

Appendix E

Common Abbreviations

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Approved Abbreviations List
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SYMBOLS

∅	none	I	independent
↓	decreased, lower, down	Δ	change
℥	dram	Ⓜ	mother
=	equals	Ⓣ	father
♀	female	Ⓢ	sister
↑	increase, elevate, up	Ⓟ	brother
2 ^o	secondary to; due to		
b/c	because		
♂	male		
℥	ounce		
x	times, multiplied by		
≅	approximately		
@	at		
— p	after		
+	and		
&	and		
— x, /x	except for		
— o	nothing		
— c	with		
— s	without		
— a	before		

List of Approved Abbreviations

A

A	attended
A.A. or AA	Alcoholics Anonymous
A ₂	aortic second sound
aa	affected area
a.c.	ante cibum (before meals)
AB	abusive behavior
ACOA	Adult Children of Alcoholics
ACSW	Academy of Certified Social Workers
ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone (cortisone)
ad	right ear
AEB	as evidenced by
ad lib.	as desired
adm.	admission
adol.	adolescent/adolescence
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADON	Assistant Director of Nursing
aff.	affective
A/G ratio	albumin/globulin ratio
AH	Auditory hallucinations
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
AKA	also known as
a.m.	morning
ADL	activities of daily living
amp	ampule
amt.	amount
AMA	Against Medical Advice
ANA	antinuclear antibody (test)
approx.	approximate
A&P	anterior and posterior
APAP	Acetaminofen
AP & lat.	anteroposterior and lateral
appt.	appointment
aq.	aqueous (water)
AS	left ear
ART	Accredited Records Technician
A.S.A.	aspirin
ASAP	as soon as possible
ASCVD	arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease
ASHD	arteriosclerotic heart disease
ASPD	antisocial personality disorder
AV	arteriovenous
A/V	auditory/visual
AT	Activity Therapy/Therapist
ATC	Alcohol Treatment Center
atc.	around the clock
AWOL	absent without leave

B

B	black
BAC	Breath Alcohol Content

bands
baso.
BC
BCP
BDI
beg.
bf
b.i.d.
bili.
BM
BMR
BO
BP
BPD
BPH
BR
br. sounds
BS
BUN
BW

non-segmented neutrophils
basophil
birth control
birth control pill
Beck Depression Inventory
beginning
boyfriend
bis in die (twice a day)
bilirubin
bowel movement
basal metabolic rate
Behavioral Observation
blood pressure
borderline personality disorder
benign prostatic hypertrophy
bathroom
breath sounds
blood sugar
blood urea nitrogen
body weight

C

C
ca. or Ca.
C.A.
Ca
cap(s)
cath.
CBC
CBS
CCSW
CD
chem.
cc
CHF
CHO
CC
chol.
chr.
CCU
cm.
CM
CMV
CNS
c/o
CO
conc.
cont./cont'd
COPD
conv.
CPK
CPR MB
CPR
CQI

Centigrade, Celsius
carcinoma
Cocaine Anonymous
calcium
capsule(s)
catheter/catheterization
complete blood count
call-back status
Certified Clinical Social Worker
chemical dependency
chemistry
cubic centimeter
congestive heart failure
carbohydrate
chief complaint
cholesterol
chronic
clear catch urine
centimeter
case manager
cytomegalovirus
central nervous system
complains of
carbon dioxide
concentration
continue/continued
chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
convulsion
creatinine phosphokinase
CPK muscle band
cardiopulmonary resuscitation
Continuous Quality Improvement

C&S	culture & sensitivity
CR	cream
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
CT/Cat Scan	computerized tomography
CPZ	Chlorpromazine
CTRS	Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist
CSAC	Certified Substance Abuse Counselor
cult.	culture
CVA	cerebrovascular accident
CXR	chest x-ray

D

D	divorced
d/c / dc	discontinue
D/C	discharge
DCS	Director of Clinical Services
dep.	dependent
DDH	Dorothea Dix Hospital
diff.	differential; difficulty
dig	digoxin
dil.	dilute
disp.	dispense
detox	detoxification
DMI	desipramine
DOA	date of admission
DOB	date of birth
disch	discharge
DOC	drug of choice
DLC	Developmental Learning Center
DON	Director of Nursing
DOSS	docusate sodium
DOSS + (DOSS Plus)	docusate sodium plus peri-colace
Dr.	Doctor
DR	dayroom
DSS	Department of Social Services
DSM-IV	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4th Edition, Revised
DTR	deep tendon reflex
DUI	Driving Under the Influence
DVR	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
DVT	deep vein thrombosis
DWI	Driving While Impaired
DWR	desired weight range
dx.	diagnosis

