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**APPROVED ABBREVIATION LIST
AND
CHARTING TERMS**

-A-

a	before
aa	equal part of each
AA	affected area
AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm
AAC	antibody associated colitis
AACU	Adult Ambulatory Care Unit
AAL	anterior axillary line
AAROM	active-assistive range of motion
ab	antibody
AB	abortion
ABC	alcohol benzoin cornstarch
abd	abdomen
ABE	acute bacterial endocarditis
ABG	arterial blood gasses
abn	abnormal
ABN	advanced beneficiary notice
ABO	blood typing system
ABP	arterial blood pressure
abs	absent
a.c./ac	before meals (ante cibum)
Ac	acute
AC	anterior chamber/assist control
ACA	anterior cerebral artery
acc	accident
ACCEL	acceleration
accom.	accommodation
ACH	adrenal cortical hormone
acid phos.	acid phosphatase
ACL	anterior cruciate ligament
AComA	anterior communicating artery
ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone
ADA	American Dietetic Association
ADC	anterior descending coronary artery
add.	Abductor/abduction/adduct
ADH	antidiuretic hormone
ADL	activities of daily living
ad lib	as desired
adm.	admission
AE	above elbow
AEA	above elbow amputation
AF	atrial fibrillation
a fib	atrial fibrillation
AFB	acid fast bacilli

AFO	ankle-foot orthosis
AFP	alpha fetoprotein
AFV	amniotic fluid volume
A/G	albumin globulin ratio (blood)
AGA	appropriate gestational age
AGN	acute glomerular nephritis
AHG	antihemophilic globulin
AI	aortic insufficiency
AICA	anterior inferior cerebellar artery
AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
AJ	ankle jerk
AK	above knee
ak	axillary temperature
aka	also known as
AKA	above knee amputation
alb.	albumin
alc.	alcohol
alk. phos.	alkaline phosphatase
ALL	acute lymphocytic leukemia
ALS	amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
ALT	alanine aminotransferase
a.m./AM	morning
AMA	against medical advice
amb	ambulatory, ambulating, ambulate
AM FL	amniotic fluid
AMI	acute myocardial infarction
AML	acute myeloid leukemia
AMML	acute myeloid monocytic leukemia
amnio	amniocentesis
amp/AMP	ampule
amt	amount
ANA	antinuclear antibody
ANC	absolute neutrophil count
anes	anesthesia
ANF	antinuclear fraction
ANS	autonomic nervous system
ant	anterior
ant ax	anterior axillary line
ant sag	anterior sagittal diameter
ante	before
ANUG	acute necrotizing ulcerative gingivitis
A/O	alert and oriented
AOB	alcohol on breath
AODM	adult onset diabetes mellitus
AP	ante partum
ap	anterioposterior
A&P	auscultation and percussion
APB	atrial premature beat
APC	atrial premature contraction
ap & lat	anteroposterior and lateral

APR	abdomino-perineal resection
approx.	approximately/approximate
aq	water
AR	aortic regurgitation
ar	apical rate
ARC	Abnormal retinal correspondence/AIDS related complex
ARD	acute respiratory distress
ARDS	adult respiratory distress syndrome
ARF	acute respiratory failure
ARM	augmented rupture of membranes
AROM	artificial rupture of membranes
ASA	acetylsalicylic acid, aspirin
ASAP	as soon as possible
ASCVD	atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
ASD	atrial septal defect
ASHD	arteriosclerotic heart disease
ASL	antistreptolysin titer
ASLO	antistreptolysin – O
ASO	arteriosclerotic occlusion/arteriosclerosis obliterans
ASOD	arteriosclerotic occlusive disease
as tol	as tolerated
ATN	acute tubular necrosis
ATNR	asymmetrical tonic neck reflex
aud	auditory
aur fib	auricular fibrillation
auscult	auscultation
AV	arterioventricular, arteriovenous
AVF	arteriovenous fistula
AVR	aortic valve replacement
AVM	arterio-venous malformation
A/W	alive and well
AWMI	anterior wall myocardial infarction
ax	axilla, axillary
AZ	Ascheim-Zondek test
A1 (one)	aortic first sound
A2 (two)	aortic second sound

- B -

B	bacillus/back
ba	barium
B&M	bag and mask
Bab	Babinski sign
BAER	Brain stem auditory evoked response
Ba.E	Barium enema
Bas	basil/basilar
baso	basophile
BBB	bundle branch block
BBT	basal body temperature
B&C	bed and chair
bc	blood culture
BCA	basal cell atypia
BCD	basal cell dysplasia
BCE	basal cell epithelioma
BCG	bacillus Calmette-Guerin vaccine (TB vaccine)
BE	barium enema
be	below elbow
BEA	below elbow amputation
B/F	black female
BFP	biological false positive
BEI	butanol extractable iodine
b.i.d./bid	twice per day
BIH	bilateral inguinal hernia
bilat	bilateral
bili	bilirubin
b.i.n./bin	twice per night
BISP	bispinous or interspinous diameter
b.i.w./biw	twice weekly
BK	below knee
BKA	below knee amputation
bkft	breakfast
bl cult	blood culture
BLE	both lower extremities
BM	bowel movement
B/M	black male
BMR	basal metabolic rate
BMT	bilateral myringotomy with tubes
BNO	bladder neck obstruction
body wt	body weight
BOMA	bilateral otitis media, catarrhal acute
BOOP	bronchiolitis obliterans & organizing pneumonitis
BOW	bag of water
BP	blood pressure
BPD	bronchopulmonary dysplasia
BPH	benign prostatic hypertrophy
BPM	beats per minute
BPP	biophysical profile
BPS	bilateral partial salpingectomy/biophysical score
Br	breech presentation
BR	biceps reflex
brach	brachial

brady	bradycardia
BRAT	bananas, rice cereal, applesauce and toast (diet)
BRBPR	bright red blood per rectum
BrBx.	breast biopsy
broncho	bronchoscopy
BRP	bathroom privileges
BS	breath sounds
bs	bowel sounds
BSA	body surface area
BSB	bedside bag
BSC	bedside commode
BSD	bedside drainage
BSO	bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy
BST	blood serologic test
BT	bladder tumor
bt	bedtime
BTBV	beat to beat variability
BTL	bilateral tubal ligation
BTU	British thermal unit
BU	Bodanski unit
bu	below umbilicus
BUN	blood urea nitrogen
BW	bitewing x-rays
Bx	biopsy

