
Diff	differin (adapalene)
DIP	distal interphalangeal

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DIS	direct immunofluorescent stain
discrim	discrimination
dist	distance distal
DJD	degenerative joint disease
DL	direct laryngoscope
DLC	diffuse large cell
DLE	discoid lupus erythematosus
DLCO	diffusion capacity
DM	diabetes mellitus
DME	durable medical equipment
DN	dysplastic nevus
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
DNI	do not intubate
DNR	do not resuscitate
DNT	did not test
DOA	dead on arrival
DOB	date of birth
DOE	dyspnea on exertion
dom	domestic
DomeS	Domeboro soaks
DOS	dead on scene
DOT	directly observed therapy
Dovo	Dovonex (calcipotriene)
DP	dorsalis pedis delusions of parasitosis
DPL	diagnostic peritoneal lavage
dr	dram
DR	delivery room
Dr.	doctor
Drm	dermatomyositis
drng	drainage
drsg dsg	dressing
DSAP	disseminated superficial actinic porokeratosis

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DSEK	descemet's stripping endothelial keratoplasty
d/t	due to
DTO	danger to others
DTR	deep tendon reflex
DTs	delirium tremens
DTS	danger to self
DUB	dysfunctional uterine bleeding
DUL	diffuse undifferentiated lymphoma
DV	domestic violence
DVT	deep vein thrombosis
Dx	diagnosis
DysE	dyshidrotic exzema

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E

E	electron
EAC	erythema annulare centrifugum
EB	epidermolysis bullosa
EBA	epidermolysis bullosa acquisita
EBL	estimated blood loss
EBT	electron beam therapy
EBV	estimated blood volume Epstein-Barr virus
EC	epidermoid cyst extracutaneous
ECHO	echocardiogram
E.Cons	energy conservation
ECF	extended care facility
ECG EKG	electrocardiogram
ECP ECPP	extracorporeal photopheresis
ECT	electroconvulsive therapy
ecz	eczematous
ED	emergency department
EDC	expected date of confinement
educ	education
EE	exfoliative erythroderma
EEG	electroencephalogram
EF	ejection fraction
EFA	essential fatty acids
EGA	estimated gestational age
EGD	esophagogastroduodenoscopy
EH	Employee Health
EJ	external jugular
Elo	Elocon (mometasone furoate)
ELOS	estimated length of stay
EM	erythema multiforme electron microscopy Emergency Medicine
EMG	electromyogram
EMD	electromechanical dissociation

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EMS	emergency medical system
EMT	emergency medical technician
EMT-P	emergency medical technician - paramedic
EN	erythema nodosum
endo	endocrine endoscopy
ENMT	ear, nose, mouth, throat
ENT	ear, nose, throat
EP	electrolyte panel
EOB	edge of bed
EOM	extraocular movements
EOMI	extraocular movements intact
EOS	eosinophil
EPAP	expiratory positive airway pressure
epis	episiotomy
EPS	electrophysiologic study
ER/PR	estrogen receptor/progesterone receptor
E&R	equal and reactive
ERCP	endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatogram
ero	erosion
ERRLA	equal, round, react to light accomodation
eru	eruption
ery	erythematous
esoph	esophagus esophagoscope
ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
Estab	established
ESU	electrical surgical unit
ESWL	electrocorporeal shock-wave lithotripsy
ET	endotracheal
ETA	estimated time of arrival
ETCO2	end tidal carbon dioxide
ETE	estimated time enrout
ETOH	ethanol, alcohol

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ETT	endotracheal tube
ex	exanthema
exc	excision
exp	expiratory
expl lap	exploratory laparotomy
ext	external extension
extr	extremities

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F

f	female frequency
F	Fahrenheit French
FA	forearm
FAD	focal acantholytic dermatosis
FB	foreign body
f/b	followed by
FBS	fasting blood sugar
FC F/C	foley catheter financial class
F/D	fixed and dilated
FD	fire department
fdg	feeding
feb	febrile
FEF	forced expiratory flow
fem	femoral
FEV1	forced expiratory volume exhaled after 1 second
ff FF	force fluids fundus firm fire fighter
FFP	fresh frozen plasma
FH FHx	family history
FHR	fetal heart rate
fib	fibrillation
FIM	functional index measure
FiO2	fractional inspired oxygen
FIV	forced inspiratory volume
fl	fluid
flex	flexion
Fluo	Fluocinonide
FM	follicular mucinosis
FN	Flight Nurse
FNA	fine needle aspiration
FO	fiber optic
fob FOB	fiber optic bronchoscopy foot of bed

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fol	follicular folliculitis
FOOSH	fell on out-stretched hand
FOS	flight of stairs
FR	french
FRC	functional residual capacity
freq	frequency
FROM	full range of motion
FS	frozen section finger stick
FSBG	finger stick blood glucose
ft	feet foot
FTBI	fractionated total body irradiation
FTD	full therapeutic dose
FTSG	full-thickness skin graft
F/U FU	follow-up
fulg	fulguration
FUO	fever unknown origin
FVC	forced vital capacity
f/vt	rate to tidal volume ratio, rapid shallow breathing index
FVT	fast ventricular tachycardia
FWB	full weight bearing
FWW	front wheeled walker
fx Fx	fracture
Fwy	freeway

