

## Commonly Used Abbreviations

AA - Alcoholics Anonymous; African American  
A-a - Alveolar Arterial gradient  
AAA - Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm  
AB - Antibody; also Abortion  
ABD - Abdomen  
ABG - Arterial Blood Gas  
ABI - Ankle Brachial Index  
ABPA - Allergic Broncho Pulmonary Aspergillosis  
ABX - Antibiotics  
AC - Anterior Chamber; also Acromio-Clavicular and Before Meals  
ACE-I - Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitor  
ACL - Anterior Cruciate Ligament  
ACLS - Advanced Cardiac Life Support  
ACS - Acute Coronary Syndrome  
AD LIB - As Desired  
ADA - American Diabetes Association  
ADD - Attention Deficit Disorder  
ADE - Adverse Drug Effect  
ADHD - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder  
ADL - Activities of Daily Living  
ADR - Adverse Drug Reaction  
ADTP - Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program  
AED - Automatic External Defibrillator; Anti-Epileptic Drug  
AF - Atrial Fibrillation; Afebrile  
AFB - Acid Fast Bacterium  
AFP - Alpha Fetoprotein  
AGN - Antigen  
AI - Aortic Insufficiency  
AIDS - Acquired Immuno-Deficiency Syndrome  
AIN - Acute Interstitial Nephritis  
AK - Actinic Keratosis  
AKA - Above Knee Amputation  
ALL - Allergies; also Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia  
ALS - Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis; also Advanced Life Support  
AMA - Against Medical Advice; American Medical Association  
AMD - Aging Macular Degeneration  
AMI - Acute Myocardial Infarction; Anterior Myocardial Infarction  
A-MIBI - Adenosine MIBI  
AML - Acute Myelogenous Leukemia  
AMS - Altered Mental Status; Acute Mountain Sickness  
ANC - Absolute Neutrophil Count  
AND - Axillary Node Dissection  
ANGIO - Angiography  
A&O - Alert And Oriented  
AP - Anterior-Posterior  
A/P - Assessment and Plan  
APC - Atrial Premature Contraction  
APD - Afferent Pupillary Defect

APPY - Appendectomy  
APS - Adult Protective Services  
ARB - Angiotensin Receptor Blocker  
ARDS - Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome  
ARF - Acute Renal Failure  
AS - Aortic Stenosis; also Anklyosing Spondylitis  
ASA - Aspirin  
ASD - Atrial Septal Defect  
ASU - Ambulatory Surgery Unit  
ATN - Acute Tubular Necrosis  
A/V Nicking - Arteriolar/Venous Nicking  
A/V Ratio - Arteriolar/Venous Ratio  
AVF- Arterio-Venous Fistula  
AVM - Arterial Venous Malformation  
AVN - Avascular Necrosis; Atrio-Ventricular  
AVNRT - Atrio-Ventricular Nodal Reentrant Tachycardia  
AVR - Aortic Valve Replacement  
AVSS - Afebrile, Vital Signs Stable

B - Bilateral  
B&C - Board and Care  
BAE - Barium Enema  
BBB - Bundle Branch Block  
BCC - Basal Cell Carcinoma  
BCG - Bacille Calmette-Guerin  
BDR - Background Diabetic Retinopathy  
BE - Bacterial Endocarditis; also Barium Enema  
BET - Benign Essential Tremor  
BIB - Brought In By  
BID - Twice a Day  
BIPAP - Bi-Level Positive Airway Pressure  
BIVAD - Bi-Ventricular Assist Device  
BKA - Below Knee Amputation  
BL CX - Blood Culture  
BM - Bone Marrow; also Bowel Movement  
BMI - Body Mass Index  
BMT - Bone Marrow Transplant  
BP - Blood Pressure  
BPD - Borderline Personality Disorder; also Bi-Polar Disorder and Broncho-Pulmonary Dysplasia  
BPV - Benign Positional Vertigo  
BR - Bed Rest  
BRAO - Branch Retinal Artery Occlusion  
BRB - Bright Red Blood  
BRBPR - Bright Red Blood Per Rectum  
BRP - Bathroom Privileges  
BRVO - Branch Retinal Vein Occlusion  
BS - Bowel Sounds; also Breath Sounds and Blood Sugar  
BSA - Body Surface Area