-C-

c	with
C	centigrade
CI - CXII	cranial nerve 1-12
C1 - C7	cervical vertebrae 1-7
Ca ⁺⁺	calcium
ca	coronary artery
CA	cancer/carcinoma
c/a	called and answered
CAB	coronary artery bypass
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft
CAD	coronary artery disease
CAHD	coronary atherosclerotic heart disease
Cal	calorie(s)
CAPD	continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis
Cap	capsule(s)
car	carotid
card	cardiac/cardiology
card cath	cardiac catheterization
CAT	computerized axial tomography
cath	catheter/catheterization
caut	cauterization
CB	Cesarean birth
CBC	complete blood count
CBD	common bile duct
CBF	cerebral blood flow
CBG	capillary blood gas
CBR	complete bed rest
CBS	chronic brain syndrome
cc.	cubic centimeter
CC	chief complaint
CCM	critical care medicine
CCU	coronary care unit
ccu	clean catch urine
CD	common duct
CDC	U.S. Centers for Disease Control
CDE	common duct exploration
CDH	congenital dislocation of hip
cdh	congenital diaphragmatic hernia
CE	cardiac enlargement
CEA	carcinoembryonic antigen
cerv	cervix/cervical
CF	cystic fibrosis
CHD	congenital heart disease
chemo	chemotherapy
chem	chemistry
CHF	congestive heart failure
CHO	carbohydrate
chol	cholesterol
chol est	cholesterol esters
chr	chronic

CI	cardiac insufficiency
CICU	coronary intensive care unit
CIN	cervical intraepithelial neoplasia
circ	circumcision
CIS	carcinoma in situ
CK	creatinine kinase
Cl	chloride
cldy	cloudy
CLL	chronic lymphocytic leukemia
cm	centimeter
CM	costal margin/case manager
CML	chronic myelogenous leukemia
CMO	comfort measures only
CMV	cytomegalovirus
CN	cranial nerve
cn	calcaneonavicular
CNG	continuous nasogastric
CNJ	continuous nasojejunal
CNS	central nervous system
cnst	constipation
CO ₂	carbon dioxide
co	cardiac output
c/o	complains of
coag	coagulation
coag t	coagulation time
COLD	chronic obstructive lung disease
coll	collyrium
comb	combination
comm	communicable/communicating
conc	concentrated
conj	conjunctiva
cons	consultation/consult
cont	continued
COP	cryptogenic organizing pneumonitis
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
cor	coronary/heart
CP	cerebral palsy
CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure
CPC	clinicopathological conference
CPD	cephalopelvic disproportion
CPK	creatinine phosphokinase
CPPB	continuous positive pressure breathing
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CPT	cold pressor test/chest physiotherapy
cr	creatinine
CR	cardiorespiratory
CRD	chronic respiratory disease
creat	creatinine
CRF	chronic renal failure
C/S	Cesarean section
C-sect	Cesarean section
C&S	culture and sensitivity
CSDHS	Connecticut State Department of Health Services
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid

c-spine	cervical spine
CST	contraction stress test
ct	clotting time
CT	computed tomography
CTA	catamenia/menses
CTR	central treatment room
CTS	carpal tunnel syndrome
ctx	contractions
cu mm	cubic millimeter
CV	cardiovascular
CVA	cerebrovascular accident
cva	costovertebral angle
CVD	cardiovascular disease
CVL	central venous line
CVP	central venous pressure
cvs	clean voided specimen
CVS	cardiovascular system
cx	cervix/cervical
CXR	chest x-ray
cysto	cystoscopy

- D -

D	Doppler/diopter
d	day(s)
d.	direct
D1-D7	dorsal vertebra 1-7
DAP	distal airway pressure
dB	decibel
DBE	deep breathing exercise
d/c	discontinue
D/C	discharge
DC	diagonal conjugate
dc	direct current
D&C	dilation and curettage
DD	discharge diagnosis
D/DW	dextrose, distilled water
DDx	differential diagnosis
D&E	dilation and evacuation
decel(s)	deceleration(s)
decr	decreased
degen	degenerative
dehyd	dehydrated
Derm	dermatology
DES	Diethylstilbestrol
detox	detoxification
D5RL	5% dextrose and lactated ringers
D5W	5% dextrose and sterile water
DI	diabetes insipidus
diag	diagnosis
diam	diameter
diast	diastole/diastolic
DIC	disseminated intravascular coagulation
diff	differential blood count
dil	dilute
dim	diminish/diminished
DIP	distal interphalangeal joint
disc	discharge
disp	disposition
dist	distal
DIU	death in utero
div	divorced
DJD	degenerative joint disease
DKA	diabetic ketoacidosis
DLCO	diffusion capacity of carbon monoxide
DLE	disseminated lupus erythematosus
D/L	deciliter
DM	diabetes mellitus
dm	diastolic murmur
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
DNR	do not resuscitate

DOA	dead on arrival
DOB	date of birth
DOC	department of corrections
DOE	dyspnea on exertion
dopa	dihydroxyphenylalanine (L. dopa)
dp	dorsalis pedis
DPT	diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus vaccine
DR	delivery room
ds	deviated septum
DS	discharge summary
D/S	dextrose and saline
D&S	dilatation and suction
DSD	dry sterile dressing
dsg	dressing
d-spine	dorsal spine
d/t	due to
DTR	deep tendon reflexes
DTs	delirium tremens
DTV	due to void
DTX	detoxification
DU	duodenal ulcers
DUB	dysfunctional uterine bleeding
DUI	driving under the influence
DUID	driving under the influence of drugs
DVT	deep vein thrombosis
D/W	dextrose in water
dx	diagnosis

- E -

E	enema/external
e	without
EAP	exacerbating apical periodontitis
EBL	estimated blood loss
EBV	Epstein-Barr virus
EC	enteric coated
ECCE	extracapsular cataract extraction
ECF	extended care facility
ECG	electrocardiogram
ECHO	echocardiogram
ECHO virus	enterocytopathogenic human orphan virus
E.Coli	Escherichia coli
ECMO	extra corporeal membrane oxygenation
ECS	endocervical scrape
ECT	electroconvulsive
ED	Emergency Department
EDC	estimated date of confinement
EDD	expected date of delivery
EDOD	estimated date of delivery
EEG	electroencephalogram
EENT	eyes, ears, nose, throat
EFF	effacement
EFM	external fetal monitor
e.g.	for example
EGA	estimated gestational age
EGD	esophagogastroduodenoscopy
EKG	electrocardiogram
ELF	elective low forceps
EmBx	endometrial biopsy
EMG	electromyogram
EMLA®	eutectic mixture of local anesthetics (lidocaine and prilocaine in an emulsion base)
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
ENT	ear, nose, throat
eos	eosinophils
EPI	epinephrine
EPID	epidural
epith	epithelium/epithelial
EOM	extraocular movement
epis	episiotomy
ER	Emergency Room
ERCP	endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography
ERG	electroretinography
ERS	evacuation retained secundines
ESRD	end stage renal disease
ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
EST	electroshock therapy
est	estimated