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G

G	Gravida gage
G Gm gm	gram
G-6-PD	glucose 6 phosphate dehydrogenase
GA	gestational age granuloma annulare general anesthesia
GB	gallbladder
GCRC	General Clinical Research Center
GCS	glasgow coma scale
GD	grave disability
GFR	grunting, flaring and retracting
GHPP	Genetically Handicapped Person's Program
GI	gastrointestinal
glob	globulin
glu gluc	glucose
GMC	general medical clinic
GMSz	grand mal seizure
GN	Ground Nurse
gr	grain
GT	gastrostomy tube gait training
GTT	glucose tolerance test drops
GU	genitourinary
GVHD	graft versus host disease
GVL	graft versus lymphoma
GSW	gun shot wound
GYN	gynecology

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H

h	hour
H	Hispanic
HA H/A	headache
HB	heart block
H ₂ O	water
HBP	high blood pressure
HbsAg	hepatitis b surface antigen
Hc	hydrocortisone
HCO HCO ₃	Bicarbonate sodium bicarbonate
Hct HCT	hematocrit
HCTZ	hydrochlorothiazide
HCV	hepatitis C virus
HD	Hodgkin's disease Hansen's disease hemodialysis
HDI	high dose interferon
HDL	high density lipoprotein
HDR	high dose rate
H&E	hematoxylin and eosin
HE	hepatic encephalopathy
HEENT	head, eyes, ears, nose, throat
heme	hematologic hemoglobin
hemi	hemiplegia hemiparesis
hemoconc	hemoconcentration
HEP	home exercise program
heplock	heparin lock
HepP	hepatitis panel
herp	herpetiform
H&ES	hematoxylin and eosin stain
HF	high frequency heart failure
HFJV	high frequency jet ventilation
HFO	high frequency oscillation
HFV	high frequency ventilation

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Hg	mercury
Hgb HGB	hemoglobin
HHA	hand held assist
HHN	hand-held nebulizer
HI	head injury
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIT	heparin-induced thrombocytopenia
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HJR	hepatojugular reflux
HLA	human leukocyte antigen
H&N H/N	head and neck
HO	house officer
h/o H/O	history of
hob HOB	head of bed
H&P	history and physical
HP	Hewlett Packard
HPI	history of present illness
HPN	home parenteral nutrition
HPV	human papilloma virus
HPVI	human papilloma virus infection
HR	heart rate
hr	hour
HRCM	high risk primary cutaneous melanoma
HRT	hormone replacement therapy
hs HS	Bedtime heelstrike hamstring stretch
HSC	hemotopoetic stem cell
HSM	hepatosplenomegaly
HSP	Henloch-Scholein purpura
HSV	herpes simplex virus
HSVI	herpes simplex virus infection
ht	height
HT	heart transplant

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HTLV-1	human T-cell leukemia virus type 1
Htn HTN	hypertension
HCT/P	human cell tissue/cellular tissue based products
HUS	hemolytic uremic syndrome
HVT	hyperventilate
Hx	history
Hydcl	hydroxychloroquine
Hydz	hydroxyzine
hyperal	hyperalimentation
hyperchol	hypercholesterolemia
hyperlipid	hyperlipidemia
hypk	hyperkeratosis
hyst	hysterectomy
Hz	Hertz

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I

I	independent
I125	Iridium 125
IA	intraarterial
IAB	intraaortic balloon
IABP	intraaortic balloon pump
IAC	internal auditory canals
IAP	intraabdominal pressure
IB	insect bite
IBW	ideal body weight
IC	Incident Commander
ICA++	Ionized calcium
ICB	intracerebral bleed
ICD	implantable cardioverter-defibrillator irritant contact dermatitis
ICH	intracerebral hemorrhage intracranial hemorrhage
ICN	Intensive Care Nursery
ICP	intermittent catheterization program intracranial pressure
ICS	intercostals space
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
I&D	incision and drainage
IDET	intradiscal electrothermal therapy
idio	idiopathic
IE	initial evaluation
I/E	inspiratory/expiratory
I:E	inspiratory to expiratory ratio
IF	internal fixation I injury factor
IGG	immune gamma glodulin
IHMO	idiopathic hypertrophic migrating osteoporosis
IHSS	idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis
II	image intensifier
IICP	increased intracranial pressure
IICU	Intermediate Intensive Care Unit

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IIF	indirect immunofluorescence
IIS	indirect immunofluorescent stain
IJ	internal jugular
IL	Interleukin
ILV	independent lung ventilation
IM	intramuscular
IMA	internal mammary artery
Immob	immobilized
immuno	immunologic
impt	impetigo
IMRT	intensity modulated radiation therapy
IMV	intermittent mandatory ventilation
incont	incontinent
ind	induction independent induration
inf	infections infectious
INF	Interferon
ing	inguinal
Inj	injection
INO	inhaled nitrous oxide
INR	International Normalized Ratio
insp	inspiratory
insuff	insufficiency
int	internal
IO	intraosseous
I&O	intake and output
IP	interphalangeal inflammatory papules interim permittee
I/P	inpatient
IPAP	inspiratory positive airway pressure
iPEEP	intrinsic positive end expiratory pressure
IPG	impedance plethysmography
IPD	intermittent peritoneal dialysis
Ipox	immunoperoxidase