E

EA	Emotions Anonymous
EAP	Employee Assistance Program
EBV	Epstein-Barr virus
echo	echocardiogram
ECG/EKG	electrocardiogram
ECT/EST	electroconvulsive therapy
EEG	electroencephalogram
Ed/Educ	education

EENT	eyes, ears, nose, and throat
EES	Erythromycin Ethyl - Saccionate
EKG	electrocardiogram
elix.	elixir
ELOS	estimated length of stay
EMA	early morning awakening
e.m.p.	ex modo prescripto (as directed)
ENT	ears, nose, and throat
EOM	extraocular movements
eos.	eosinophils
EMG	electromyogram
EP	Escape Precautions
EPS	extrapyramidal syndrome (side effects)
ER	emergency room
et	and
etc.	et cetera (and so forth)
ETOH	ethyl alcohol
exc.	excision
Ex/e.g.	example

F

F	female
F.	Fahrenheit
FBS	fasting blood sugar
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
Fe	iron
FH	family history
FNP	family nurse practitioner
FSIQ	Full Scale Intelligent Quotient
ft.	foot/feet
FUO	fever of unknown origin
fx.	fracture
FeSO ₄	ferrous sulfate
fld.	fluid
freq.	frequently
F/S	family session
FSH	follicle stimulating hormone
FTA	Fluorescent Treponemal Antibody (qualitative)
FTI	free thyroxine index
F/U	follow-up

G

GAF	Global Assessment of Functioning (scale)
G6PD	glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase
GB	gallbladder
GC	gonococcus culture (for gonorrhea)
gf	girlfriend
GGT	gamma glutamyl transferase
GI	gastrointestinal
GF	grandfather
GM	grandmother
gluc.	glucose
gm.	gram
gr.	grain
gt./gtt.	drop/drops

Gp/Grp
GTT
GU
gyn.

group
glucose tolerance test
genitourinary
gynecology

H

(H)

HA
H&P
HACVD
H Alc
halluc.
HbsAg
HBeAg
HC
HCG
hct.
HCVD
HCTZ
HDL
HEENT
hgb.
HI
HHH
HIV
H/O
HOB
H₂O
H₂O₂
hosp.
HPI
hr.
h.s.
ht.
hx.

husband
headache(s)
History & Physical
hypertensive arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease
hemoglobin Alc (glycohemoglobin)
hallucination
hepatitis B surface antigen
hepatitis B e antigen
Hydrocortisone
human chorionic gonadotropin (for pregnancy test)
hematocrit
hypertensive cardiovascular disease
hydrochlorathiazide
high density lipoprotein
Head/Eyes/Ears/Nose/Throat
hemoglobin
homicidal ideation
Holly Hill Hospital
human immunodeficiency virus
history of
head of bed
water
hydrogen peroxide
hospital
history of present illness
hour
hour of sleep/bedtime
height
history

I

I
IASD
IBW
ICF
ICS
IgA, IgG, IgM
IM
incr.
ICU
indiv.
INH
inj.
I&O

radioactive iodine uptake
interatrial septal defect
ideal body weight
Intermediate Care Facility
Intermediate Care Service
immunoglobulin A, G, M
intramuscular
increase
Intensive Care Unit
individual
Inhalation
Injection
intake and output

inapp.	inappropriate
IOP	Intensive Outpatient Program
IPPB	intermittent positive pressure breathing
IQ	intelligence quotient
IUD	intrauterine device
IV	intravenous
IVP	intravenous pyelogram
IVSD	interventricular septal defect

J

JUH	John Umstead Hospital
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K

K+	potassium
KCl	potassium chloride
kg.	kilogram
KUB	kidney/ureter/bladder (flat plate x-ray, abdomen)

L

L	liter
<u>L</u>	left
lab.	laboratory
lat.	lateral
lb(s)	pound(s)
LBBB	left bundle branch block
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
LDH	lactic dehydrogenase
LDL	low density lipoprotein
LD	learning disabled / learning disability
LFT	Liver function test
LH	luteinizing hormone
Li	Lithium
Li ₂ CO ₃	Lithium Carbonate
liq.	liquid
LLL	left lower lobe
LLQ	left lower quadrant
LM	left message
LMFT	Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist
LMP	last menstrual period
LOA	leave of absence
LOC	Laxative of choice
LOS	length of stay
LPC	Licensed Professional Counselor
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
LPT	Licensed Physical Therapist
LSD	lysergic acid diethylamide
LT	Long term
LUL	left upper lobe
lymph.	lymphocyte