ESWL	extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy
etiolo	etiology
ETOH	ethanol/alcoholism
ETT	endotracheal tube
ETS	endotracheal suction
EUA	examination under anesthesia
eval	evaluation
ex	exercise
exam	examination
exc	excision
exp	expire/expiration
expir	expiration/expiratory
exp lab	exploratory laparotomy
ext	extremity/external
ext gen	external genitalia

- F -

F	female/Fahrenheit
FA	fatty acid
fa	fluorescent antibody
FB	finger breadth/foreign body
FBS	fasting blood sugar
FD	fully dilated
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
fdg	feeding
FDP	flexor digitorum profundus
Fe	Iron
Fe def	Iron deficiency
FEF	forced expiratory flow
FEKG	fetal electrocardiogram
fem	femoral
fem pop	femoral popliteal
fet	fetal
FEV	forced expiratory volume
ff	force fluid
FF	fundus firm
FFA	free fatty acid
FFP	fresh frozen plasma
fh	fundal height
FH	family history
FHR	fetal heart rate
FHR-UC	fetal heart rate-uterine contraction
FHS	fetal heart sound
FHT	fetal heart tones
fib	fibula
FiO ₂	fraction of inspired oxygen
fl	fluids
FLD	full lower denture
flex	flexor/flexion
fl oz	fluid ounce
FM	fetal monitor/fetal movement
FMT	fetal monitor tracing
FMX	full mouth extraction
FOB	father of baby
FP	family planning
FR	fluid restriction
fract	fractional/fracture
FRC	functional residual capacity
freq	frequency
Fri.	Friday
FROM	full range of motion
FS	frozen section/foul smelling
fs	finger stick

FSH	follicle stimulating hormone
FSS	fetal scalp sampling
FT	full term
FTA	fluorescent treponemal antibody
FTD	failure to descend
FTND	full term normal delivery
FTG	full thickness graft
FTT	failure to thrive
F/U	follow-up
FUB	functional uterine bleeding
FUO	fever of unknown origin
FVC	forced vital capacity
FW	fetal weight
FWB	full weight bearing
fx	fracture

- G -

G	gravida
ga	gastric analysis
GA	general anesthesia/gestational age
GAF	Global Assessment of Functioning (scale)
GB	gallbladder
GBP	gastric bypass
GBS	gallbladder series
GC	gonococci/gonorrhea
GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale
GE	Gastroenterology
G/E	gastroenteritis
GEJ	gastroesophageal junction
gen	genital
GERD	gastroesophageal reflux disease
gest	gestation/gestational
GH	growth hormone
GHD	growth hormone deficiency
GI	gastrointestinal
GIFT	gamete intrafallopian transfer
gm	gram
Gm+	gram positive
Gm-	gram negative
Gold Sol	colloidal gold curve
GP	general practitioner
G/P	gravida/parity
gr.	grain(s) (dosage)
Grav	gravida, pregnancy
GSW	gunshot wound
GT	gastrostomy tube
GTH	gonadotropic hormone
GTT	glucose tolerance test
gtt.	drops (guttae)
G-tube	gastrostomy tube
GU	genitourinary
G/W	glucose and water
GYN	gynecology

-H-

h	hour
H/A	headache
HA	hospital autopsy
H&P	history and physical
HAF	hyperalimentation fluid
HASCVD	hypertensive arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease
HB	heart block
HBP	high blood pressure
HC	head circumference
HCG	human chorionic gonadotropin
HCL	hydrochloric acid
HCO ₃	bicarbonate
hct	hematocrit
HCVD	hypertensive cardiovascular disease
h.d./hd	at bedtime
HD	heart disease
HDL	high density lipids
HDS	hammer digit syndrome
HEENT	head, eyes, ears, nose, throat
hem	Hematologic/Hematology
hep lock	Heparin lock
HF	high fowlers/high frequency
HFV	home for weekend
HFJV	high frequency jet ventilator/ventilation
HFOV	high frequency oscillatory ventilator/ventilation
hgb	hemoglobin
HGO	hepatic glucose output
HH	Hartford Hospital
HHD	hypertensive heart disease
HIDA (scan)	hepatobiliary scan
HIE	hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy
hist	history
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HKAFO	hip knee ankle foot orthosis
HL	heparin lock
H&L	heart and lung
HMD	hyaline membrane disease
HNP	herniated nucleus pulposus
h/o	history of
HO	house officer
HOB	head of bed
HP	Harvard pump
HPI	history of present illness
HPV	human papilloma virus
HR	heart rate
hr	hour

HRT	hormone replacement therapy
h.s./hs	at bedtime
hs	evening/night
HSG	hysterosalpingography/hysterosalpingogram
HT	heart
ht	height
HTN	hypertension
HVD	hypertensive vascular disease
hwb	hot water bottle
hx	history
hyperal	hyperalimentation
hyst	hysterectomy
Hz	hertz (cycle/second)

- I -

I	radioactive iodine
IA	intra-arterially
IABP	intra-aortic balloon pump
IASD	interatrial septal defect
IBW	ideal body weight
IC	internal carotid
ic	iliac crest
ICCE	intracapsular cataract extraction
ICCU	intensive coronary care unit
ICF	intracellular fluid/Intermediate Care Facility
ICP	intracranial pressure
ICS	intercostal space
ICSH	interstitial cell-stimulating hormone
ICT	insulin coma therapy
ICU	intensive care unit
ID	infectious disease/
I&D	incision and drainage
IDDM	insulin dependant diabetes mellitus
I/E	inspiratory, expiratory
IFM	internal fetal monitoring
Ig	immunoglobulin
IgA	immunoglobulin A
IgE	immunoglobulin E
IgG	immunoglobulin gamma G (globulin)
IgM	immunoglobulin M
IH	infectious hepatitis
IHD	ischemic heart disease
IHSS	idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis
IM	intramuscular
IMA	internal mammary artery
IMP	impression
IMP scale	inpatient multidimensional psychiatric scale
IMV	intermittent mandatory ventilation
In.	inches
inc	incomplete
inc AB	incomplete abortion
incl	include
incr	increased/increasing
inev AB	inevitable abortion
INH	isoniazid
inj	injection
INR	coagulant response time/international normalized ratio
inspir	inspiratory/inspiration
int	internal