BUN - Blood Urea Nitrogen

BX - Biopsy

C - With

CABG - Coronary Artery By-Pass Graft

CAD - Coronary Artery Disease

CAP - Prostate Cancer; Community Acquired Pneumonia

CARDS - Cardiology

CAT - Cataract

CATH - Catheterization

CB - Cerebellar

C/B - Complicated By

CBC - Complete Blood Count

CBD - Common Bile Duct; Closed Bag Drainage

CBI - Continuous Bladder Irrigation

CC - Chief Complaint

CCB - Calcium Channel Blocker

CCC - Central Corneal Clouding

CCK - Cholecystectomy

CCE - Clubbing, Cyanosis, Edema

C/D - Cup to Disk ratio

CDI - Clean Dry Intact

C DIF - Clostridium Difficile

CEA - Carcinoembryonic Antigen

Chemo - Chemotherapy

CHI - Closed Head Injury

CHF - Congestive Heart Failure

Choly - Cholecystectomy

CI - Cardiac Index

CIC - Clean Intermittent Catheterization

CIDP - Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy

CK - Creatinine Kinase

CL - Chloride

CLL - Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

CM - Cardiomegaly

CML - Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia

CMP - Cardiomyopathy

CMR - Chief Medical Resident

CMT - Cervical Motion Tenderness; Charcot Marie Tooth

CMV - Cyto-Megalo Virus

CN - Cranial Nerves

CNIS - Carotid Non-Invasive Study

CNS - Central Nervous System

CO - Cardiac Output

C/O - Complains Of

COPD - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

COX  $\gamma$  - Cyclooxygenase  $\gamma$

CPAP - Continuous Positive Airway Pressure

CPP - Cerebral Perfusion Pressure

CPPD - Calcium Pyrophosphate Disease

CPR - Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation  
CPS - Child Protective Services  
CPU - Chest Pain Unit  
CRAO - Central Retinal Artery Occlusion  
CRFs - Cardiac Risk Factors  
CRI - Chronic Renal Insufficiency  
CRP - C Reactive Protein  
CRVO - Central Retinal Vein Occlusion  
CSF - Cerebral Spinal Fluid  
CT - Cat Scan; also Chest Tube and Cardio-Thoracic  
CTA - Clear To Auscultation  
CVA - Cerebral Vascular Accident  
CVL - Central Venous Line  
CVP - Central Venous Pressure  
C/W - Consistent With; Compared With  
CX - Culture  
CXR - Chest X-Ray  
C/W - Consistent With

D - Diarrhea; also Disk  
D<sup>o</sup>W - Dextrose % in Water  
DB- Direct Bilirubin  
DBP - Diastolic Blood Pressure  
DC - Discharge; Discontinue; Doctor of Chiropractics  
D&C - Dilatation and Curretage  
DCIS - Ductal Carcinoma In Situ  
DDX - Differential Diagnosis  
DF - Dorsiflexion  
DFA - Direct Fluorescent Antibody  
DFE - Dilated Fundus Examination  
DI - Diabetes Insipidus; Detrusor Instability  
DIC - Disseminated Intravascular Coagulopathy  
DIF - Differential  
DIP - Distal Inter-Phalangeal  
DJD - Degenerative Joint Disease  
DKA - Diabetic Ketoacidosis  
DM - Diabetes Mellitus  
DNI - Do Not Intubate  
DNR - Do Not Resuscitate  
DO - Doctor of Osteopathy  
D/O - Disorder  
DOT - Directly Observed Therapy  
DOU - Direct Observation Unit  
DP - Dorsalis Pedis  
DPL - Diagnostic Peritoneal Lavage  
DPOA - Durable Power Of Attorney  
DR - Diabetic Retinopathy  
DRE - Digital Rectal Exam  
D/T - Due To  
DTs - Delirium Tremens