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IPPB	intermittent positive pressure breathing
IPPV	intermittent positive pressure ventilation
IPV	interpulmonary percussive ventilation
IRPCM	intermediate risk primary cutaneous melanoma
irreg	irregular
IS	incentive spirometry
ISCL	interscalene
ISK	irritated seborrheic keratosis
Iso	Isotretinoin
IT	intertrochanteric ingrowing toenail
ITA	Infusion Treatment Area
ITP	idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura
IU	international units Unapproved – Do Not Use! Spell out
IUD	intrauterine device
IUP	interuterine pregnancy
IV	intravenous
IVBT	intravascular brachytherapy
IVC	inferior vena cava
IVCh	intravenous cholangiogram
IVF	in vitro fertilization intravenous fluids
IVP	intravenous pyelogram intravenous push
IVPB	intravenous piggyback
IVUS	intravascular ultrasound

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J

J	joule
JI	jejunoileal
JODM	juvenile onset diabetes mellitus
JP	Jackson-Pratt
JT	junctional tachycardia jejunostomy tube
JVD	jugular venous distention
JVP	jugular venous pressure
JXg	juvenile xanthogranuloma

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K

K⁺	potassium
K	one thousand (1000)
Ka	keratoacanthoma
Kcals	kilocalories
KCl	potassium chloride
Kel	keloid
Kg	kilogram
KHz	kilohertz
Kla	Klaron (sulfacetamide)
KO	keep open
KP	keratosis pilaris
Ktd	keratoderma
KUB	kidneys, ureters, bladder
Kv	kilovolt

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L

I L	left liter
LA	left atrial left arm
lab	laboratory
lac	laceration lacrimal
LAD	left anterior descending
LAF	laminar air flow
LAG	lymphangiogram
lami	laminectomy
LAO	left anterior oblique
lap	laparoscopy laparotomy
LAP	left atrial pressure
laryn	laryngoscopy larynx
lat	lateral
lax	laxative
LBB	long back board
LBM	last bowel movement
LBP	low back pain
LBQC	large-based quad cane
LBW	low birth weight
LC	left circumflex large cell
LCS	low constant suction
LcV	leukocytoclastic vasculitis
L&D	Labor & Delivery Room
LDH	lactic dehydrogenase
LDL	low density lipoprotein
LDR	low dose rate
LDUH	low dose unfractionated heparin
LE	lower extremity lupus erythematosus
LEEP	loop electrocautery excision procedure
Len	lentigo
LENN	Lennert's lymphoma

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LE prep	lupus erythematosus preparation
LF	Life Flight
LFA	left forearm
LFTs	liver function tests
lg	large
LGA	large for gestational age
lich	lichenification
lig	ligament
lin	linear
liq	liquid
LIS	low intermittent suction
LL	lymphoblastic lymphosarcoma locked and loaded (for Matt)
L lami	lumbar laminectomy
LLE	left lower extremity
LLL	left lower lobe
LLQ	left lower quadrant
LM	lentigo maligna (melanoma in situ)
LMD	local medical doctor low microbial diet
LML	left middle lobe
LMM	lentigo maligna melanoma
LMP	last menstrual period
LMWH	low molecular weight heparin
LN	lymph node
LN ₂	liquid nitrogen cryotherapy
LND	lymph node dissection
LOA	left occiput anterior leave of absence level of alertness
LOB	loss of balance
LOC	level of consciousness loss of consciousness
LOP	left occiput posterior
LOT	left occiput transverse
LP	lumbar puncture lymphocyte predominance lichen planus
LPCH	Lucile Packard Children's Hospital

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LPD	lymphoproliferative disorder
LPO	left posterior oblique
LPp	lichen planopilaris
LPS	Lanterman-Petris-Short
LPVS	lung protective ventilation strategy
LR	Lactated Ringer's livedo reticularis
L > R	left greater than right
LRI	lower respiratory infection
LRPCM	low risk primary cutaneous melanoma
LS	lumbosacral linear scleroderma
LS&A	lichen sclerosis et atrophicus
LSB	left sternal border
LSC	lichen simplex chronicus
LSPCH	Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital
lt	left
LT	liver transplant
LTG	long-term goals
LTM	long term memory
LU	leg ulcer
LUA	left upper arm
LUE	left upper extremity
LUL	left upper lobe
LUQ	left upper quadrant
LV	left ventricle left ventricular livedoid vasculopathy
LVA	left ventricular aneurysm
LVEDP	left ventricular end diastolic pressure
LVEF	left ventricular ejection fraction
LVET	left ventricular ejection time
LVIDd	left ventricular internal dimension in diastole
LyP	lymphomatoid papulosis
lytes	electrolytes
LZ	landing zone

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M

m	male
M	married
MBS	modified barium study
mac	macule
MAC	monitored anesthesia care
MAE	moves all extremities
manip	manipulation
MAP	mean arterial pressure mean airway pressure
marsup	marsupialization
max	maximal maximum
MBC	minimum bacteriocidal concentration
MC	mixed cellularity (Hodgkin's) molluscum contagiosum
MCA	motorcycle accident
MCC	motorcycle crash
mcg	microgram
MCI	multiple casualty incident
MCL	midclavicular line multi-leaf collimator most comfortable loudness level
MCT	medium chain triglycerides
MCV	mean corpuscular value
MD	medical doctor
MDD	major depressive disorder
MDI	metered dose inhaler
MDR	multiple drug resistance
MDS	myelodysplastic syndrome
ME	middle ear
mec	meconium
med	medicine medial
mel	melasma
mEq	milliequivalent
Metc	Metrocream (metronidazole cream)
Metg	Metrogel (metronidazole gel)
mets	metastases metastatic