INTHC	intrathecally
IO	interior oblique
I&O	intake and output
IOC	intern on call
IOL	intraocular lens
IOP	intraocular pressure
IP	intraoperative
IPJ	interphalangeal joint
IPPB	intermittent positive pressure breathing
IPT	intrauterine pressure transducer
IQ	intelligence quotient
IRDS	idiopathic respiratory distress syndrome
irreg	irregular
irrig	irrigate/irrigation
IRV	inspiratory reserve volume
IS	intercostals space
IST	insulin shock therapy
IT	intertubercous/inhalation therapy
ITP	idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura
IUC	intrauterine catheter
IUCD	intrauterine contraceptive device
IUD	intrauterine device
IUFD	intrauterine fetal death
IUGR	intrauterine growth retardation
IUP	intrauterine pregnancy
IUPC	intrauterine pressure catheter
IUTP	intrauterine term pregnancy
IV	intravenous(ly)
ivc	inferior vena cava
IVC	intravenous cholangiogram
IVCD	intraventricular conduction delay
IVD	intervertebral disc
IVP	intravenous pyelogram
IVPB	intravenous piggy back
IVSD	interventricular septal defect
IVU	intravenous urogram
IWMI	inferior wall myocardial infarction

-J-

J	joint
J-tube	jejunostomy tube
JA	joint aspiration
JAR	junior assistant resident
JD	jaundice
JDH	John Dempsey Hospital
JDM	juvenile diabetes mellitus
JEJ	jejunum
JF	joint fluid
JI	jejunoileal
JIB	jejunoileal bypass
JJ	jaw jerk
JNB	jaundice of newborn
JNT	joint
JNVD	jugular neck venous distention
JODM	juvenile-onset diabetes mellitus
JP	Jackson – Pratt (drain)
JPB	junctional premature beats
JPC	junctional premature contraction
JRA	juvenile rheumatoid arthritis
JT	jejunostomy tube
JTF	jejunostomy tube feeding
JUV	juvenile
JV	jugular vein
JVC	jugular vein catheter
JVD	jugular venous distention
JVP	jugular venous pulse/pressure
JW	Jehovah's Witness

-K-

K	thousand
K+	potassium
KA	ketoacidosis
KAFO	knee-ankle-foot orthosis
KAO	knee-ankle orthosis
KB	ketone bodies
KC	knee chest
KCl	potassium chloride
KDA	known drug allergies
KF	kidney function
KFAO	knee-foot-ankle orthosis
kg	kilogram
kilo	kilogram
KJ	knee jerk
KK	knee kick
Kleb	<i>Klebsiella</i>
KO	knee orthosis
KP	hot pack
KS	Kaposi's sarcoma
17-KS	17-ketosteroids
KUB	kidney, ureter, bladder (x-ray)
KVO	keep vein open

-L-

L	left (side)/liter(s)
L ₁ - L ₅	lumbar vertebrae 1-5
LA	left atrium
L&A	light and accommodation
LABBB	left anterior bundle branch block
lab	laboratory
LABC	locally advanced breast cancer
lac	laceration
LACC	locally advanced cervical cancer
lacr	lacrimal
lact	lactic
LAD	left axis deviation
lad	left anterior descending
L&D	labor and delivery
LAE	left atrial enlargement
lam	laminectomy
lap	laparotomy
LAP	leucocyte alkaline phosphate
LAP APPY	laparoscopic appendectomy
LAP CHOLE	laparoscopic cholecystectomy
LASIK	laser in situ keratomileusis
lat	lateral
LATS	long acting thyroid stimulator
LAVH	laparoscopic assisted vaginal hysterectomy
lax	laxative
lb	pound
LB	low back
LBBB	left bundle branch block
LBCD	left border cardiac dullness
LBD	left border dullness
LBM	last bowel movement
LBO	large bowel obstruction
LBP	low back pain
lbp	low blood pressure
LBW	low birth weight (less than 2,500 g)
LBWI	low birth weight infant
LC	Laennec's cirrhosis
LCA	left coronary artery
LCM	left costal margin
LCT	low cervical transverse
LCTCS	low cervical transverse Cesarean section
ld	left deltoid
LDDS	local dentist

LDIH	left direct inguinal hernia
LDH	lactic dehydrogenase
LDL	low density lipids
LDR	labor, delivery, recovery
LDRP	labor, delivery, recovery, postpartum
LDSR	locked door seclusion room
LE	lupus erythematosus
le	lower extremities
LES	lower esophageal sphincter
leuco	leucocyte/leukocyte
LF	low forceps/low fowlers
LFA	left fronto-anterior
LFD	low forceps delivery
lft	left fronto-transverse
LFP	left fronto-posterior
LFT	liver function test
lg	large
LG	left gluteus
LGA	large for gestational age
LGI	lower gastrointestinal series
LH	luteinizing hormone
LHE	liver metabolizing enzymes
LHF	luteinizing hormone factor/left heart failure
LHT	left hypertrophia
LI	lactose intolerance
Li	lithium
LIC	left iliac crest
LICS	left intercostals space
lig	ligament
LIH	left inguinal hernia
LIP	lymphocytic interstitial pneumonitis
liq	liquid
LISW	licensed independent social worker
Litho	lithotripsy
LL	left lower
LLB	long leg brace
LLC	long leg cast
LLD	lower limits of detection
LLE	left lower extremity
LLF	Laki-Lorand factor
LLG	left lateral gaze
LLL	left lower lobe
LLQ	left lower quadrant
LLSB	lower left sternal border
LM	light meconium
LMD	local family doctor
lmd	low molecular weight dextran
LME	liver metabolizing enzymes
l/min	liters per minute
LML	left middle lobe
LMP	last menstrual period
LN	lymph node
LNMP	last normal menstrual period
loa	left occiput anterior
LOA	lysis of adhesions

LOB	loss of balance
LOC	loss of consciousness
LOE	left otitis externa
loc	level of consciousness
LOM	left otitis media
LOMSA	left otitis media suppurative, acute
LOMSC	left otitis media suppurative, chronic
LOP	left occipital posterior
LOS	length of stay
LOT	left occiput transverse
LOV	loss of vision
LOZ	lozenge
LP	lumbar puncture
lp	light perception
LPN	licensed practical nurse
LR	labor room
LRQ	lower right quadrant
L → R	left to right
LS	lumbosacral
LSA	lateral sacrum anterior
LSB	left sternal border
LSK	liver, spleen, kidneys
LSO	left salpingo-oophorectomy
LSP	left sacrum posterior
LST	left sacrum transverse
Lt/l	left
lt ↑ ext	left upper extremity
lt ↓ ext	left lower extremity
LT	Levine tube
LTCS	low transverse Cesarean section
LTH	luteotrophic hormone
LTL	laparoscopic tubal ligation
LTS	laparoscopic tubal sterilization
LTT	leucine tolerance test
LTV	long term variability
LU	left ureter/left upper
LUE	left upper extremity
LUL	left upper lobe
LUQ	left upper quadrant
LUS	lower uterine segment
LV	left ventricle
LVEDP	left ventricular end diastolic pressure
LVF	left ventricular failure
LVH	left ventricular hypertrophy
LW	living will
LWBS	left without being seen
L&W	living and well
LWCT	Lee White clotting time
lymphs	lymphocytes
lytes	electrolytes (panel)

