

SULLIVAN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

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- Abbreviation List

MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS
JUNE 2003

A

a	before
AAA	Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
ABG	Arterial Blood Gases
ac	before meals
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
adlib	as desired
A.D.	Right Ear
addtl	additional
A-Fib	Atrial Fibrillation
ADA	American Diabetic Association
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
AKA	Above Knee Amputation
ALL	Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia
ALS	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
AM	Morning
AMA	Against Medical Advice
AP	Antepartum
A/P	Anterior/Posterior
Appt	Appointment
AP/RP	Apical/Radial Pulse
APS	Adult Protective Services
ARC	AIDS Related Complex
ARCS	AIDS Related Community Service
AROM/AAROM	Active/Active assisted range of motion
A.S.	Left Ear
ASAP	As Soon As Possible
ASCVD	Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease
ASHD	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
As-tol	As tolerated
A.U.	Both Ears
A/V	Arteriovenous
AVR	Aortic Valve Replacement

B

BC/BS	Blue Cross/Blue Shield
b.c.p.	Birth control pills
bid	twice a day
bil	bilateral
bim	bi-monthly
biw	bi-weekly
BKA	Below Knee Amputation
BLE	Bilateral Lower Extremities
BM	Bowel Movement
B/P	Blood Pressure
BPH	Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy
BRP	Bathroom Privileges
BS	Bowel Sounds, Blood Sugar
BSO	Bilateral Salpingo-oophorectomy
BUE	Bilateral Upper Extremities
BUN	Blood Urea Nitrogen
BX	Biopsy

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D(CONT'D)**C**

c	with
Ca	Cancer
Ca+	Calcium
CABG	Coronary Artery Bypass Graft
CAD	Coronary Artery Disease
cal	calorie
cap(s)	Capsule(s)
CBC	Complete Blood Count
cc	cubic centimeter
CCU	Coronary Care Unit
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure
Chol	Cholesterol
CL	Chloride
CLL	Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia
cm	centimeter
CMV	Cytomegalovirus
CNS	Central Nervous System
c/o	complaints offered
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CP	Cardiopulmonary, Cerebral Palsy
CPM	Continuous Passive Motion
CPR	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CPS	Child Protective Services
creat	creatinine
CRF	Chronic Renal Failure
C&S	Culture & Sensitivity
CT	Computerized Tomography
CV	Cardiovascular
CVA	Cerebrovascular accident

D

d	day
D/C	Discontinue/Discharge
D&C	Dilatation & Curettage
dept	department
detox	detoxification
DFS	Department of Family Services
dgtr	daughter
diff	differential
dig	digoxin
DJD	Degenerative Joint Disease
DM	Diabetes Mellitus
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
DOA	Dead on Arrival
DOE	Dyspnea on exertion
DPM	Doctor of Podiatric Medicine
DPT	Diphtheria, Pertussis & Tetanus
Dr.	Doctor
drsg	dressing
DSD	Dry Sterile Dressing
DTaP	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Acellular Pertussis
DUB	Dysfunctional Uterine Bleeding
DVT	Deep Vein Thrombosis

Dx Diagnosis

E

EDC Estimated date of confinement
 EI Early Intervention
 EISEP Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Population
 EKG Electrocardiogram
 EMS Emergency Medical Service
 ENT Ear, Nose, Throat
 ER Emergency Room
 ESRD End-stage Renal Disease
 ET Enterostomal Therapist
 ETOH alcohol
 ext extremity

F

FB Finger Breadth
 FBS Fasting Blood Sugar
 Fe Iron
 FOB Father of Baby
 FTT Failure to Thrive
 F/U Follow-up
 FUO Fever of Unknown Origin
 FWB Full Weight Bearing
 fx fracture

G

GI Gastrointestinal
 gm gram
 gt/gtt drop/drops
 G Tube gastric tube
 GU genitourinary
 GYN gynecology