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MEV mev	million electron volts
MF	mycosis fungoides
MFR	myofascial release
Mg	Magnesium Unapproved – Do Not Use! Spell out
mg mgm	milligram
M/G/R	murmurs/gallops/rubs
MgSO4	magnesium sulfate Unapproved – Do Not Use! Spell out
MHI	minor/mild head injury
MHz	megahertz
MI	myocardial infarction
MIC	minimum inhibitory concentration
mid	middle
MIF	maximum inspiratory force
min	minimum minute mineral
Mino	minocycline
MIP	maximum inspiratory pressure
MIS	malignant melanoma in situ
ml	milliliter
MLC	multi-leaf collimator
MLV	monitored live voice
mm	millimeter
MM	millimole malignant melanoma
MMC	Multidisciplinary Melanoma Clinic
MMF	mycophenolate mofetil
MMT	manual muscle test
MMV	mandatory minute ventilation
MN	midnight melanocytic nevus
MNA	melanocytic nevus, atypical
MNT	medical nutrition therapy
mo	month
mod	moderate modifying
MODS	multi-organ distress syndrome

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MV	millivolts minute ventilation million volts
MVA	motor vehicle accident
MVC	motor vehicle crash motor vehicle collision
multip	multipara
MV	minute ventilation
MVD	mitral valve disease
MVP	mitral valve prolapse
MVR	mitral valve replacement
MZ	marginal zone

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N

N	nitrogen
na NA	not applicable Nursing Assistant
n/a N/A	not applicable
Na	sodium
NABS	normoactive bowel sounds
NAD	no acute distress
NBS	normal bowel sounds
NC N/C	nasal cannula nose clip normocephalic nurse coordinator
NC/AT	normocephalic/atraumatic
ND	non-distended
NDMR	non-depolarizing muscle relaxant
NDT	neuro-developmental treatment
NE	nummular eczema
NEC	necrotizing enterocolitis
NED	no evidence of disease
neg	negative
Neo	phenylephrine
NF	nevus flammeus
NG	nasogastric
NGT	nasogastric tube
NH	nursing home
NHL	nodular histiocytic lymphoma non-hodgkin's lymphoma
NIH	National Institute of Health
NIRS	Near infrared spectroscopy
NIV	noninvasive ventilation
NKA	no known allergies
NKC	natural killer cell
NKDA	no known drug allergies
NKFA	no known food allergies
nl	normal
NLD	necrobiosis lipoidica diabetorum

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NLF	nasolabial fold
NLH	non-lab draw
NLPD	nodular lymphocytic poorly differentiated
NLWD	nodular lymphocytic well differentiated
NM	nodular mixed lymphoma nodular melanoma
NMB	neuromuscular blocking
NMDP	national marrow donor program
nml	normal
NMSC	nonmelanoma skin cancer
no. #	number
NO	nitrous oxide
nod	nodule
NOP	new old patient
Nor	Noritrate (metronidazole)
NOS	not otherwise specified
NP	nurse practitioner new patient
NPA	nasopharyngeal airway
NPN	nonprotein nitrogen
NPO	nothing by mouth
NPPV	noninvasive positive pressure ventilation
NR	no response
NRB FM	non-rebreather face mask
NRT	nicotine replacement therapy
NS	normal saline
NSA	nonscarring alopecia
NSC	nuclear sclerotic cataract
NSHD	nodular sclerosing Hodgkin's disease
NSR	normal sinus rhythm
NST	normal stress test
NSTEMI	Non ST elevation myocardial infraction
NSVD	normal spontaneous vaginal delivery
NSVT	Nonsustained ventricular tachycardia

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NT N/T	nasotracheal not tested non-tender
NTG	nitroglycerine
N/V	nausea and vomiting
N/V/D	nausea, vomiting and diarrhea
NVD	normal vaginal delivery
NVI	neurovascular intact neovascularization of iris
NWB	non weight bearing
NYHA	New York Heart Association
nys	nystagmus

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O

o	no
O	Oriental objective
O ₂	oxygen
OA	occiput anterior
obs obstr	obstruction
OBS	obstructive bowel syndrome
OBV	observation
OC	oral cavity open comedones oral care
OCG	oral cholecystogram
OCT	oxytocin challenge test
od	right eye
OD	overdose
OFC	occipitofrontal circumference
OGN	oligonucleotide
OGT	orogastric tube
OHD	organic heart disease
OI	oxygen index
oint	ointment
OM	otitis media
OMEX	oral motor exercise
onyc	onychomycosis
OOB	out of bed
OP O/P	outpatient occiput posterior oropharynx
O&P	ova and parasites
OPA	oropharyngeal airway
OPD	outpatient department
OPG	oculoplethysmograph
ophth	ophthalmic
OPK	optokinetic
opp	opposite oppose
OPV	oral polio vaccine