-M -

m	minimum
m ²	meters squared
M	male
M1	first mitral sound
M2	second mitral sound
M3	third mitral sound
MA	mental age/moderate amount
MA-1	Miller Abbott Breathing unit
macro	macrocytes
malig	malignant
MAM	mammogram
mammo	mammography
MAO	monamine oxidase
MAP	mean arterial pressure
MAR	medication administration record
MAS	meconium aspiration syndrome
MA tube	Miller Abbott tube
max	maximum/maxillary
M/B	mother/baby
MBC	maximum breathing capacity
MBD	maximum brain damage (dysfunction)
MC	metacarpal
MCA	middle cerebral artery
mcg.	microgram
MCH	mean corpuscular hemoglobin
MCHC	mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration
MCL	midclavicular line
mcL	microliter
MCP	metacarpophalangeal joint
MCT	mean circulation time
mct	medium chain triglyceride
mcu	maximum pain unit
MCV	mean corpuscular volume
MD	medical doctor/muscular dystrophy
MDI	metered dose inhaler
ME	middle ear/medical examiner
mec.	meconium
mec st	meconium stain
med	medication/medicine
meds	medications
MEFR	mid expiratory flow rate
MEFV	maximum expiratory flow-volume

mEq	milliequivalents
mEq/L	milliequivalents per liter
METS	metastases
MEV	million electron volts
MF	myocardial fibrosis
MFM	maternal fetal medicine
MFPS	myofascial pain syndrome
mg.	milligram
Mg	magnesium
MG	myasthenia gravis
mg/dl	milligrams per deciliter
mg.%	milligrams per 100 cc
MH	mental history
MI	myocardial infarction
MIC	minimum inhibitory concentration
micro	microcytic/microscopic
min	minute
min vol	minute volume
misc	miscellaneous
MJT	Mead Johnson tube
ml.	milliliter
ML	midline
MM	moderate meconium
mm.	millimeter
mM.	millimole
MMFR	maximal mid-expiratory flow rate
MMPI	Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory
MMR	measles, mumps and rubella
MMS	Mini-Mental Status (examination)
MMT	manual muscle test
MO	month old
mod	moderate
MOM	milk of magnesia
Mon.	Monday
mono	monocytes
MONO	infectious mononucleosis
MP	menstrual period
mph	miles per hour
MPJ	metacarpophalangeal joint
mpu	maximum pain unit
M+R	measure and record
MR	mental retardation/mentally retarded
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
MRM	modified radical mastectomy
MRSA	methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
MS	multiple sclerosis
MSAF	meconium-stained amniotic fluid
MSAFP	maternal serum alpha-fetoprotein
MSB	midsternal border
MSE	mental status examination
MSH	melanocyte stimulating hormone
MSL	midsternal line
MSLT	multiple sleep latency test
MT	metatarsal
MTP	multidisciplinary treatment plan

MUGA	multigated (radionuclide) angiogram/multiple gated acquisition (scan)
MV	mitral valve
MVA	motor vehicle accident
MVP	mitral valve prolapse
MVR	mitral valve regurgitation
MVV	maximum voluntary ventilation
MWB	maximum weight bearing
MWT	Mallory-Weiss tear

-N-

N	normal
N I – N XII	cranial nerves first through twelfth
N ₂	nitrogen
N ₂ O	nitrous oxide (anesthetic)
Na	sodium
NaCl	sodium chloride
NACT	nonadjuvant chemotherapy
NAD	no acute distress
NASH	nonalcoholic steatohepatitis
NATO	not able to obtain
NB	newborn
NBGH	New Britain General Hospital
NBM	nothing by mouth
NBN	Newborn Nursery
NBS	normal bowel sounds
NBT	nitro-blue tetrazolium reduction tests
NBTE	non-bacterial thrombotic endocarditis
NBW	normal birth weight
NC	no change
NCAP	nasal continuous airway pressure
NCPAP	nasal continuous positive airway pressure
ND	normal delivery
NEC	necrotizing enterocolitis
nec	necessary
NED	no evidence of disease
neg	negative
nephro	nephrological or Nephrology
NER	no evidence of recurrence
NERD	no evidence of recurrent disease
neuro	neurological or Neurology
NG	nasogastric
NGT	nasogastric tube
ng	nanogram
NH	ammonia
NHCl	ammonium chloride
NHS	normal human serum
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NIDDM	non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
NKA	no known allergies
NKDA	no known drug allergies
NL	normal limits
nl	normal
NM	neuromuscular
no.	number
noct	nocturnal
NOK	next of kin
NP	neuropsychiatric
NPH	isophane insulin (neutral protamine Hagedorn)
NPO	nothing by mouth
NR	no refills
NRBC	nucleated red blood cells
NRC	normal retinal correspondence

NREM	non rapid eye movement
NS	normal saline solution
NSA	no significant abnormalities
NSAID	non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
NSD	normal spontaneous delivery
NSFTD	normal spontaneous full term delivery
NSR	normal sinus rhythm
NST	non-stress test
NSU	non-specific urethritis
NSY	nursery
NT	nasotracheal
NTG	nitroglycerin
NTT	nasotracheal tube
nullip	nullipara (never given birth)
N/V	nausea and vomiting
N&V	nausea and vomiting
NVD	nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
NWB	non-weight bearing
NYD	not yet diagnosed

