

## Abbreviations

ā	before	AROM	active range of motion
AAROM	active-assistive range of motion	ASAP	as soon as possible
abd	abdomen	assist	assistance
ABR	absolute bedrest	as tol	as tolerated
ac, a.c.	before meals	A, T, D	admission, transfer, and discharge
AD	Alzheimer's disease	ax	axillary
ADC	AIDS dementia complex	BID, b.i.d.	two times a day
ad lib	as desired	BKA	below-knee amputation
ADLs	activities of daily living	bld	blood
adm.	admission	BLS	basic life support
AED	automated external defibrillator	BM	bowel movement
AHA	American Heart Association	BP, B/P	blood pressure
AIDS	acquired immune deficiency syndrome	BPH	benign prostatic hypertrophy
AIIR	airborne infection isolation room	BPM	beats per minute
AKA	above-knee amputation, also known as	BR	bedrest
am, AM	morning	BRP	bathroom privileges
AMA	against medical advice, American Medical Association	BSC	bedside commode
amb	ambulate, ambulatory	BSE	breast self examination
AMD	age-related macular degeneration	C	centigrade, Celsius
amt.	amount	τ	with
ANS	autonomic nervous system	Ca/CA	calcium, cancer, carcinoma
ant.	anterior	CAD	coronary artery disease
a.p./AP	apical pulse	cal	calorie
approx.	approximately	cath.	catheter
		CBC	complete blood count
		CBI	continuous bladder irrigation

## Abbreviations (cont'd)

CBR	complete bedrest	CRF	chronic renal failure
CCMS	clean-catch midstream	C.S.	Central Supply
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
CDE	certified diabetes educator	CVA	cerebrovascular accident, stroke
C. diff	<i>clostridium difficile</i>	CVP	central venous pressure
CEP	competency evaluation (testing) programs	CVS	cardiovascular system
CEU	continuing education unit	CXR	chest x-ray
CHD	coronary heart disease	DAT	diet as tolerated
CHF	congestive heart failure	DJD	degenerative joint disease
chol	cholesterol	DKA	diabetic ketoacidosis
ck	check	DM	diabetes mellitus
cl liq	clear liquid	DNR	do not resuscitate
cm	centimeter	DO	doctor of osteopathy
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	DOA	dead on arrival
CNA	certified nursing assistant	DOB	date of birth
CNP	certified nurse practitioner	DON	director of nursing
CNS	central nervous system	Dr.	doctor
c/o	complains of, in care of	DRG	diagnostic related group
CO <sub>2</sub>	carbon dioxide	drsg	dressing
COLD	chronic obstructive lung disease	DVT	deep vein thrombosis
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	Dx/dx	diagnosis
CP	cerebral palsy	ECG, EKG	electrocardiogram
CPM	continuous passive motion	ED	emergency department
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	EENT	eye, ear, nose, and throat
		e.g.	for example
		EMS	emergency medical services

## Abbreviations (cont'd)

ER	emergency room	g	gram
ESRD	end-stage renal disease	GP	general practitioner
et al.	and other things	GSW	gunshot wound
ETOH	alcohol	GTT	glucose tolerance test
exam	examination	GU	genitourinary
F	Fahrenheit, female	GYN/gyn	gynecology
FBS	fasting blood sugar	h, hr, hr.	hour
FDA	Food and Drug Administration	H <sub>2</sub> O	water
Fe	iron	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	hydrogen peroxide
FF	force fluids	H/A	headache
FH	family history	HAART	highly active anti-retroviral therapy
fld	fluid	HAV	hepatitis A virus
FS	fingerstick	HBV	hepatitis B virus
FSBS	fingerstick blood sugar	HCV	hepatitis C virus
ft	foot	HDV	hepatitis D virus
F/U, f/u	follow-up	HEV	hepatitis E virus
FUO	fever of unknown origin	Hg	mercury
FWB	full weight-bearing	HHA	home health aide
fx	fracture	Hi-cal	high calorie
FYI	for your information	HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
GAD	generalized anxiety disorder	HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
gal	gallon	HMO	health maintenance organization
GB	gallbladder	HOB	head of bed
GERD	gastroesophageal reflux disease	HOH	hard of hearing
geri chair	geriatric chair	H&P	history and physical
GI	gastrointestinal		

## Abbreviations (cont'd)

HPV	human papillomavirus	KS	Kaposi's sarcoma
HS/hs	hours of sleep	l, L	liter
ht	height	L, lt	left
HTN	hypertension	lab	laboratory
H.U.C.	Health Unit Coordinator	lb	pound
Hx	history	LBP	low back pain
hyper	above normal, too fast, rapid	LE	lower extremity
hypo	low, less than normal	lg	large
IBD	irritable bowel disease	liq	liquid
IBS	irritable bowel syndrome	LLE	left lower extremity
IICU	intermediate intensive care unit	LLQ	left lower quadrant
ICU	intensive care unit	LOC	level of consciousness, level of care
ID	identification	Low-cal	low-calorie
I&D	incision and drainage	Low-fat/ Low-cal	low-fat, low-calorie
i.e.	that is	Low-Na	low-sodium
IM	intramuscular	LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
In	inch	LTC	long-term care
inc	incontinent	LTCF	long-term care facility
inf	inferior	LUQ	left upper quadrant
I&O	intake and output	LVN	Licensed Vocational Nurse
IQ	intelligence quotient	M.D.	medical doctor
irr., irrig	irrigation	MD	muscular dystrophy
isol	isolation	MDROs	multidrug-resistant organisms
I.V., IV	intravenous	MDR-TB	multidrug-resistant tuberculosis
K	potassium		
kg	kilogram		