H

h hour
 hct hematocrit
 HCTZ Hydrochlorothiazide
 HCVD Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease
 HDL High Density Lipoprotein
 HEP Home Exercise Program
 Hep B Hepatitis B
 HG Health guidance
 hgb hemoglobin
 HHA Home Health Aide, Home Health Agency
 HIB Haemophilus Influenza B
 HIV Human Immunodeficiency Virus
 HMO Health Maintenance Organization
 HOH Hard of hearing

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H(CONT'D)

hs hour sleep

HTN Hypertension
 H²O² Peroxide
 HV Home Visit
 Hyper High
 Hypo Low
 hx history

I

i.e. for example
 I&D Incision & Drainage
 ICU Intensive Care Unit
 IDDM Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus
 IM Intramuscular
 I&O Intake/Output
 Irreg Irregular
 inc incontinent
 indep independent
 ins insurance
 IV Intravenous

K

K+ Potassium
 Kg Kilogram
 KUB Kidney, Ureter, Bladder
 KVO Keep vein open
KODI Krames on demand

L

L Liter
 Lab Laboratory
 lat lateral
 lb pound
 L&D Labor and delivery
 L.E. Late entry
 LE/RLE/LLE Lower Extremity/Right LE/Left LE
 LGA Large for gestational age
 LLL Left Lower Lobe
 LLQ Left Lower Quadrant
 L/LT Left
 LMP Last Menstrual Period
 LOC Loss of Consciousness
 LPN Licensed Practical Nurse
 LTHHCP Long Term Home Health Care Program
 LUL Left Upper Lobe
 LUQ Left Upper Quadrant

M

MA Medical Assistance
 mcg microgram
 MD Medical Physician, Muscular Dystrophy
 MCR Medicare
 Med(s) Medicine(s)

M.E.	Mistaken entry
meq	milliequivalent
mg	milligram
Mg	Magnesium
MH	Mental Health
MH/MR	Mental Health/Mental Retardation
MI	Myocardial Infarction
Min	minutes
ml	milliliter
MMR	Measles, Mumps & Rubella
MOM	Milk of Magnesia
MOSO4	Morphine Sulphate
MOW	Meals on Wheels
MR	Mental Retardation
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MRSA	Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus
MS	Multiple Sclerosis
MSW	Medical Social Worker
Multi	Multiple
MVA	Motor Vehicle Accident
MVI	Multivitamin

N

Na+	Sodium
N/A	Not applicable
NaCL/NS	Normal Saline
NB	Newborn
N/V	Nausea/Vomiting
NAS	No added salt
NC	Nasal Cannula
NCP	Nursing Care Plan
NE	Not examined
neg	negative
neuro	neurological
NG	Nasogastric
NH/NF	Not Home/Not Found
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NIDDM	Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus
Nitro	Nitroglycerine
NKA	No known allergies
non	not
NPO	Nothing by mouth
NSVD	Normal Spontaneous Vaginal Delivery
NWB	Non-Weight Bearing
NYSEG	New York State Electric & Gas

O

O2	Oxygen
OA	Osteoarthritis
OASIS	Outcomes and Assessment Information Set
OB	Obstetrics

O(CONT'D)

OBQI	Outcomes-Based Quality Improvement
OBS	Organic Brain Syndrome
occas	occasional
OD	Right Eye
OFA	Office for the Aging
oint	ointment
OJ	Orange Juice
OOB	Out of bed
OPS	Outcomes Planner System
OPV/IPV	Oral Polio Vaccine/Intramuscular Polio Vaccine
OR	Operating Room
ORIF	Open Reduction Internal Fixation
OS	Left Eye
Osteo	Osteomyelitis
OT	Occupational Therapy
OU	Both Eyes
oz	ounce
<u>P</u>	
p	after
Para	children
Pb	Lead
pc	after meals
PCA	Personal Care Aide, patient-controlled analgesia
PCAP	Prenatal Care Assistance Program
PCP	Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia
PE	Pulmonary Embolus
Peg tube	Percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy tube
per	by
PERS	Personal Emergency Response System
PHCP	Physically Handicapped Children's Program
PID	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
PKU	Phenylketonuria
pm	Afternoon, evening
po	per mouth
POA	Power of Attorney
POC	Plan of Care
pp	post prandial
PP	Postpartum
PR	By Rectum
prn	as needed
prom	premature rupture of membranes
PROM	Passive range of motion
Psych	Psychiatric
post	posterior
pt	patient
P.T.	Physical Therapy
PT	Protime
PTT	Partial Thrombo Blastin Time
PVD	Peripheral Vascular Disease
PWB	Partial Weight Bearing