- O -

ō	negative/no/without/none
O	objective findings
O2	oxygen
O2 cap	oxygen capacity
O2 sat	oxygen saturation
obj	objective
OA	osteoarthritis
OAA	oxaloacetic acid
OB	obstetrics
OB/GYN	obstetrics and gynecology
ob	occult blood
OBS	organic brain syndrome
obs	observation
obt	obtain
OCC	occipital
OCD	obsessive-compulsive disorder
OCG	oral cholecystogram
OD	right eye
OD'd	overdosed
ODSR	open door seclusion room
O/E	on examination
OE	otitis externa
O&E	observation and examination
OFC	occipital frontal circumference
og	orogastric
OHD	organic heart disease
OK	all right/approved/correct
oint	ointment
OLA	occipital left anterior
OLP	occipital left posterior
OLT	occipital left transverse
OM	otitis media
OMAC	otitis media, acute, catarrhal
OMAS	otitis media, acute, suppurating
OMPA	otitis media purulent, acute
OMS	organic mental syndrome
OOB	out of bed
OOBBRP	out of bed with bathroom privileges
Op	operative/operation
OP	outpatient
O&P	ova and parasites
OPD	outpatient department
Ophth	ophthalmology
OPT	outpatient treatment
OR	operating room
ORA	occipital right anterior
ORIF	open reduction internal fixation
ORO	otorhinolaryngology
ORP	occipital right posterior
ORT	occipital right transverse

Ortho	orthopedics
os	mouth
OS	left eye
ot	ear
OT	occupational therapy
OTC	over the counter (pharmaceuticals)
OU	each eye/both eyes
OV	office visit
ox	oximeter/oximetry
OXM	pulse oximeter
oz.	ounce(s)

-P-

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p	post/after
P	pulse
P2	pulmonic second heart sound
P&A	percussion and auscultation
P-A	posteroanterior
PA view	posterioranterior view on x-ray
PA	pulmonary artery
PAC	premature atrial contractions
PACO2	partial pressure (tension) of carbon dioxide, artery
PACU	post anesthesia care unit
PAD	peripheral artery disease
PAF	paroxysmal atrial fibrillation
PAH	pulmonary arterial hypertension
PaO2	arterial oxygen pressure (tension)
palp	palpate/palpation/palpated
PAP	positive airway pressure
Pap	Papanicolaou test (pap smear)
PAR	periapical radiolucency (periapical abscess)
Para	prior births
PAT	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
P.A.T.	pre-admission testing
Path	pathology
Pb	lead
PBLC	premature birth, living child
p.c./pc	after meals (post cibum)
PC	premature contractions
PCA	patient controlled analgesia/post conceptual age
PCL	posterior cruciate ligament
PCN	penicillin
PCOS	polycystic ovarian syndrome
PCP	primary care physician
PCS	pelvic congestion syndrome
P c/s	primary Cesarean section
PCV	packed cell volume
PCW	pulmonary capillary wedge
PD	peritoneal dialysis
pd	postural drainage
PE	physical examination/pulmonary embolism
Pedi	pediatrics
PEEP	positive end expiratory pressure
PEF	peek expiratory flow
PEG	percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy
PEG tube	percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy tube
PERRLA	pupils equal, round, reactive to light and accommodation
PET	pressure equalizing tubes
PFT	pulmonary function test
PG	prostaglandin
PGH	pituitary growth hormone
pH	hydrogen ion concentration
PH	past history

pharm	pharmacy
PHP	Partial Hospital Program
PHY	physical
Phys Ther	Physical therapy
PI	present illness
PICA	posterior inferior cerebellar artery
PICC	peripherally inserted central catheter
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
PIE	pulmonary interstitial emphysema
PIF	peak inspiratory flow
PIH	pregnancy induced hypertension
PIP	proximal interphalangeal (joint)
Pit	Pitocin
PKU	phenylketonuria
plac	placenta
PLAD	pathological left axis deviation
plts	platelets
p.m./PM	afternoon
PM	particulate meconium
PMD	private medical doctor
PMH	past medical history
PMI	point of maximum impulse
PMN	polymorphonuclear leukocytes
PMP	previous menstrual period
PMR	physical medicine and rehabilitation
PMS	premenstrual syndrome
PMT	premenstrual tension
PN	progress note
PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
PNS	peripheral nervous system
pnx	pneumothorax
p.o./po	by mouth
PO ₂	partial pressure of oxygen, artery
POC	products of conception
POD	post-operative day
polys	polymorphonuclear leukocytes
poplit	popliteal
pos	positive
post	posterior
POST OP	post-operative
POX	pulse oximeter
PP	post partum/postprandial
PPBS	postprandial blood sugar
PPCF	plasma prothrombin conversion factor
PPD	purified protein derivative test for tuberculosis
PPF	plasma protein fraction
PPH	post partum hemorrhage
PPHN	persistent pulmonary hypertension
p.r./pr	per rectum
P-R	interval, segment of electrocardiogram
P&R	pulse and respiration
PR	pulse rate
PRBC	packed red blood cells
PRC	packed red cells
preemie	premature infant

Pre-op	pre-operative
prep	prepare for
primip	first pregnancy
p.r.n./prn	as occasion requires
PROM	premature rupture of membranes
prosth	prosthesis
prot	protein
pro time	prothrombin time
PS	pulmonary stenosis/pain score
PSA	prostate specific antigen
PSG	polysomnography
PSH	past surgical history
PST	paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia
Psych	Psychiatry
PT	physical therapy/prothrombin time
pt.	patient
Pt	platinum
P.T.A.	prior to admission
PTA	percutaneous transluminal angioplasty
PTCA	percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (balloon angioplasty)
PTH	parathyroid hormone
PTT	partial thromboplastin time
PUBS	percutaneous umbilical cord blood sample
PUC	pediatric urine collector
PUD	peptic ulcer disease
PULM	pulmonary
pulse ox	pulse oximetry
PUPPP	pruritic urticarial papules and plaques of pregnancy
PV	peripheral vessels
PVB	premature ventricular beats
PVC	premature ventricular contractions/polyvinyl chloride
PVD	peripheral vascular disease
PVT	paroxysmal ventricular tachycardia
PW	puncture wound
PWMI	posterior wall myocardial infarction
Px	physical examination

-Q-

Q	every
q	every
q.h./qh	every hour
q.h.s./qhs	every night
q2h	every 2 hours
q4h	every 4 hours
q.i.d./qid	four times daily
q.n./qn	every night
qns	quantity not sufficient
q.p.m./qpm	every evening
QRS	ventricular electrocardiographic complex
qs	quantity sufficient
qt.	quart
quad	quadriplegic
quant	quantitative or quantity