M

<u>M</u>	Mother
<u>m</u>	murmur

M
 MA
 maladj.
 MAO/MAOI
 MB
 MC
 mcg.
 MCL
 M-D
 M.D.
 M.Ed.
 m. dict.
 med.
 mEq./l.
 MFT
 Mg
 MHC
 MHT
 mi
 MI
 MJ/mj
 ml.
 mm.
 MMPI
 Mn
 MN
 MOM
 mono.
 MPR
 MR
 MS
 M.S.
 ms
 mo.
 MSE
 MSL
 MSW
 MVA
 MSN
 MT
 mtg.
 MVI, MVI c Fe
 MUO

male
 Master of Arts
 maladjustment
 monoamine oxidase inhibitor
 muscle band
 managed care
 microgram
 midclavicular line
 manic-depressive
 medical doctor
 Master of Education
 as directed
 medicine/medication
 milliequivalent per liter
 Marriage and Family Therapist
 magnesium
 Mental Health Center
 Mental Health Technician
 milligram
 Myocardial Infarction
 Marijuana
 milliliter
 millimeter
 Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory
 manganese
 midnight
 Milk of Magnesia
 infectious mononucleosis
 multiple purpose room
 mentally retarded
 Master of Science
 Multiple Sclerosis
 mental status
 month
 Mental Status Examination
 midsternal line
 Master's of Social Work
 motor vehicle accident
 Master of Science in Nursing
 music therapy
 meeting
 Multivitamin with iron
 May Use Own

N

Na+
 NA
 N/A
 NaCl
 NAD
 neg.
 neuro.
 NCAC
 NH
 n/o
 NO

sodium
 Narcotics Anonymous
 not applicable
 sodium chloride
 no acute distress
 negative
 neurology/neurological
 Nationally Certified Addictions Counselor
 nursing home
 no other
 Nostril

noc	nocturnal
NOS	Not otherwise specified
NKA	no known allergies
NPO/npo	nothing by mouth
NR	nonreactive
NS	nothing significant
Nsg.	Nursing
NSH	no self harm
NSR	normal sinus rhythm
nml.	normal
NTG	Nitroglycerin

O

Ox4	orientation to person, place, time & condition
O ₂	oxygen
OA	Overeaters Anonymous
ob.	obstetrics
OBS	organic brain syndrome
OCD	obsessive-compulsive disorder
O.D.	oculus dextra (right eye)
OD	overdose
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
oint.	ointment
O.L.	oculus laevus (left eye)
OOB	out of bed
OP	outpatient
ophth.	ophthalmology/ophthalmological
OR	operating room
orientation x 3	to person, place, time
O.S.	oculus sinister (left eye)
OT	Occupational Therapy
OTC	over the counter
O.U.	oculus uterque (each eye)
oz.	ounce
ortho.	orthopedic

P

—	after
p	pulse
P	Physician's Assistant
PA	paranoid
pa.	posterior and anterior
P&A	premature atrial contraction
PAC	paroxysmal auricular tachycardia
PAT	Policy & Procedure
P&P	phenobarbital
Pb, Phb, øb	protein bound iodine
PBI	Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia
PCPn	Phone Call
PC	post cibum (after meals)
p.c.	partial pressure of carbon dioxide
pCO ₂	pencillin
PCN	phencyclidine
PCP	physical examination
PE	pneumoencephalogram
PEG	through, by
per	

PERRLA	pupils equal/round/reactive to light and accommodation
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
pH	hydrogen ion concentration
PHP	Partial Hospital/Day Program
PI	Performance Improvement
PIAT	Peabody Intelligence/Individual Assessment Test
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
PKU	phenylketonuria
p.m.	evening
PMI	point of maximum impulse
PNV	Prenatal Vitamins
p.o.	per os (by mouth)
pO2	partial pressure by oxygen
pos.	positive
postop.	postoperative
poly.	polymorphonuclear leukocyte
PPD	purified protein derivative (TB test)
p.r.	per rectum
p.r.n.	whenever necessary
prot.	protein
pro. time	prothrombin time
pt.	patient
Psych.	psychology
PT	physical therapy
PTA	prior to admission
PTSD	post-traumatic stress disorder
PTT	partial thromboplastin time
PUD	peptic ulcer disease
PVC	premature ventricular contraction

Q

QA	Quality Assurance
q.	every
q.a.m.	every morning
q.2 h.	every two hours
QI	Quality Improvement
q.i.d.	quater in die (four times a day)
QNS	quatum non satis (quantity not sufficient)
q.o.h.	every other hour
q.p.m.	every evening
q.s.	quatum satis (quantity sufficient)
QR	Quiet Room