DTR - Deep Tendon Reflex  
DVT - Deep Venous Thrombosis  
DX - Diagnosis  
DU - Duodenal Ulcer

EBL - Estimated Blood Loss  
EBM - Evidence Based Medicine  
EBRT - External Beam Radiation Therapy  
EBV - Epstein Barr Virus  
ECG - Electrocardiogram (also known as EKG)  
ECHO - Echocardiography  
ECMO - Extra-Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation  
ECT - Electro-Convulsive Therapy  
ED - Erectile Dysfunction  
EEG - Electroencephalogram  
EF - Ejection Fraction (in reference to ventricular function)  
EGD - Esophago-Gastro Duodenoscopy  
EIC - Epidermal Inclusion Cyst  
EJ - External Jugular  
EKG - Electrocardiogram (also known as ECG)  
EM - Electron Microscopy  
EMG - Electromyogram  
EMS - Emergency Medical System  
EMT - Emergency Medical Technician  
E/O - Evidence Of  
EOMI - Extra Ocular Muscles Intact  
Eos - Eosinophils  
EPO - Erythropoietin  
EPS - Electro-Physiologic Study  
ER - External Rotation; also Emergency Room  
ERCP - Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangio-Pancreatography  
ES - Epidural Steroids  
ESI - Epidural Steroid Injection  
ESLD - End Stage Liver Disease  
ESR - Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate  
ESRD - End Stage Renal Disease  
ESWL - Extracorporeal Shock Wave Lithotripsy  
ETOH - Alcohol  
ETT - Exercise Tolerance Test; also Endotracheal Tube  
EWCL - Extended Wear Contact Lens  
EX LAP - Exploratory Laparotomy  
EX FIX - External Fixation  
EXT - Extremities

FB - Foreign Body  
F/B - Followed By  
FBS - Fasting Blood Sugar  
FE - Iron  
FEM - Femoral  
FENA - Fractional Excretion of Sodium

FEV<sub>2</sub> - Forced Expiratory Volume - Second  
FFP - Fresh Frozen Plasma  
Flex Sig - Flexible Sigmoidoscopy  
FLU - Influenza  
FMG - Foreign Medical Graduate  
F&N - Febrile and Neutropenic  
FNA - Fine Needle Aspiration  
FOOSH - Fall On Outstretched Hand  
FOS- Full of Stool; Force Of Stream  
FP - Family Practitioner  
FRC - Functional Residual Capacity  
FSG - Finger Stick Glucose  
FSH - Follicle Stimulating Hormone  
FTT - Failure To Thrive  
F/U - Follow-Up  
FUO - Fever of Unknown Origin  
FX - Fracture

G - Guaiac (followed by + or -)  
GA - General Anesthesia  
GAD - Generalized Anxiety Disorder  
GAS - Group A Strep; Guaiac All Stools  
GB - Gall Bladder; also Guillain Barre  
GBM - Glioblastoma Multiforme  
GBS- Group B Strep  
GC - Gonorrhea  
GCS - Glasgow Coma Scale  
GCSF - Granulocyte Colony Stimulating Factor  
GERD - Gastroesophageal Reflux  
GERI- Geriatrics  
GET - General Endotracheal  
GI - Gastrointestinal  
GIB - Gastrointestinal Bleeding  
GLC - Glaucoma  
GMR - Gallups, Murmurs, Rubs  
GN - Glomerulonephritis  
GNR - Gram Negative Rod  
GOO - Gastric Outlet Obstruction  
GP - General Practitioner  
G#P# - Gravida # Para #  
GP  $\gamma$ b/ $\gamma$ a - Glycoprotein  $\gamma$ b/ $\gamma$ a Inhibitor  
GPC - Gram Positive Coccus  
GS - Gram Stain  
GSW - Gun Shot Wound  
GTT - Glucose Tolerance Test  
G-Tube - Gastric Feeding Tube  
GU - Genito-Urinary; also Gastric Ulcer  
GVHD - Graft Versus Host Disease