q every
 qd every day
 qh every hour
 qid four times a day
 qod every other day
 qs quantity sufficient
 qt quart

R

R Respiration
 RA Rheumatoid Arthritis
 RBC Red Blood Cell
 RD Registered Dietician
 RDS Respiratory Distress Syndrome
 re regarding
 rehab rehabilitation
 RLL Right Lower Lobe
 RLQ Right Lower Quadrant
 RML Right Middle Lobe
 RN Registered Nurse
 R/O rule out
 ROM range of motion
 RR Respiratory Rate
 R/R+ Right
 RTO Return to office
 RUL Right Upper Lobe
 RUQ Right Upper Quadrant
 Rx Prescribed/Ordered

S

s without
 SASH Saline Antibiotic Saline Heparin
 SBA stand by assist
 SBE self breast exam
 SC/SQ subcutaneous
 SGA Small for gestational age
 SL sublingual
 SLE Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
 SNF Skilled Nursing Facility
 SO Salpingo-oophorectomy
 SOB Shortness of Breath
 SOC Start of Care
 S/P Status Post
 SP Supra Pubic
 ss half
 S/S Signs/Symptoms
 SSS Sick Sinus Syndrome
 S.T. Speech Therapy
 stat immediately
 STD Sexually Transmitted Disease
 supp suppository

S(CONT'D)

sx symptoms
 Sym Symmetrical

T

tab tablet
 Tachy Tachycardia
 TAH Total Abdominal Hysterectomy
 Tb Tuberculosis
 tbsp tablespoon
 T/C telephone call
 TENS Transcutaneous Electronic Nerve Stimulator
 THR Total Hip Replacement
 TIA Transient Ischemic Attack
 tid three times a day
 TKR Total Knee Replacement
 tol tolerated
 TPN total parenteral nutrition
 TPR Temperature, Pulse, Respiration
 T/R Teach/reinforce
 tsp teaspoon
 T/temp temperature
 TTN Transient Tachypnea of Newborn
 TURP Transurethral resection of prostate
 Tx Treatment

U

UA Urinalysis
 ue/rue/lue Upper extremity/right UE/left UE
 UR Utilization Review
 URI Upper Respiratory Infection
 UTI Urinary Tract Infection

V

vag vaginal
 vit(s) vitamin(s)
 vs versus
 V/S Vital signs

W

WBC white blood cell
 WC wheelchair
 WCB will call back
 WCC Well Child Conference
 WIC Women, Infants & Children Program
 wk week
 WNL within normal limits
 w/qw/BIW/TIW week/1xw, 2xw, 3xw
 wt weight

Y

yr(s) year(s)

SYMBOLS:

Change	▲	Female	—
Greater than	>	Male	—
Less than	<	Degree °	
Increase	↑	Number	#
Decrease	↓	Positive	(+)
Approximate	≈	Negative	(-)

HOSPITALS:

AMC	Albany Medical Center
CRMC	Catskill Regional Medical Center
MIBH	Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital
NYPH	New York Presbyterian Hospital
ORMC	Orange Regional Medical Center
	Campus: Horton
	Arden
RPH	Robert Packer Hospital
WCMC	Westchester County Medical Center
WMH	Wayne Memorial Hospital