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OR	Operating Room
ORIF	open reduction internal fixation
os OS	left eye coronary ostia
OT	occupational therapy occupational therapist occiput transverse
ou	both eyes
oz	ounce

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P

p	after
P	pulse para puffs plan
PA	pulmonary artery physician assistant
PAC	premature atrial contraction pulmonary artery catheter
PACU	Post Anesthesia Care Unit
PAD	pulmonary artery diastolic
palp	palpation
PAN	periarteritis nodosa
PaO2	partial pressure of oxygen in arterial blood
PaOP	pulmonary artery occlusion pressure
pap	papule
PAP	pulmonary artery pressure
PAR	Post-Anesthesia Recovery
paro	paronychia
PAS	periodic acid-schiff pulmonary artery systolic
PASR	periodic acid-schiff reaction
PASVR	pulmonary anomalous superior venous return
PAT	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
path	Pathology
PAV	proportional assist ventilation
Paw	mean airway pressure
PAW	pulmonary artery wedge
PAWP	pulmonary artery wedge pressure
Pb	barometric pressure
PBI	protein-bound iodine
PBSC	peripheral blood stem cells
pc	after meals
PC	packed cells pediculosis capitis primary cutaneous patient conference
PCA	patient controlled analgesia
PCI	percutaneous coronary intervention
PCIOL	posterior chamber intraocular lens

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PCIRV	pressure controlled inverse ration ventilation
PCM	primary cutaneous melanoma
PCN	penicillin
PCO	posterior capsular opacity
PCP	pneumocystic carinii pneumonia
PC/PS	pressure control with pressure support
PCR	polymerase chain reaction
PCT	porphyria cutanea tarda
PCV	packed cell volume pressure control ventilation
PCV+	pressure control ventilation with pressure support
PCWP	pulmonary capillary wedge pressure
PDA	patent ductus arteriosus
PD&P	postural drainage and percussion
PE	physical examination pulmonary embolism pemphigus erythematosus
PEA	pulseless electrical activity
ped Ped	pedestrian
pedi	pediatric
pet	petechiae
PE tubes	polyethylene tubes
PEEP	positive end-expiratory pressure
PEEPi	intrinsic positive end-expiratory pressure
PEG	pneumoencephalogram
PEP	pre-ejection period
periph	peripheral
PERL	pupils equal, react to light
PERRLA	pupils equal, round, react to light and accommodation
PERRL	pupils equal, round, reactive to light
PES	programmed electrical stimulation
PF	pemphigus foliaceus preservative free
PFNS	preservative free normal saline
PFSH	past, family, social history
PFT	pulmonary function test
PFW	platform front-wheeled walker

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PG	pyoderma gangrenosum
PH	past history pulmonary hypertension
photocoag	photocoagulation
PI	present illness
PIC	pilot in command
PICA	posterior inferior cerebellar artery
PICC	percutaneously inserted central catheter
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
pigm	pigmentation
↑pigm	hyperpigmentation
↓pigm	hypopigmentation
PIH	pregnancy induced hypertension
PIH↑	post inflammatory hyperpigmentation
PIH↓	post inflammatory hypopigmentation
PIOL	phakic intraocular lens
PIP	proximal interphalangeal peak inspiratory pressure
PIV	peripheral intravenous
PK	pharmacokinetics
PKU	phenylketonuria
plat plt	platelet
PLB	pursed lip breathing
PLC	pityriasis lichenoides chronica
PLCMC	Pigmented Lesion and Cutaneous Melanoma Clinic
PLEVA	pityriasis lichenoides et varioliformis acuta
PLV	partial liquid ventilation
pm	afternoon
PM	post mortem pacemaker paramedic
PMA	post menstrual age
PMB	post-menopausal bleeding
PMD	private medical doctor
PMH	past medical history
PMI	past medical illness

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PMLE	polymorphous light eruption
PMN	polymorphonucleocyte
PMP	previous menstrual period
PMS	premenstrual syndrome
PMV	Passy-Muir speaking valve
PN	prurigo nodularis
PNA	pneumonia
PNB	peripheral nerve block
PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
pneumo	pneumothorax
PNF	proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation
PnP	paraneoplastic pemphigus
PNS	peripheral nerve stimulator
po PO	orally by mouth postoperative
PO2	pressure of oxygen
PO4	phosphate
POC	point of care plan of care products of conception
POCT	point of care testing
POD	postoperative day
POE	physician order entry
pop	popliteal
port	portable
ports	portable films
poss	possible
post	posterior
postop	postoperative
PP	postpartum palpable purpura paradoxical pulse
P&P	prothrombin and proconvertin
PPD	purified protein derivative prep, position, drape
Pplat	end inspiratory plateau pressure
PPN	peripheral parenteral nutrition
PR	per rectum pityriasis rosea