H FLU - Haemophilus Influenza  
HA - Headache  
HAART - Highly Active Anti-Retroviral Therapy  
HACE - High Altitude Cerebral Edema  
HAPE - High Altitude Pulmonary Edema  
H $\gamma$  - Histamine  $\gamma$   
HCC - Hepatocellular Carcinoma  
HCG - Human Chorionic Gonadotropin  
HCL - Hard Contact Lens  
HCM - Health Care Maintenance  
HCT - Hematocrit  
HCV - Hepatitis C Virus  
HD - Hemodialysis  
HDL - High Density Lipoprotein  
HEENT - Head, Ears, Eyes, Nose, Throat  
HELLP - Hemolysis Elevated Liver tests Low Platelets  
HEME/ONC - Hematology/Oncology  
HGB - Hemoglobin  
HH - Hiatal Hernia  
H&H - Hemoglobin and Hematocrit  
HI - Homicidal Ideation  
HIB - Haemophilus Influenza B vaccine  
HIT - Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia  
HIV - Human Immunodeficiency Virus  
HL - Heparin Lock  
HOB - Head Of Bed  
HOCM - Hypertrophic Obstructive Cardiomyopathy  
HOH - Hard Of Hearing  
HONK - Hyperosmolar Non-Ketotic State  
HPI - History of Present Illness  
HPV - Human Papilloma Virus  
HR - Heart Rate  
HRT - Hormone Replacement Therapy  
HS - At Bedtime  
HSM - Holo-Systolic Murmur; also Hepato-Splenomegaly  
HSP - Henoch Shonlein Purpura  
HSV - Herpes Simplex Virus  
HTN - Hypertension  
HU - Holding Unit  
HUS - Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome  
HX - History

I+ - With Ionic Contrast (in reference to a CAT Scan)  
I- - Without Ionic Contrast (in reference to a CAT Scan)  
IA - Intra-Articular  
IABP - Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump  
IBD - Inflammatory Bowel Disease  
IBS - Irritable Bowel Syndrome  
IBW - Ideal Body Weight  
ICD - Implantable Cardiac Defibrillator

ICH - Intra-Cranial Hemorrhage  
ICP - Intra-Cranial Pressure  
ID - Infectious Diseases  
I&D - Incise and Drain  
IDDM - Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus  
IFN - Interferon  
IH - Inguinal Hernia (usually preceded by L or R)  
IJ - Internal Jugular  
IL- Interleukin; Indirect Laryngoscopy  
ILD - Interstitial Lung Disease  
IM - Intramuscular also Intramedullary  
IMI - Inferior Myocardial Infarction  
IMP - Impression  
INR - International Normalized Ratio  
I&O - Ins and Outs  
IOL - Intra-Ocular Lens  
IOP - Intra-Ocular Pressure  
IP - Inter-Phalangeal  
IPF - Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis  
IR - Interventional Radiology; Internal Rotation  
IRB - Indications Risks Benefits; Institutional Review Board  
IT - Intrathecal; Information Technology  
ITP - Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia  
IUD - Intrauterine Device  
IUP - Intrauterine Pregnancy  
IV - Intravenous  
IVC - Inferior Vena Cava  
IVDU - Intravenous Drug Use  
IVF - Intravenous Fluids; also In Vitro Fertilization  
IVP - Intravenous Pyelogram

JP - Jackson Pratt  
J-Tube - Jejunal Feeding Tube  
JVD - Jugular Venous Distention  
JVP - Jugular Venous Pressure

K - Potassium  
KCAL - Kilocalories  
KUB - Kidneys Ureters and Bladder  
KVO - Keep Vein Open

