

APPENDIX B

MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS

This appendix contains the abbreviations for a list of common medical terms.

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Common Medical Abbreviations

abd	abdomen	DT	delirium tremens
a.c.	before meals (<i>ante cibum</i>)	ECG (EKG)	electrocardiogram
AD	right ear (<i>auris dextra</i>)	ECT	electroconvulsive therapy
ad lib.	as desired	EEG	electroencephalogram
AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome	ENT	ear, nose, and throat
AKA	above-knee amputation	ER	emergency room; estrogen receptor
ALL	acute lymphocytic leukemia	EST	electroshock therapy
AML	acute myelocytic (<i>myelogenous</i>) leukemia	FBS	fasting blood sugar
A & P	auscultation and percussion	GI	gastrointestinal
ARDS	acute respiratory distress syndromed	gtt.	drops (<i>guttae</i>)
AS	left ear (<i>auris sinistra</i>); aortic stenosis	GU	genitourinary
ASD	atrial septal defect	GYN	gynecology
ASHD	arteriosclerotic heart disease	H ₂ O	water
b.i.d.	twice a day (<i>bis in die</i>)	Hb	hemoglobin
BP	blood pressure	HCl	hydrochloric acid
BPH.	Benign prostatic hypertrophy	Hct	hematocrit
Broncho	bronchoscopy	HVD	hypertensive vacular disease
BUN	blood urea nitrogen	Hx	history
c	with (<i>cum</i>)	IDDM	insulin-dependent diabetes
C	calcium; cancer	IM	intramuscular (<i>injection</i>)
CAD	coronary artery disease	IPPB	intermittent positive-pressure breathing
CAPD	continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis	I.Q.	intelligence quota
CAT scan	computer (<i>axial</i>) tomography	IUD	intrauterine device
CBC, c.b.c.	complete blood count	IV (i.v.)	intravenous (<i>injection</i>)
CHF	congestive heart failure	IVC	intravenous pyelogram
CI	chlorine	K	potassium
CNS	central nervous system	KUB	kidney, ureter, and bladder (<i>abdominal x-ray</i>)
CO ₂	carbon dioxide	L	liter, left; lower
COPD	chronic obstructive	L-1, L-2	first, second lumbar vertebra
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	lap.	laparotomy
CVS	cardiovascular system	LLL	left lower lobe (<i>lung</i>)
D & C	dilation and curettage	LLQ	lower left quadrant
DM	diabetes mellitus	LUQ	left upper quadrant (<i>abdomen</i>)
DOB	date of birth	LV	left ventricle
		mets	metastases
		MVP	mitral valve prolapse
		N	nitrogen
		Na	sodium

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NED	no evidence of disease	RIA	radioimmunoassay
NG tube	nasogastric tube	RLL	right lower lobe (<i>lung</i>)
NDDM	non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus	RLM	right middle lobe (<i>lung</i>)
n.p.o.	nothing by mouth (<i>nulla per os</i>)	RLQ	right lower quadrant (<i>abdomen</i>)
NTP	normal temperature and pressure	R/O	rule out
O ₂	oxygen	RUL	right upper lobe (<i>lung</i>)
OB	obsterics	Rx	treatment; take
OBS	organic brain syndrome	s	without (<i>sine</i>)
OD	right eye (<i>oculus dexter</i>)	SCD	sudden cardiac death
OR	operating room	SH .	serum hepatitis
OS	left eye (<i>oculus sinister</i>)	S/P	status post (<i>refers to previous Disease condition</i>)
Oto.	otology	sp.gr.	specific gravity
OU	each eye (<i>oculus uterque</i>)	stat.	immediately (<i>statim</i>)
oz .	ounce	Subcu.	subcutaneous
PAC	premature atrial contractions	SVC	superior vena cava
PAT	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia	T	temperature
Path	pathology	T1,T-2	first, second thoratic vertebra
PD	peritoneal dialysis	TIA	transient ischemic attack
PDR	Physician's Desk Reference	t.i.d.	three times daily (<i>ter in die</i>)
PM	post mortem; petit mal; afternoon (<i>post meridian</i>)	TPN	total parental nutrition
p/o	postoperative	TUR, TURP	transurethral resection (<i>for prostatectomy</i>)
p.o.	by mouth (<i>per os</i>)	Tx	treatment
PP	Postprandial (<i>after meals</i>)	U/A	urinalysis
p.r.n.	as needed (<i>pro re nata</i>)	UGI	upper gastrointestinal
Pro.time	prothrombin time (<i>test of blood clotting</i>)	Ur.	urine
PT	protrombin; physical therapy	URI	upper respiratory infection
PTA	prior to admission	UTI	urinary tract infection
PVC	premature ventricular contractions	VA	visual acuity
q.d.	every day (<i>quaque die</i>)	VD	venereal disease
q.h.	every hour (<i>quaque hora</i>)	VDRL	venereal disease research laboratory (<i>an antibody test for syphilis</i>)
q.i.d.	four times a day (<i>quater in die</i>)	VSD	ventricular septal defect
q.n.	every night (<i>quaque nox</i>)	WBC	white blood cell/ white blood count
q.n.s.	quantity not sufficient	y/o	year old
RA	rheumatoid arthritis; right atrium		
RDS	respiratory distress syndrome		