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PRBC	packed red blood cells
Pred	Prednisone
preop	preoperative
prep	prepare preparation
primip	primipara
PRK	photorefractive keratectomy
prn PRN	as needed
pro Pro	protein
Pro/Kcal	protein/kilocalorie
prob	probable problem
procto	proctoscopy
PROM	premature rupture of membranes passive range of motion
pros	prosthesis
PRP	pityriasis rubra pilaris
PRVC	pressure regulated volume control
PS	pulmonary stenosis pressure support papulosquamous
PSA	prostate specific antigen Patient Service Assistant
PSC	posterior sclerotic cataract
PSCT	peripheral stem cell transplant
PSH	past social history
PSI	pounds per square inch
Pso	psoriasis
PSP	phenolsulfonphthalein
PSV	pressure support ventilation
pt	patient
PT	physical therapy physical therapist protime pancreatic transplant
PTA	prior to admission percutaneous transluminal angioplasty prior to arrival pure tone average physical therapist assistant
PTCA	percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
PTCL	peripheral T-cell lymphoma
PTD	prior to delivery
PTL	pre-term labor
PTLD	post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorders

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PT/OT	physical therapy/occupational therapy
PTT	partial thromboplastin time
PTU	phototherapeutic keratectomy
PTV	planned tumor volume
PTx	pneumothorax
P/U	pick-up (truck)
PU	papular urticaria
PUF	pure ultrafiltration
pulm	pulmonary
PUPPP	pruritic urticarial papules and plaques of pregnancy
pur	purpura
pus	pustule(s)
PUVA	psoralen ultraviolet A
PUW	pick-up walker
PV	pemphigus vulgaris perivascular
PVA	pedestrian versus auto
PVC	premature ventricular contraction
Pveg	pemphigus vegetans
PVR	post void residual peripheral vascular resistance
PVS	programmed ventricular stimulation
PW	puncture wound
PWB	partial weight bearing
pyo	pyoderma

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Q

q Q	every
QA	quality assurance
qd QD	every day daily Unapproved – Do Not Use! Use daily
Qh QH	every hour
qhs QHS	every night
QI	quality improvement
qid QID	four times a day
qns	quantity not sufficient
qod QOD	every other day Unapproved – Do Not Use! Use Q other D
qs	quantity sufficient

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R

r R	right rectal resistance
RA R/A	room air rheumatoid arthritis right atrial right atrium right arm
rad	radical
RAD	right anterior descending radium
RAD imp	radium implant
RAMS	rapid alternating movement sequence
RAN	resident admit note
RAO	right anterior oblique
RAPD	rapid afferent papillary defect
Raw	airway resistance
RBC	red blood cells
RBVO	read back verbal order
RC	retention catheter respiratory time constant reading comprehension
RCD	risk for communicable diseases
RCA	right carotid artery right coronary artery
RDA	recommended daily allowance
RDS	respiratory distress syndrome
rec	recovery
recons	reconstruction
reg	regular
R > L	right greater than left
rem	removal
Rendez	rendezvous
Resp	respiration (s)
RetA	Retin A (tretinoin)
RetA-M	Retin A Micro (tretinoin)
retic	reticulocyte
retro	retrograde
Retro cerebral	retrograde cerebral perfusion
rev	revision
RFA	right forearm

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RFT	return for treatment
rhino	rhinoplasty
RI	rooming-in
RIT	radioimmunotherapy
RLE	right lower extremity
RLF	retrolental fibroplasias
RLL	right lower lobe
RLQ	right lower quadrant
rm	room
RML	right middle lobe
RNA	ribonucleic acid
RND	radical neck dissection
r/o R/O	rule out
ROA	right occiput anterior
Roc	Rocuronium
ROI	request for information region of interest
ROM	range of motion
ROP	right occiput posterior retinopathy of prematurity
ros	rosacea
ROS	review of systems
ROT	right occiput transverse
RP	Raynaud's phenomenon
RPO	right posterior oblique
RPM	revolutions per minute
RR	respiratory rate
RRR	regular rate and rhythm
RSBI	rapid shallow breathing index
RSI	rapid sequence induction
RSR	regular sinus rhythm
rt	right
RT	respiratory therapy recreation therapy renal transplant right
rtc RTC	return to clinic round the clock

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RTT	Radiologic Technologist Therapeutic
RTW	return to work
RUA	right upper arm
RUE	right upper extremity
RUL	right upper lobe
rupt	ruptured
RUQ	right upper quadrant
RV	right ventricle right ventricular residual volume
RVSP	right ventricular systolic pressure
RVOFT	right ventricular outflow tract
Rx	prescription therapy treatment

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S

ś	without
S	startle supervised subjective
SA	sinus arrhythmia
S&A	sugar and acetone
SAD	source axis distance
SAH	subarachnoid hemorrhage
SaO2	arterial oxygen saturation
saph	saphenous
sat Sat	saturation
SAT	speech awareness threshold
SB	sinus bradycardia
S/B	stand-by
SBA	stand-by assist
SBQC	small-based quad cane
SBE	subacute bacterial endocarditis
SBFT	small bowel follow through
SBO	small bowel obstruction
SBS	small bowel series
SBT	spontaneous breathing trial
SC	supraclavicular
SCA	Smoking Cessation Advisor
scb	scabies
SCC	squamous cell carcinoma
SCD	sequential compression device
SCI	spinal cord injury
scl	sclerotic sclerosis
SCLE	subacute cutaneous lupus erythematosus
ScIpS	scalp solution
ScrA	scarring alopecia
SCS	serum chemistry screen
SCV	subclavian venous