L - Left  
LA - Left Atrium  
LAC - Laceration  
LAD - Left Anterior Descending (coronary artery); Left Axis Deviation  
LAP - Laproscopic; also Laparotomy  
LAR - Low Anterior Resection  
LBBB - Left Bundle Branch Block  
LBO - Large Bowel Obstruction  
LBP - Low Back Pain



LCL - Lateral Collateral Ligament  
LCX - Left Circumflex (coronary artery)  
L&D - Labor and Delivery  
LDH - Lactate Dehydrogenase  
LDL - Low Density Lipoprotein  
LE - Lower Extremity (usually preceded by R or L); Leukocyte Esterase  
LENIS - Lower Extremity Non-Invasive Study  
LFT - Liver Function Test  
LH - Leutinizing Hormone; Left Handed; Light Headed  
LHC - Left Heart Cath  
LHRH - Leutinizing Hormone Releasing Hormone  
LIMA - Left Internal Mammary Artery  
LLE- Left Lower Extremity  
LLL - Left Lower Lobe; Left Lower Lid  
LLQ - Left Lower Quadrant  
LM - Left Main Coronary Artery  
LMA - Laryngeal Mask Airway  
LMD - Local Medical Doctor  
LMN - Lower Motor Neuron  
LMP - Last Menstrual Period  
LN - Lymph Node also Liquid Nitrogen  
LND - Lymph Node Dissection  
LOA - Lysis Of Adhesions  
LOC - Loss Of Consciousness  
LP - Lumbar Puncture  
LPN - Licensed Practical Nurse  
LR - Lactated Ringers  
LS - Lumbro-Sacral  
LT - Light Touch  
LUE - Left Upper Extremity  
LUL - Left Upper Lobe; also Left Upper Lid  
LUTS - Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms  
LUQ - Left Upper Quadrant  
LV FXN - Left Ventricular Function  
LVAD - Left Ventricular Assist Device  
LVEDP - Left Ventricular End Diastolic Pressure  
LVH - Left Ventricular Hypertrophy  
LVN - Licensed Vocational Nurse  
LMWH - Low Molecular Weight Heparin  
LYTES- Electrolytes

MAC - Monitored Anesthesia Care  
MCL - Medial Collateral Ligament  
MCP - Metacarpal-Phalangeal  
MCV - Mean Corpuscular Volume  
MDRTB - Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis  
MEDS - Medicines  
MFM - Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
MI - Myocardial Infarction  
MICU - Medical Intensive Care Unit

MIDCAB - Minimally Invasive Direct Coronary Artery Bypass  
MM - Multiple Myeloma  
M&M - Morbidity and Mortality  
MMP - Multiple Medical Problems  
MMR - Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine  
MOM - Milk Of Magnesia  
MR - Mitral Regurgitation  
MRCP - Magnetic Resonance Cholangio Pancreatography  
MRI - Magnetic Resonance Imaging  
MRSA - Methicillin Resistant Staph Aureus  
MS - Mental Status; also Mitral Stenosis, Multiple Sclerosis and Morphine Sulfate  
MSSA - Methicillin Sensitive Staph Aureus  
MTP - Metatarsal-Phalangeal  
MVP - Mitral Valve Prolapse  
MVR - Mitral Valve Replacement

N - Nausea  
NA - Not Available; also Sodium  
NAD - No Apparent Distress; No Acute Disease  
NABS - Normal Active Bowel Sounds  
NCAT - Normocephalic Atraumatic  
NCS - Nerve Conduction Study  
NEB - Nebulizer  
NGT - Naso-Gastric Tube  
NGU - Non-Gonococcal Urethritis  
NH - Nursing Home  
NHL - Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma  
NICU - Neonatal Intensive Care Unit  
NIDDM - Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus  
NIF - Negative Inspiratory Force  
NKDA - No Known Drug Allergies  
NMS - Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome  
NOS - Not Otherwise Specified  
NP - Nurse Practitioner  
NPO - Nothing By Mouth  
NS - Normal Saline  
NSBGP - Non-Specific Bowel Gas Pattern  
NSCLCA - Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer  
NSR - Normal Sinus Rhythm  
NT - Non-Tender  
NTD - Nothing To Do  
NUCS - Nuclear Medicine  
NYHA - New York Heart Association