-R-

R	respirations/right (side)/rectal
r	roentgen/x-ray
RR&M	routine and microscopic
R&R	rate and rhythm
RA	right atrium/room air
RAD	right axis deviation/Radiology
rad	radial/radius
RADS	reactive airway disease syndrome
RAI	radioactive isotopes (iodine)
RBBB	right bundle branch block
RBC	red blood cell (count)
RBF	renal blood flow
RCA	right coronary artery
RCM	right costal margin
RCS	reticulum cell sarcoma
RD	respiratory distress
rd	right deltoid
RDS	respiratory distress syndrome
re	regarding
REC	recommend/recommendation
REF	renal erythropoietic factor
ref	referred/refer
regurg	regurgitation
rehab	rehabilitation
REI	reproductive endocrinology
REM	rapid eye movement
repos	reposition(ed)
req	request/requisition
resp	respiration(s)
retic	reticulocyte
retic ct	reticulocyte count (H)
RF	rheumatic fever
RFA	right fronto-anterior
RFP	right fronto-posterior
RFT	right fronto-transverse
RG	right gluteus
Rh	Rhesus factor in blood
RHC	respiration has ceased
RHD	rheumatic heart disease
RHF	right heart failure
RhF	rheumatic fever
RI	renal insufficiency
RIH	right inguinal hernia
RISA	radioactive iodinated serum albumin
RL	right lower
RLE	right lower extremity
RLL	right lower lobe
RM	ruptured membranes
RML	right middle lobe
RN	registered nurse

RNA	ribonucleic acid
R/O	rule out
r/o	rule out
RO	rule out
ROA	right occiput anterior
ROC	resident on call
ROM	range of motion/right otitis media
ROMSA	right otitis media suppurative, acute
ROMSC	right otitis media suppurative, chronic
ROP	retinopathy of prematurity/right occiput posterior
ROS	review of systems
ROT	right occipital transverse
RP	retrograde pyelogram
RPF	renal plasma flow
rpm	revolutions per minute
RPP	retropubic prostatectomy
RQ	respiratory quotient
RR	respiratory rate
RRE	round, regular and equal
RRR	regular rhythm and rate
RS	rhythm strip
RSA	right sacrum anterior
RSD	reflex sympathetic dystrophy
RSO	right salpingo-oophorectomy
RSP	right sacrum posterior
RSR	regular sinus rhythm
RST	right sacrum transverse
RT/rt	right
RTA	renal tubular acidosis
RTC	return to clinic
RTN	renal tubular necrosis
rt ↑ ext	right upper extremity
rt ↓ ext	right lower extremity
RU	right ureter/right upper
RUE	right upper extremity
RUL	right upper lobe
RUQ	right upper quadrant
RV	right ventricle/residual volume
RVH	right ventricular hypertrophy
Rx	therapy/treatment/take/drug/prescription
RXN	reaction

-S-

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s	without
S	sacral
S ₁	first heart sound
S ₂	second heart sound
S ₃	third heart sound
S ₄	fourth heart sound
Sa.	saline solution
S&A	sugar and acetone
SA	sleep apnea
SAB	sinoatrial block
SAC	short arm cast
SAD	social anxiety disorder
SAN	sinoatrial node
SAO	small airway obstruction
SaO ₂	arterial oxygen saturation
SAP	serum alkaline phosphatase
SAR	senior attending resident
S-A node	sinoatrial node
sat	saturation/saturate
Sat.	Saturday
SATS	refers to oxygen saturation levels
SB	stillborn
sb	small bowel
SBE	subacute bacterial endocarditis
SBFT	small bowel follow through
SBO	small bowel obstruction
sc	subcutaneous(ly)
SCC	sickle cell crisis
SCD	sudden cardiac death
schiz	schizophrenia
SD	septal defect/spontaneous delivery
SDH	subdural hematoma
SDS	same day surgery
SE	status epilepticus
SEC	secondary
sed rate	sedimentation rate
SER	somatosensory evoked response(s)
serol	serology/serological tests
SF	semi fowlers
SFH	St. Francis Hospital
SFS	serial focal seizure
SG	specific gravity
SGA	small for gestational age
SGOT	serum glutamic oxalacetic transaminase
SGPT	serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase
SH	social history
SHA	serum hepatitis antigen
SI	suicidal ideation

SIADH	syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone secretion
SICU	surgical intensive care unit
SIDS	sudden infant death syndrome
sig	significant/signature
signa	signature
SIJ	sacroiliac joint
SK	streptokinase
S/L	slit lamp examination
SL	sublingual
SLB	short leg brace
SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus
SLR	straight leg raising
SM	systolic murmur
sm	small
SMA 6,7,12	simultaneous multichannel autoanalyzer
SMMS	serial major motor seizure
SMR	somnolent metabolic rate
SNF	skilled nursing facility
SNS	sympathetic nervous system
SO	superior oblique
SOAP	subjective, objective, assessment, plan
SOB	shortness of breath
SOM	serous otitis media
SOAMA	signed out against medical advice
S/P	status post
sp gr	specific gravity
sp fl	spinal fluid
spec	specimen
spg	sponge
spin	spinal
spont	spontaneous
SR	sinus rhythm
SROM	spontaneous rupture of membranes
SS	Social Service
S&S	signs and symptoms
SSE	soap suds enema/sterile speculum examination
SSS	sick sinus syndrome
SSEP	somato-sensory evoked response
SSVE	sterile speculum vaginal examination
ST	sinus tachycardia/slight trace
staph	staphylococcus
STAT	immediately
STD	sexually transmitted disease
str	strong
strep	streptococcus
STSG	split thickness skin graft
STV	short term variability
sub q	subcutaneous
Subcu	subcutaneous
Sun.	Sunday
supp	suppository
surg	surgery/surgical
SVC	selective venous catheterization
svc	superior vena cava
SVD	spontaneous vaginal delivery

SVT	supraventricular tachycardia
Sx	symptoms
sys	system
syst	systolic

-T-

T	temperature
T ₃	triiodothyronine (liothyronine)
T ₄	levothyroxine thyroxine
T&A	tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
TAA	tumor associated antigen (antibodies)
tab	tablet
TAB	therapeutic abortion
TACHY	tachycardia
TAH	total abdominal hysterectomy
TAHBSO	total abdominal hysterectomy, bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy
TAO	thromboangitis obliterans
TAT	tetanus antitoxin
TB	tuberculosis
TBA	to be assessed/to be admitted
TBD	to be determined
TBI	traumatic brain injury
TBLC	term birth living child
TBLF	term birth living female
TBLM	term birth living male
TBNA	treated but not admitted
tbsp	tablespoon
TBW	total body weight
TC	throat culture
T&C	type and cross match
TCDB	turn, cough, deep breath
TDD	telephone devices for the deaf
TEE	transesophageal echocardiography
temp	temperature
TENS	transient electric nerve stimulation/stimulator
term	full-term
TF	tuning fork/tube feeding
therap	therapy/therapeutic
thor	thorax/thoracic
THR	total hip replacement
Thu.	Thursday
Thur.	Thursday
TIA	transient ischemic attack
tib	tibia
t.i.d./tid	three times per day
TIUP	term intrauterine pregnancy
TKR	total knee replacement
TLC	triple lumen catheter/total lung capacity
TLF	transitional living facility
TM	tympanic membrane/thick meconium
TMJ	temporomandibular joint
TMJS	temporomandibular joint syndrome
TNM	tumor, nodes and metastases
TO	telephone order
T/O	telephone order
TOCO	tocodynamometer/tocotransducer
tol	tolerate
TOP	termination of pregnancy