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SD	seborrheic dermatitis
SDH	subdural hematoma
SebD	seborrheic dermatitis
SebH	seborrheic hyperplasia
SebK	seborrheic keratosis
sed	sedative
sed rate	sedimentation rate
SEM	systolic ejection murmur
SEMI	subendocardial myocardial infarction
SEP	separated
SF	stress factor
SFRMC	Stanford Fertility and Reproductive Medicine Center
SG	specific gravity Swan Ganz
SGA	small for gestational age
SGOT (AST)	serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase
SGPT (ALT)	serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase
SH	social history seborrheic hyperplasia
S/H	suicidal/homicidal
SHC	Stanford Hospital And Clinics
SI	sputum induction
S&I	supervision & interpretation
SIADH	Syndrome of Inappropriate Antidiuretic Hormone Secretion
sig	let it be marked
SIMV	synchronized intermittent mandatory ventilation
SIRS	suspected inflammatory response syndrome
SIVP	slow intravenous push
SJS	Steven-Johnson syndrome
SK	seborrheic keratosis
skel	skeletal skeleton
SKL	serum killing level
sl	slight
SL	sublingual slit lamp solar lentigo/lentiginis saline lock

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SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus
SLNB SLNBx	sentinel lymph node biopsy
SLR	straight leg raises
sm	small
SMD	senile macular degeneration
SMR	submucous resection
S/M/W/SEP	single, married, widowed, separated
S/N	serial number
SNF	skilled nursing facility
so s/o	suggestive of
SO2	oxygen saturation
SOAP	subjective, objective, assessment, plan
SOB	short of breath shortness of breath
sol	solution solitary
Sor	Soriatane (acitretin)
SP	suprapubic
S/P	status post
SPA	salt-poor albumin
SPC	single point cane
SPE SPEp	serum protein electrophoresis
spec	specimen
SP nail	Smith-Petersen nail
SpO2	oxygen saturation measured by pulse oximetry
Spor	Sporanox (itraconazole)
S.Prec	sternal precautions
SPTCL	subcutaneous panniculitis-like lymphoma
SPTV	Stanford Patient Television
sq SQ	subcutaneous
SQI	signal quality indicator
SR	sinus rhythm
SROM	spontaneous rupture of membranes
SRT	speech recognition threshold

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SS	Social Services spider straps Sezary syndrome single story
S&S	signs and symptoms
SSc	systemic sclerosis
SSCP	sub-sternal chest pain
SSD	source skin distance
SSE	soap-suds enema skin self-examination
SSj	Sjogren's syndrome
SSM	superficial spreading melanoma
ST	sinus tachycardia
Stad	stasis dermatitis
stat	at once medical emergency
std	standard
STG	short-term goals
STEMI	ST elevation myocardial infraction
STM	soft tissue mobilization short term memory
STO	Stanford, teaching or other
str	straight
StrH	strawberry hemangioma
STS	serologic test for syphilis
STSG	split-thickness skin graft
subcu	subcutaneous
Sub-Q	subcutaneous
SulfR	Sulfacet-R (sulfacetamide)
SUMC	Stanford University Medical Center
supp	suppository
SUV	sports utility vehicle
surg	surgery
Suxx	succinylcholine
SV	supraventricular seminal vesicles stroke volume
SVC	superior vena cava
SVD	spontaneous vaginal delivery
SVG	saphenous vein graft

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SVN	small volume nebulizer
SVO2	mixed venous oxygen saturation
SVR	systemic vascular resistance
SVT	supraventricular tachycardia
SW	stab wound social worker
SWFI	sterile water for injection
Sx or sx	signs symptom suction
sxn	suction
sym	symmetrical
syp	syphilis
sz	seizure

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T

T	temperature
TA	therapeutic activities
T&A	time and amount tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
T lami	thoracic laminectomy
tab	tablet
TAB	therapeutic abortion
Tac	triamcinolone acetonide
TAD	transient acantholytic dermatosis
TAH	total abdominal hysterectomy
tamp	tamponade
TAPVR	total anomalous pulmonary venous return
TAT	turn-around time
Taz	Tazorac (tazarotene)
TB	tuberculosis
TBA	to be admitted transfer back agreement
TBD	to be determined
TBI	traumatic brain injury total body irradiation
TBR	tongue base retraction
Tbsp	tablespoon
TC	Transfer Center
TcA	trichloroacetic acid
Tcap	tinea capitis
TCD	transcranial doppler
TCDB	turn, cough, deep breathe
TCM	transcutaneous monitoring
Tcn	Tetracycline
Tcorp	tinea corporis
TCRN	Transfer Center registered nurse
Tcru	tinea cruris
TCT	total cycle time
TD	transdermal

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TDD	total daily dose
TDE	total daily expenditure
TDWB	touch down weight bearing
Te	expiratory time
TE	tracheosophageal
TEA	thromboendarterectomy total elbow arthroplasty
TEE	transeophageal echocardiogram
temp	temperature
TEN	toxic epidermal necrolysis
TF	tube feeding
TFC	thoracic fluid content
TFT	thyroid function test
TG	triglyceride
TGA	transposition great arteries
TGV	transposition great vessels
THA	total hip arthroplasty
Therex	therapeutic exercises
THR	total hip replacement
Ti	inspiratory time
TIA	transient ischemic attack
tib	tibial
tinc	tincture
TKA	total knee arthroplasty
TKO	to keep open
TKR	total knee replacement
TL	total laryngectomy
TLC	triple lumen catheter tender loving care
TLI	total lymphoid irradiation
TLS	tumor lysis syndrome
TM	tympanic membrane treadmill
Tman	tinea manum
TO	telephone order