OA - Osteoarthritis  
OB - Occult Blood (followed by '+' or '-')  
OCD - Obsessive Compulsive Disorder  
OCP - Oral Contraceptive Pill  
OD - Right Eye  
OE - Otitis Externa

OLT - Orthotopic Liver Transplant  
OM - Otitis Media  
ON - Optic Nerve; Over Night  
OOB - Out Of Bed  
OP - Opening Pressure  
O/P - Oropharynx  
O&P - Ovum and Parasites  
ORIF - Open Reduction with Internal Fixation  
ORL - Oto-Rhino Laryngology  
OS - Left Eye  
OSA - Obstructive Sleep Apnea  
OT - Occupational Therapy  
OTC - Over The Counter  
OTD - Out The Door  
OU - Both Eyes  
O/W - Otherwise

P - Pulse  
P - Pending  
P - After  
PA - Posterior-Anterior; also Physician's Assistant  
PACU - Post Anesthesia Care Unit  
PAD - Peripheral Arterial Disease  
PALS - Pediatric Advanced Life Support  
PBC - Primary Billiary Cirrhosis  
PC - After Meals  
PCA - Patient Controlled Analgesia  
PCI - Percutaneous Coronary Intervention  
PCKD - Polycystic Kidney Disease  
PCL - Posterior Cruciate Ligament  
PCM - Pacemaker  
PCOD - Poly-Cystic Ovarian Disease  
PCP - Primary Care Physician; also Pneumocystis Pneumonia  
PCR - Polymerase Chain Reaction  
PCWP - Pulmonary Capillary Wedge Pressure  
PD - Parkinson's Disease; also Personality Disorder and Peritoneal Dialysis  
PDA - Patent Ductus Arteriosus  
PE - Physical Exam; also Pulmonary Embolism  
PEG - Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy  
PERRL - Pupils Equal, Round, Reactive to Light  
PET - Positron Emission Tomography  
PF - Peak Flow; also Plantar Flexion  
PFO - Patent Foramen Ovale  
PFTs - Pulmonary Function Tests  
PH - Pin Hole  
PICC - Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter  
PICU - Pediatric Intensive Care Unit  
PID - Pelvic Inflammatory Disease  
PIH - Pregnancy Induced Hypertension  
PIP - Proximal Inter-Phalangeal

PLT - Platelets  
PMD - Primary Medical Doctor  
PMH - Past Medical History  
PMI - Point of Maximum Impulse  
PMN - Polymorphonuclear Leukocytes  
PMRS - Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service  
PN - Progress Note  
PNA - Pneumonia  
PNBX - Prostate Needle Biopsy  
PND - Paroxysmal Nocturnal Dyspnea also Post Nasal Drip  
PNS - Peripheral Nervous System  
PO - By Mouth  
POP - Popliteal  
PP - Pin Prick  
PPD - Purified Protein Derivative  
PPH - Primary Pulmonary Hypertension  
PPI - Proton Pump Inhibitor  
PPN - Peripheral Parenteral Nutrition  
PPTL- Post Partum Tubal Ligation  
PR - Per Rectum  
PRBCs - Packed Red Blood Cells  
PRN - Refers to treatments which patient can receive on an "as needed" basis  
PSA - Prostate Specific Antigen  
PSC - Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis  
PSH - Past Surgical History  
PT - Physical Therapy; Posterior Tibial; Prothrombin Time; Patient  
PTA - Prior To Admission; Peritonsillar Abscess  
PTCA - Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty  
P-Thal - Persantine Thallium  
PTSD - Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder  
PTT - Partial Thromboplastin Time  
PTX - Pneumothorax  
PUD - Peptic Ulcer Disease  
PV - Polycythemia Vera; Portal Vein  
P VAX - Pneumococcal Vaccination  
PVC - Premature Ventricular Contraction  
PVD - Peripheral Vascular Disease; Posterior Vitreous Detachment  
PVR - Post Void Residual