TPN	total parental nutrition
TPR	temperature, pulse and respirations
TR	triceps reflex/Trandelenburg
tr	tricuspid regurgitation
trach	tracheostomy
Trans D	transverse diameter
TREND	Trendelenburg
TSD	Tay-Sachs disease
T set	tracheotomy set
TSH	thyroid stimulating hormone
tsp	teaspoon
TSS	toxic shock syndrome
TT	tetanus toxoid
TTS	tarsal tunnel syndrome
TTTS	twin - twin transfusion syndrome
T-tube	cholangiogram
TU	transurethral
Tue.(s)	Tuesday
TUR	transurethral resection
TURB	transurethral resection bladder
TURBT	transurethral resection bladder tumor
TURP	transurethral resection prostate
TV	tidal volume
TVH	total vaginal hysterectomy
Tx	treatment

-U-

UA	urinalysis
UAC	umbilical artery catheter
U&C	urethral and cervical
UAO	upper airway obstruction
UC	uterine contraction
UHC	University of Connecticut Health Center
UCONN	University of Connecticut
UDO	undetermined origin
UG	upward gaze
UGI	upper gastrointestinal series
UH	umbilical hernia
UIP	usual interstitial pneumonitis
UMG	University Medical Group
UNK	unknown
UNKN	unknown
U/O	urinary output
URI	upper respiratory infection
Urol	urology
URT	upper respiratory tract
U/S	ultrasound
USI	urinary stress incontinence
UTI	urinary tract infection
UTO	unable to obtain
UV	ultraviolet
UVL	ultraviolet light
UVR	ultraviolet radiation

-V-

V	vision
V&P	vagotomy and pyloroplasty
VA	visual acuity/Veteran's Administration
VAG	vagina/vaginal
VAG HYST	vaginal hysterectomy
VAMC	Veterans Administration Medical Center
VAP	venous access port
vasc	vascular
VBAC	vaginal birth after Cesarean section
VC	vena cava
VCG	vectocardiography
VCT	venous clotting time
VCUG	voiding cystourethrogram
VD	venereal disease
VDAC	vaginal delivery after Cesarean section
VDRL	Venereal Disease Research Lab (test for syphilis)
VE	vaginal examination
vent	ventilate/ventilator
VER	visual evoked response
vet	veteran
VF	ventricular fibrillation
v fib	ventricular fibrillation
VHD	valvular heart disease
via	by way of
VIP	voluntary interruption of pregnancy
vit	vitamin
VNA	Visiting Nurse Association
VO	verbal order
V/O	verbal order
vol	volume
VP	venous pressure
VPB	ventricular premature beat
VPC	ventricular premature contractions
VS	vital signs
VSD	ventricular septal defect
VSS	vital signs stable
VT	ventricular tachycardia
V tach	ventricular tachycardia
VTX	vertex
VUJ	vesicoureteral junction
vx	vertex presentation

-W-

W	white/weight
w/	with
WB	whole blood/weight bearing
WBAT	weight bearing as tolerated
WBC	white blood cell count
WC	wheelchair
WCC	well child care
WD	well developed
WDWN	well developed, well nourished
w/e	weekend
Wed.	Wednesday
W/F	white female
wk	week
wks	weeks
WL	weight loss
W/M	white male
WN	well nourished
w/n	within
wnd	wound
WNL	within normal limits
w/o	without
WP	whirlpool
WPW	Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome
wt	weight
w/u	work up

-X-

X	times
x-match	cross match
XR	x-ray

-Y-

YAG	yttrium aluminum garnet (laser)
yo	year old
y/o	year old
yobf	year old black female
yobm	year old black male
yof	year old female
yom	year old male
yowf	year old white female
yowm	year old white male
yr	year
yrs	years

-Z-

ZEEP	zero end-expiratory pressure
Z-ESR	zeta erythrocyte sedimentation rate
ZIFT	zygote intrafallopian tube transfer
ZMC	zygomatic maxillary compound
Zn	zinc
ZnO	zinc oxide

SYMBOLS

@	at
%	percent
&	and
!	attention
Δ	change
#	number
♂	male
♀	female
>	greater than
<	less than
1	primary
2	secondary
3	third
-	negative, minus, deficiency
+	positive, plus, excess
?	question of
↑	increase(d)
↓	decrease(d)
±	positive or negative/plus or minus
∅	zero/absent/without
0	zero/absent/without

TITLES

AP	Advanced Practitioner
APRN	Advanced Practitioner Registered Nurse
CNA	Certified Nurses Aide
CNS	Clinical Nurse Specialist
COS	Chief of Staff
COTA	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
CRNA	Certified registered Nurse Anesthetist
DC	Doctor of Chiropractics
DDS	Doctor of Dental Surgery
DMD	Doctor of Dental Medicine
DO	Doctor of Osteopathy
DP	Doctor of Podiatry
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
EMTC	Emergency Medical Technician Certified

EMTA	Emergency Medical Technician Advanced
GN	Graduate Nurse
HUC	Health Unit Clerk
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
MA	Medical Assistant
MD	Medical Doctor
MHC	Mental Health Clinician
MHW	Mental Health Worker
MS	Medical Student
MSW	Medical Social Worker
NA	Nurse's Aide
NC	Nurse Clinician
NM	Nurse Manager
NNP	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
NNPS	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Student
NP	Nurse Practitioner
PA	Physician Assistant
PA-C	Physician Assistant, Certified
PharmD.	Doctorate of Pharmacy
PNP	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
RPh	Registered Pharmacist
RD	Registered Dietician
RIT	Registered Inhalation Therapist
RMT	Registered Medical Technician
RN	Registered Nurse
RNC	Registered Nurse Certified
RNNC	Registered Nurse Nurse Clinician
RNNP	Registered Nurse Nurse Practitioner
ROT/OTR	Registered Occupational Therapist
RPT	Registered Physical Therapist
RT	Recreational Therapist
SAC	Substance Abuse Counselor
SN	Student Nurse
TRS	Therapeutic Recreation Specialist

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