## Abbreviations (cont'd)

MDS	minimum data set	N/C	no complaints, no call
meds	medications	NCS	no concentrated sweets
med-surg	medical-surgical	neg	negative
mg	milligram	NF	nursing facility
MI	myocardial infarction	NG, ng	nasogastric
min	minute	NIBP	non-invasive blood pressure monitoring
mL	milliliter	NKA	no known allergies
mm	millimeter	NKDA	no known drug allergies
mm Hg	millimeters of mercury	no	number
MO	microorganism	noc	night
mod	moderate	NPO	nothing by mouth
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging	NVD	nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea
MRSA	methicillin-resistant <i>staphylococcus aureus</i>	NWB	non-weight-bearing
MS	multiple sclerosis	O <sub>2</sub>	oxygen
MSDs	musculoskeletal disorders	OB	obstetrics
MSDS	material safety data sheet	ob/gyn	obstetrics and gynecology
MSW	medical social worker	OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
MUFA	monounsaturated fat	occ	occasionally
MVA	motor vehicle accident	OCD	obsessive-compulsive disorder
Na	sodium	OD	overdose
N/A	not applicable	O.D.	right eye
NA	nursing assistant	OG	orogastric
NaCl	sodium chloride (table salt)	OOB	out of bed
NAS	no added salt	O&P	ova and parasites
NATCEP	Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program	OPD	outpatient department

## Abbreviations (cont'd)

O.R.	operating room	PH	past history
ord.	orderly, ordered	PHI	protected health information
ORIF	open reduction, internal fixation	phy. ex.	physical exam
ortho	orthopedics	PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
os	mouth	PM/pm	afternoon
O.S.	left eye	PMH	past medical history
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration	PNS	peripheral nervous system
OT	occupational therapist, occupational therapy	PO	(per os) by mouth
OTC	over-the-counter (medication)	pos.	positive
O.U.	both eyes	post op	after surgery
oz	ounce	PPD	purified protein derivative (test for tuberculosis)
̄	after	PPE	personal protective equipment
P.A.	physician's assistant	pre op	before surgery
PAD	peripheral artery disease	prep	preparation
pc, p.c.	after meals	p.r.n., prn	when necessary
PCA	patient-controlled anesthesia	prog.	progress
PDR	Physician's Desk Reference	PROM	passive range of motion
PE	pulmonary embolism	Pt/pt	patient
Peds/peds	pediatrics	pt.	pint
PEG	percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy	PT	physical therapist, physical therapy
peri care	perineal care	PTH	parathyroid hormone
per os	by mouth	PTSD	post-traumatic stress disorder
PET	positron emission tomography	PUFA	polyunsaturated fat
pH	parts hydrogen	PVD	peripheral vascular disease
		PWB	partial weight-bearing

## Abbreviations (cont'd)

q̄	every	RN	registered nurse
q2h, q3h, q4h	every two hours, every three hours, every four hours	RNA	restorative nursing assistant
QA	quality assurance	R/O	rule out
Q&A	questions and answers	ROM	range of motion
qam	every morning	RR	respiratory rate
qd	every day	RT	respiratory therapy/therapist
qh, qhr	every hour	RUE	right upper extremity
qhs	every night at bedtime	RUQ	right upper quadrant
q.o.d.	every other day	Rx	prescription, treatment
qt.	quart	̄	without
quad	quadrant, quadriplegic	S&A	sugar and acetone
R	respirations, rectal	s.c.	subcutaneously
R, rt.	right	SCA	sudden cardiac arrest
RA	rheumatoid arthritis	SCDs	sequential compression devices
RBC	red blood cell	SIDS	sudden infant death syndrome
RDT	registered dietician	sl	sublingually
reg.	regular	SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus
rehab	rehabilitation	SLP	speech-language pathologist
REM	rapid eye movement	sm.	small
req.	requisition	SNAFU	situation normal, all fouled up (slang)
res.	resident	SNF	skilled nursing facility
resp.	respiration	SNS	somatic nervous system
RF	restrict fluids	SOB	shortness of breath
RLE	right lower extremity	SP	Standard Precautions
RLQ	right lower quadrant		

## Abbreviations (cont'd)

S.P.D.	Supply, Processing, and Distribution	tsp.	teaspoon
spec.	specimen	TWE	tap water enema
ss	one-half	Tx, tx	traction, treatment
S&S, S/S	signs and symptoms	U/A, u/a	urinalysis
SSE	soapsuds enema	UE	upper extremity
ST	standard, speech therapy	UGI	upper gastrointestinal
staph	<i>staphylococcus</i>	UNK, unk	unknown
STAT/stat	immediately	URI	upper respiratory infection
Std prec	Standard Precautions	US	ultrasound
STDs	sexually-transmitted diseases	USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
STIs	sexually-transmitted infections	UTI	urinary tract infection
strep	<i>streptococcus</i>	vag.	vaginal
supp.	suppository	VAP	ventilator-acquired pneumonia
surg.	surgery	VD	venereal disease
T, temp	temperature	VRE	vancomycin-resistant <i>enterococcus</i>
TB	tuberculosis	VS, vs	vital signs
tbsp.	tablespoon	W/A, WA	while awake
T, C, DB	turn, cough, and deep breathe	WBC	white blood cell/count
THR	total hip replacement	w/c, W/C	wheelchair
TIA	transient ischemic attack	WNL	within normal limits
t.i.d., tid	three times a day	wt.	weight
TKR	total knee replacement	yr.	year
TLC	tender loving care		
TPN	total parenteral nutrition		
T.P.R.	temperature, pulse, and respiration		
trach.	tracheostomy		