Q - Every (refers to a time interval...eg. if followed by ʘ, means "Every ʘ Hours"; if followed by AM, D, W, or M =s "Every Morning Day, Week, or Month" respectively)

QHS - Every Night

QID - Four times per day

QNS - Quantity Not Sufficient

QOD - Every Other Day

R - Right

RA - Right Atrium

RAD - Right Axis Deviation; also Reactive Airways Disease

R/B - Referred By; Relieved By

RBBB - Right Bundle Branch Block  
RBC - Red Blood Cell  
RCA - Right Coronary Artery  
RCC - Renal Cell Cancer  
RCT - Randomized Controlled Trial; Rotator Cuff Tear  
RD - Retinal Detachment; also Registered Dietician  
RDI - Respiratory Disturbance Index  
RF - Rheumatoid Factor; also Risk Factor  
RFA - Radio Frequency Ablation; Right Femoral Artery  
RHC - Right Heart Cath  
RHD - Rheumatic Heart Disease  
Rheum - Rheumatology  
R/I - Rule In  
RIG - Rabies Immunoglobulin  
RIMA - Right Internal Mammary Artery  
RLE - Right Lower Extremity  
RLL - Right Lower Lobe; also Right Lower Lid  
RLQ - Right Lower Quadrant  
RML - Right Middle Lobe  
RNEF - Radionuclide Ejection Fraction  
R/O - Rule Out  
ROM - Range Of Motion  
ROMI - Rule Out Myocardial Infarction  
ROS - Review Of Systems  
RPGN - Rapidly Progressive Glomerulonephritis  
RPLND - Retroperitoneal Lymph Node Dissection  
RPR - Rapid Plasma Reagin  
RR - Respiratory Rate  
RRP - Radical Retropubic Prostatectomy  
RRR - Regular Rate and Rhythm  
RSD - Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy  
RSV - Respiratory Syncytial Virus  
RT - Respiratory Therapy  
RTC - Return To Clinic  
RUE - Right Upper Extremity  
RUG - Retrograde Urethrogram  
RUL - Right Upper Lobe; Right Upper Lid  
RUQ - Right Upper Quadrant  
RV - Right Ventricle; Residual Volume  
RVAD - Right Ventricular Assist Device  
RVG - Right Ventriculogram  
RVR- Rapid Ventricular Response  
RX - Treatment

S - Without

∩/∩ - Secondary To

SA - Sino-Atrial; Staph Aureus

SAAG - Serum Ascites Albumin Gradient

SAB - Spontaneous Abortion

SAH - Sub-Arachnoid Hemorrhage

SBE - Subacute Bacterial Endocarditis  
SBO - Small Bowel Obstruction  
SBP - Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis; Systolic Blood Pressure  
SC - Subcutaneous  
SCCA - Squamous Cell Cancer  
SCL - Soft Contact Lens  
SCLCA - Small Cell Lung Cancer  
SEM - Systolic Ejection Murmur (with reference to cardiac exam)  
SFA - Superficial Femoral Artery  
SFV - Superficial Femoral Vein  
SI - Suicidal Ideation  
SIADH - Syndrome of Inappropriate Anti-Diuretic Hormone secretion  
SICU - Surgical Intensive Care Unit  
SIDS - Sudden Infant Death Syndrome  
SIRS - Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome  
SK - Seborrheic Keratosis; also Streptokinase  
SL - Sublingual  
SLE - Systemic Lupus Erythematosus; also Slit Lamp Exam  
SLR - Straight Leg Raise  
SNF - Skilled Nursing Facility  
S/P - Status Post; also Supra Pubic  
SPEP - Serum Protein Electro-Pheresis  
SPF - Sun Protection Formula  
SQ - Subcutaneous  
SSI - Sliding Scale Insulin  
SSRI - Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor  
STAT - Immediately  
STD - Sexually Transmitted Disease  
STS - Soft Tissue Swelling  
STX - Stricture  
SVC - Superior Vena Cava  
SVG - Saphenous Vein Graft  
SW - Social Work; Stab Wound  
SX - Symptoms  
SZR - Seizure

