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COMMON MEDICAL
ABBREVIATIONS



Abbreviation.....Definition

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AAA..... abdominal aortic aneurysm
ABD..... abdomen
ABC..... airway, breathing, circulation
AC..... antecubital
ACLS..... advanced cardiac life support
AED..... automatic external defibrillator
A-fib..... atrial fibrillation
AIDS..... acquired immune deficiency syndrome
ALS..... advanced life support
AKA..... also known as/ above the knee amputation
A.M.A., AMA..... against medical advice
APAP..... acetaminophen
APGAR..... infant assessment scale
APPROX..... approximately
ARDS..... Acute/Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome
ASA..... aspirin
AV..... atrioventricular

BBB..... bundle branch block
bilat..... bilateral
BKA below knee amputation
BLS..... basic life support
BM..... bowel movement
BP..... blood pressure
BS/BG..... blood sugar/glucose
BSA..... Body Surface Area
BVM..... bag valve mask

CABG..... coronary artery bypass graft
CAD..... coronary artery disease
CA..... cancer

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Cath..... catheterization
 CC..... chief complain
 CCU..... coronary care unit/critical care unit
 CHF..... congestive heart failure
 CNS..... central nervous system
 C/O..... complains of
 CO.....carbon monoxide
 CO2..... carbon dioxide
 COPD..... chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
 CP..... chest pain
 CPR..... cardiopulmonary resuscitation
 CSF..... cerebral spinal fluid
 CT scan..... computerized axial tomography
 CVA..... cerebral vascular accident

D/C..... discontinue or discharge
 DM.....diabetes mellitus
 DNR do not resuscitate
 DOA..... dead on arrival
 DT's..... delirium tremens
 DVT..... deep vein thrombosis
 D5W..... dextrose 5% in water
 DX..... diagnosis

ECG/EKG..... electrocardiogram
 EEG..... electroencephalogram
 EJ..... external jugular
 EMS..... Emergency Medical Services
 EMT..... Emergency Medical Technician
 ETA..... estimated time of arrival
 ETOH..... ethyl alcohol
 ET..... endotracheal tube
 EXT..... external (extension)

F..... female

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FB..... foreign body

FX..... fracture

g..... gram(s)

GCS..... Glasgow Coma Scale

GI..... gastrointestinal

GSW..... gunshot wound

gtts..... drops

GU..... genitourinary

GYN..... gynecology

HA..... headache

HEENT..... head, ears, eyes, nose, throat

HR..... heart rate/hour

HTN..... hypertension

Hx..... history

hyper..... above or high

hypo..... below or low

ICP..... intracranial pressure

ICU..... intensive care unit

IM..... intramuscular

IO..... intraosseous

IV..... intravenous

IVP..... intravenous push

IVPB..... intravenous piggy back

J..... joules

JVD..... jugular vein distension

Kg..... kilogram

KVO..... keep vein open

LAC..... laceration

L&D..... labor and delivery

LAT..... lateral
 LBBB..... left bundle branch block
 lb..... pound
 LLQ.....left lower quadrant
 LMP.....last menstrual period
 LOC..... loss of consciousness/level of consciousness
 LR..... lactated ringers
 L-Spine..... lumbar spine
 LSB..... long spine board
 LUQ..... left upper quadrant

mcg..... microgram
 MCI..... mass casualty incident
 MDI metered dose inhaler
 ME..... medical examiner
 mEq..... millequivalent
 MED..... medication/ medium
 mg..... milligram
 MICU..... medical intensive care unit
 MI..... myocardial infarction
 MOI..... mechanism of injury
 MRI..... magnetic resonance imaging
 MVA..... motor vehicle accident

NaCl..... sodium chloride
 NAD..... no acute distress
 NC..... nasal cannula
 NEB..... nebulizer
 NKA, NKDA..... no known allergies, no known drug allergies
 NPO.....Nothing by mouth
 NRM, NRB..... non-rebreather mask
 NS..... normal saline
 NSR normal sinus rhythm
 NTG..... nitro- nitroglycerine
 N/V..... nausea and vomiting

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N/V/D..... nausea, vomiting and diarrhea

O2..... oxygen

O2Sat..... oxygen saturation by pulse oximeter

OB..... obstetrics

OD..... overdose

OPA..... oropharyngeal airway

OPQRST.....onset, provoking factors, quality, radiation,
severity, time.

OTC..... over the counter

PAC..... premature atrial contraction

PALP..... palpation

PALS..... pediatric advanced life support

PCN..... penicillin

PE..... physical examination/ pulmonary embolism/pulmonary edema

PEA..... pulseless electrical activity

PEEP..... positive end expiratory pressure

PERRL..... pupils equal round and reactive to light

PJC..... premature junctional contraction

PMHx..... past medical history

PO..... orally

POV..... privately owned vehicle

PRN, prn..... as needed

PSVT..... paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia

PT..... patient

PTA prior to arrival

PVC..... premature ventricular contraction

R/O..... rule out

ROM..... range of motion/movement

(R)..... right

RLQ..... right lower quadrant

RUQ..... right upper quadrant

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Rx..... prescription therapy

SL..... sublingual
SOB..... short of breath
SpO2..... oxygen saturation by pulse oximeter
STAT..... at once
STD..... sexually transmitted disease
SQ..... subcutaneous
START..... simple triage & rapid treatment
SVT..... supraventricular tachycardia
SZ..... seizure
SX..... symptom

Temp..... temperature
TIA..... transient ischemic attack
TKO..... to keep open
Tx..... treatment

URI..... upper respiratory infection
UTI..... urinary tract infection

V-fib.....ventricular fibrillation
V/S.....vital signs
VT.....ventricular tachycardia

W/.....With
W/C..... Wheel Chair
W/O.....Without
WNL..... within normal limits
WPW..... Parkinson-White Syndrome

YO.....years old

Symbols

M or ♂ male

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- F or ♀ female
- + positive
- negative
- ? questionable
- Ψ psychiatric
- ~ approximately
- > greater than
- = equal
- Δ change
- L left
- R right