R

R/resp.	respirations
Ⓡ	right
RA	Resident Advisor
RBBB	right bundle branch block
RBC	red blood cells
RD	Registered Dietician
RCH	Raleigh Community Hospital
retic.	reticulocyte
Rh	Rhesus blood factor

RHD	rheumatic heart disease
re:	regarding
rec	recreation/recreational
RLL	right lower lobe
RLQ	right lower quadrant
RN	Registered Nurse
RNA	Registered Nurse Applicant
reg	regular
ROS	review of systems
RPR	rapid plasma reagin (test for syphilis)
Rm	room
RMT	Registered Music Therapist
RHIA	Registered Health Information Administrator
RRR	regular rate and rhythm
RSV	respiratory syncytial virus
RUL	right upper lobe
RUQ	right upper quadrant
RT	Recreational Therapy/recreational therapist
Rx.	prescription
RNC	Registered Nurse Certified
R/T	related to
RPh	Registered Pharmacist
R/O	rule out
ROM	range of motion

S

(S)	sister
S	single
SA	substance abuse
sat.	saturated
SBE	subacute bacterial endocarditis
SD	sensorium defect
sed. rate	sedimentation rate
seg.	segmented neutrophil
sep.	separated
SGOT	serum glutamic oxalacetic transaminase
SGPT	serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase
SH	social history
SI	suicidal ideation
SIB	self-injurious behavior
sig.	label (let it be printed)
signif.	significant
SL	Sublingual
sl.	slightly
Soc. Hx.	social history
SOAP	subjective/objective/assessment/plan
SOB	shortness of breath
sol.	solution
SPE	serum protein electrophoresis
spec.	specimen
SR	smoking room
SSWD	Signs and Symptoms of Withdrawl
SSE	soap suds enema
SSKI	saturated solution potassium iodide

Staph.	Staphylococcus
stat.	statim (immediately if not sooner)
STD	sexually transmitted disease
STG	short term goal(s)
Strep.	Streptococcus
Sup	Suppository
surg.	surgery/surgical
SUSP	Suspension
S&S	signs and symptoms
s/w	slept well
SW	Social Worker
sw	sterile water
sx.	symptoms
syr.	syrup

T

T/temp	temperature
TA	therapeutic assignment
T&A	tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
tab.	tablet
TAB	therapeutic abortion
TAH-(BSO)	total abdominal hysterectomy - (bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy)
TAT	thematic apperception test
TB	tuberculosis
tbsp.	tablespoon
TC	throat culture
TCA	tricyclic antidepressant
THC	tetrahydrocannabinol (active ingredient - marijuana)
TIBC	total iron binding capacity
t.i.d.	ter in die (three times a day)
TL	tough love/Tough Love
TLC	tender loving care
TM	tympanic membrane
TMJ	temporomandibular joint system
TO	telephone order
TPR	temperature/pulse/respirations
TRS	Therapeutic Recreation Specialist
TSH	thyroid stimulating hormone
TSP	total serum protein
tsp.	teaspoon
tx.	treatment/therapy
TV	television

U

UDA	urine drug analysis
UDS	Urine Drug Screen
URS	urine drug screen
U/A	urinalysis
UGI	upper gastrointestinal
ung.	ointment
UR	Utilization Review
UOQ	upper outer quadrant
URI	upper respiratory infection
urol.	urology/urological

UM	Utilization Management
UTI	urinary tract infection

V

v.	very
vag.	vagina
VC	vital capacity
VD	venereal disease
VDRL	Venereal Disease Research Laboratory
VH	visual hallucinations
vit. cap.	vital capacity
VLDL	very low density lipoprotein
VO	verbal order
VQ scan	ventilation-perfusion scan
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
VS	vital signs
Vit B6	Pyridoxine
Vit C	Ascorbic acid

W

w/c	wheelchair
w/d	withdrawal
w/e	weekend
w/o	without
WBC	white blood cells
Ⓜ	wife
WD/WN	well-developed, well-nourished
wt.	weight
W	white
WAIS-R	Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale - Revised
WISC-R	Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children - Revised
WMC	Wake Medical Center
WMHC	Wake Mental Health Center
WNL	within normal limits
w/n	within
WRAT-R	Wechsler Reading Achievement Test - Revised
WTMS	Wake Teen Medical Services

X

X	time, multiplied by
$\frac{\quad}{x}$	except

Y

y/o	years old
yr.	year