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tob	tobacco
TOF	Tetralogy of Fallot
tol	tolerated
TP	total protein
tPA	tissue plasminogen activator
Tped	tinea pedis
TPN	total parenteral nutrition
TPR	temperature, pulse and respiration
TPTx	tension pneumothorax
TR	tricuspid regurgitation therapeutic recreation
T&R	treated and released
trach	tracheostomy
TriV	tricuspid valve
TRUS	transrectal ultrasound
TSA	total shoulder arthroplasty
TSEBT	total skin electron beam therapy
tsp	teaspoon
TST	thromboplastin screening test tuberculin skin test
Tt	total cycle time
TTWB	toe touch weight bearing
TUR	transurethral resection
TURBT	transurethral resection bladder tumor
TURP	transurethral resection of prostate
TV	tidal volume □ransvenous pacemaker tumor volume
Tvers	tinea versicolor
TVR	tricuspid valve replacement
TWB	total weight bearing
tx Tx	traction therapy treatment transfer
Tx Trg	transfer training
tymp	tympanic tympanogram
T&A	time and amount tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
T&C	type and cross-match

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U

U	unit Unapproved – Do Not Use! Spell out units
UA	urinalysis upper arm
UAC	umbilical artery catheter
UCL	uncomfortable loudness level
UE	upper extremity
UF	ultra filtration
UFP	ultra filtration pressure
UGI	upper gastrointestinal
unk	unknown
umb	umbilical
UL	unclassified lymphoma
ung	ointment
UO	urine output
UP	urticaria pigmentosa
UPJ	uteropelvic junction
UPPP UP3	uvulopalatopharyngoplasty
URI	upper respiratory infection
urt	urticaria
US	ultrasound Unit Secretary
USN	ultrasonic nebulizer
UTD	up to date unable to determine
UTI	urinary tract infection
UUN	urinary urea nitrogen
Uvas	urticarial vasculitis
UVB	ultraviolet B phototherapy
UVC	umbilical venous catheter
UVJ	ureterovesical junction
UVL	ultraviolet light

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V

V	visit vein minute volume volts
V1	first trigeminal nerve
V2	second trigeminal nerve
V3	third trigeminal nerve
vA	alveolar ventilation
V-A	ventriculoatrial
VAD	ventricular assist device
vag	vaginal
VAP	ventilator-associated pneumonia
VarV	varicose veins
vas	vasculitis
VATS	video assisted thoracoscopic surgery
VAVD	vacuum assisted venous drainage
VB	voided bladder
VBG	venous blood gas
VC	vital capacity volume control
VCG	voiding cystourethrogram
VCO2	carbon dioxide production
Vd	dead space volume dead space ventilation
VD	venereal disease
vdg	voiding
Vd/Vt	ratio of dead space to tidal volume
Ve	minute volume exhaled
VE	viral exanthema verbal expression
VER	visual evoked response
ves	vesicle
Vfib	ventricular fibrillation
VFSS	videoflouroscopic swallow study
VI	velocity index
viol	violaceous
vit	vitamin vitiligo

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VLB	venous lab draw
VN	vascular nevus
VO	verbal order
VO2	volume of oxygen
VOD	veno-occlusive disease
V-P	ventriculoperitoneal
V&P	vagotomy and pyloroplasty
VPla	verruca planus
VPIt	verruca plantaris
vs.	versus
VS	vital signs volume support
VSD	ventricular septal defect
VSS	vital signs stable
Vt VT	tidal volume ventricular tachycardia
vtx	vertex
VV	varicose vein/s
Vvul	verruca vulgaris
VV lig	varicose vein ligation
VZV	varicella zoster virus
VZVI	varicella zoster virus infection

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W

w/	with
W	white
w/a W/A	when awake while awake
WAR	whole abdominal radiation
WB	whole blood weight-bearing
WBAT	weight bearing as tolerated
WBC	white blood cell
W/C	wheelchair
WCC	white cell count
W&D W/D	warm and dry
WD/WN	well-developed/well-nourished
WF	word finding
WFL	within functional limits
WHO	World Health Organization
wk	week
W/L	workload
WLE	wide local excision
wnl WNL	within normal limits
WNV	west nile virus
WNWD	well nourished, well developed
w/o W/O	without wide open
wt	weight
W/W	white/widowed
2 W/W	2-wheeled walker
4 W/W	4-wheeled walker

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X

X x	times except
xan	xanthoma
XE	xerotic eczema
xero xr	xerosis
XRT	radiation therapy

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Y

yrs	years
Y/O	years old

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Symbols

11-44	dead deceased
@	at
Δ	change
↑	increase(d)
↓	decrease(d)
✓	check
>	greater than more than
<	less than
"	seconds inches
'	minutes
°	hours or degree
∠	angle
50-60/p	palpation blood pressure
∴	therefore
²	secondary second degree
X	times
∅	negative, nothing
+	plus or positive
-	minus
≈	approximately
≠	not equal
=	equals
♂	male
♀	female
&	and
	supine lying
	standing
	sitting
μ	microgram Unapproved – Do Not Use! Use mgm