

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

Z-R1 COMMON MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS		
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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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COMMON MEDICAL
ABBREVIATIONS



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

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COMMON MEDICAL
ABBREVIATIONS



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..... oralpharyngeal 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

<p>Z-R1 COMMON MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS</p>		
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- F or ♀ female
- + positive
- negative
- ? questionable
- Ψ psychiatric
- ~ approximately
- > greater than
- = equal
- Δ change
- L left
- R right