T - Temperature  
T&A - Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy  
TAA - Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm  
TAB - Threatened Abortion; also Therapeutic Abortion  
TAH - Total Abdominal Hysterectomy  
TB - Tuberculosis; Total Bilirubin  
T&C - Type and Cross  
TCA - Tricyclic Antidepressant  
TC - Current Temperature  
TCC - Transitional Cell Cancer  
TD - Tetanus and Diphtheria Vaccination; Tardive Dyskinesia  
TDWBAT - Touch Down Weight Bearing As Tolerated  
TEE Trans-Esophageal Echocardiogram  
TFs - Tube Feeds

TG - Triglycerides  
THA - Total Hip Arthroplasty  
THR - Total Hip Replacement  
TIA - Transient Ischemic Attack  
TIBC - Total Iron Binding Capacity  
TID - Three times per day  
TIPS - Transvenous Intrahepatic Porto-Systemic Shunt  
TKA - Total Knee Arthroplasty  
TKR - Total Knee Replacement  
TLC - Triple Lumen Catheter; Total Lung Capacity  
TM - Tympanic Membrane; Maximum Temperature  
TMJ - Temporo-Mandibular Joint  
TMN - Tumor Metastases Nodes (universal tumor staging system)  
TNF - Tumor Necrosis Factor  
TOA - Tubo-Ovarian Abscess  
TOX - Toxicology  
TOXO - Toxoplasmosis  
TP - Total Protein  
TPA - Tissue Plasminogen Activator  
TPN - Total Parenteral Nutrition  
TR - Tricuspid Regurgitation  
TRUS - Transrectal Ultrasound  
T&S - Type and Screen  
TSH - Thyroid Stimulating Hormone  
TTE - Trans-Thoracic Echocardiogram  
TTP - Tender To Palpation; Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura  
TURBT - Transurethral Resection Bladder Tumor  
TURP - Transurethral Prostatectomy  
TV - Tidal Volume  
TVC - True Vocal Cord  
TX - Transfusion; Treatment

UA - Urine Analysis; also Uric Acid  
UC - Ulcerative Colitis  
UCC - Urgent Care Center  
UCX - Urine Culture  
UDS - Urodynamic Study  
UE - Upper Extremity (usually preceded by R or L)  
UF - Ultra Filtration  
UFH - Unfractionated Heparin  
UMBO - Umbilical  
UMN - Upper Motor Neuron  
UNSA - Unstable Angina  
UO - Urine Output  
UPEP - Urine Protein Electro-Pheresis  
UPPP - Uvulopalatopharyngeoplasty  
URI - Upper Respiratory tract Infection  
US - Ultrasound  
UTD - Up To Date

UTI - Urinary Tract Infection

UV - Ultraviolet

V - Vomiting

VA - Visual Acuity

VATS - Video Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery

VAX - Vaccine

VBAC - Vaginal Birth After Cesarean Section

VBG - Venous Blood Gas

VC - Vital Capacity; Vocal Cord

VCUG - Voiding Cysto-Urethrogram

VF - Ventricular Fibrillation

VIP - Vasoactive Intestinal Peptide

VP - Ventriculo-Peritoneal

V&P - Vagotomy and Pyloroplasty

VS - Vital Signs

VSD - Ventricular Septal Defect

VSS - Vital Signs Stable

VT - Ventricular Tachycardia

VWF - Von Willebrand Factor

WBAT - Weight Bearing As Tolerated

WBC - White Blood Cells

WDWN - Well Developed, Well Nourished

WNL - Within Normal Limits

W/O - Without

W/U - Work-Up

X - Except

XLR - Crossed Leg Raise

XRT - Radiation Therapy

ZE - Zollinger Ellison