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APPROVED ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
ā	before
Ab	abortion
abd	abdomen
adm	admission
AED	automatic external defibrillator
AIDS	acquired immune deficiency syndrome
AKA	above the knee amputation
ALOC	altered level of consciousness
ALS	advanced life support
am	morning
AMA	against medical advice
Amb	ambulation/ambulance
amt	amount
AMU	accessory muscle usage
ant	anterior
a/o x3	alert and oriented to person, place, and time
approx	approximately
ASC	Approved Stroke Center
appt	appointment
ARDS	adult respiratory distress syndrome
ASA	aspirin

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
ASAP	as soon as possible
ASHD	atherosclerotic heart disease
ВСР	birth control pills
BIB	brought in by
ВКА	below the knee amputation
BLS	basic life support
ВМ	bowel movement
BOA	born out of asepsis
BOW	bag of waters
BP	blood pressure
BS	breath sounds
BSA	body surface area
\bar{c}	with
С	centigrade
CA	cancer
CAD	coronary artery disease
CC	cubic centimeter
CC or c/c	chief complaint
CHF	congestive heart failure
cm	centimeter
C/O	complains of
CO ₂	carbon dioxide
COA	condition on arrival

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
СР	chest pain
CPAP	Continuous positive airway pressure
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CRF	chronic renal failure
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
CSM	circulation, sensation, movement
CVA	cerebral vascular accident
CXR	chest x-ray
D&C	dilation and curettage
dc	discharge/discontinue
DM	diabetes mellitus
DNR	do not resuscitate
DOA	dead on arrival
DOB	date of birth
DOE	dyspnea on exertion
drg	dressing
DT's	delirium tremors
DVT	deep vein thrombosis
DX	diagnosis
EBL	estimated blood loss
ECG	electrocardiogram
ED/ER	emergency dept. / emergency room

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
EDAP	emergency dept. approved for pediatrics
EMS	emergency medical services
EMT	emergency medical technician
EMT-P	emergency medical technician-paramedic
ET	endotracheal
ETA	estimated time of arrival
ETOH	ethanol (alcohol)
eval	evaluation
FB	foreign body
f/u	follow up
fx	fracture
G	gravida
GB	gallbladder
GI	gastrointestinal
gm	gram
GSW	gunshot wound
gtt	drop
GU	genitourinary
НМО	health maintenance organization
hosp	hospital
hr(s)	hour(s)
hs	at night
ht	height

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
HTN	hypertension
Нх	history
ICU	intensive care unit
Inc Ab	incomplete abortion
IUD	intrauterine device
IUP	intrauterine pregnancy
IV	intravenous
IVP	Intravenous push
JVD	jugular vein distention
KCL	potassium chloride
kg	kilogram
КО	knocked out (loss of consciousness)
KVO	keep vein open
L	Liter
	left
lab	laboratory
lac	laceration
Ib	pound
LLE	left lower extremity
LLL	left lower lobe (lung)
LLQ	left lower quadrant (abdomen)
LMP	last menstrual period
LOC	level of consciousness/loss of consciousness

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
LUE	left upper extremity
LUL	left upper lobe (lung)
LUQ	left upper quadrant
MAR	most accessible receiving facility
max	maximum
MCL	mid clavicular line
MD/PMD	medical doctor/private medical doctor
mEq	milliequivalent
mg	milligram
MI	myocardial infarction
MICN	mobile intensive care nurse
min	minutes/minimum
ml	milliliter
mo	month
MS	multiple sclerosis/morphine sulfate
MVA	motor vehicle accident
NA	not applicable/not available
NAD	no apparent distress
narc	narcotic
NB	newborn
neg	negative
NKA	no known allergies
NP	nurse practitioner

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
npo	nothing per mouth
NSR	normal sinus rhythm
NTG	nitroglycerin
nv	nausea/vomiting
n/v/d	nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
O ₂	oxygen
O ₂ sat	oxygen saturation
OB/GYN	obstetrical/gynecological
OBS	organic brain syndrome
OD	overdose/right eye
OS	left eye
OU	both eyes
Ρ̄	after
Р	para
PMC	Pediatric Medical Care (Center)
PE	physical exam/pedal edema/pulmonary embolus
Peds	pediatric/pedestrians
perf	perforation
PERL	pupils equal, react to light
PIH	pregnancy induced hypertension
pm	evening
PMH	past medical history
ро	by mouth

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
post	posterior/after
PPD	purified protein derivative (TB skin test)
pr	per rectum
prn	as needed
PSI	passenger space intrusion
Psych	psychiatric
pt	patient
PTA	prior to arrival
pulm	pulmonary
PVC	premature ventricular contraction
q	every
®	right
rehab	rehabilitation
RLE	right lower extremity
RLL	right lower lobe (lung)
RLQ	right lower quadrant (abdomen)
RML	right middle lobe (lung)
RN	registered nurse
r/o	rule out
RUE	right upper extremity
RUL	right upper lobe (lung)
RUQ	right upper quadrant (abdomen)
Rx	prescription

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
Š	without
SC	specialty center
sec	second
SIDS	sudden infant death syndrome
SL	saline lock/sublingual
SOB	shortness of breath
sq	square
SQ	subcutaneous
SRC	STEMI Receiving Center
ТВ	tuberculosis
TBC	total body check
Tbsp	tablespoon
TC	traffic collision
TIA	transient ischemic attack
TKO	to keep open (IV rate)
TK	tourniquet
tsp	teaspoon
TV	tidal volume
unk	unknown
UTI	urinary tract infection
vag	vaginal
vol	volume
VS	versus

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
VS	vital signs
wk	weak
WNL	within normal limits
w/o	without
wt	weight
y/o	year old
yr	year
@	at
&	and
^	increase/positive
V	decrease/negative
%	percent
2°	secondary to/ second degree
Δ	change
=	equal
9	female
3	male
#	number
>	greater than
<	less than
+	plus/positive
-	minus/negative