

# Approved Abbreviations

<b>AAA</b>	Abdominal aortic aneurysm
<b>Ab</b>	abortion
<b>ABC</b>	airway, breathing, circulation
<b>abd</b>	abdomen, abdominal
<b>ABG</b>	arterial blood gases
<b>abn</b>	abnormal
<b>AC</b>	antecubital
<b>AED</b>	automated external defibrillator
<b>A-fib</b>	atrial fibrillation
<b>AIDS</b>	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
<b>ALCO</b>	Alameda County
<b>ALOC</b>	altered level of consciousness
<b>ALS</b>	advanced life support
<b>am or a.m.</b>	morning
<b>AMA</b>	against medical advice
<b>amb</b>	ambulatory
<b>amp.</b>	ampule
<b>A+O</b>	alert and oriented
<b>ant</b>	anterior
<b>approx</b>	approximately
<b>ASA</b>	aspirin
<b>ASAP</b>	as soon as possible
<b>ASHD</b>	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
<b>AV</b>	atrioventricular
<b>BBB</b>	bundle branch block
<b>BCP</b>	birth control pills
<b>bicarb</b>	sodium bicarbonate
<b>bid</b>	twice a day
<b>bilat.</b>	bilateral
<b>BLS</b>	basic life support
<b>BM</b>	bowel movement
<b>BP or BP</b>	blood pressure
<b>BS</b>	breath sounds or blood sugar
<b>C</b>	centigrade
<b>°</b>	with
<b>C-2</b>	Code 2
<b>C-3</b>	Code 3
<b>CA</b>	carcinoma
<b>CaCl</b>	calcium chloride
<b>caps</b>	capsules
<b>cath</b>	catheter/catheterize
<b>CAT</b>	computerized axial tomography
<b>cc</b>	cubic centimeter
<b>CC</b>	chief complaint
<b>CCU</b>	Coronary Care Unit
<b>CHF</b>	congestive heart failure
<b>cm</b>	centimeter

<b>CMED</b>	Central Medical Emergency Dispatch
<b>CNS</b>	central nervous system
<b>c/o</b>	complaints of
<b>CO</b>	carbon monoxide
<b>cod</b>	codeine
<b>consc</b>	conscious
<b>cont</b>	continued
<b>COPD</b>	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
<b>CP</b>	chest pain
<b>CPAP</b>	Continuous positive airway pressure
<b>CPR</b>	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
<b>CSF</b>	cerebrospinal fluid
<b>CSM</b>	Circulation, sensation, and movement
<b>C-Section</b>	cesarean section
<b>C-Spine</b>	cervical spine
<b>CT</b>	Computerized Tomography
<b>CVA</b>	cerebrovascular accident
<b>D &amp; C</b>	dilatation and curettage
<b>d/c or dc'd</b>	Discontinue, discontinued
<b>DCAP-BTLS</b>	deformities, contusions, abrasions, punctures, burns, tenderness, lacerations, swelling
<b>D<sub>25</sub></b>	Dextrose 25%
<b>D<sub>50</sub></b>	Dextrose 50%
<b>D<sub>5</sub>W</b>	Dextrose 5%. in water
<b>DDS</b>	Doctor of Dental Surgery
<b>Dig</b>	Digitalis
<b>Disch</b>	discharged (from hospital)
<b>DM</b>	diabetes mellitis
<b>DOA</b>	dead on arrival
<b>DOE</b>	dyspnea on exertion
<b>DPT</b>	diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus
<b>DT's</b>	delirium tremens
<b>Dr.</b>	doctor
<b>dsg</b>	dressing
<b>Dx</b>	diagnosis
<b>EB or E/B</b>	eastbound
<b>ED</b>	emergency department
<b>EDC</b>	estimated date of confinement
<b>EDD</b>	Esophageal detection device
<b>EEG</b>	electroencephalogram
<b>EKG</b>	electrocardiogram
<b>Emb</b>	embolus
<b>ENT</b>	Ear, nose and throat
<b>E/O</b>	east of
<b>Epi</b>	Epinephrine
<b>ER</b>	Emergency Room
<b>ET</b>	endotracheal
<b>ETT</b>	endotracheal tube

<b>ETCO<sub>2</sub></b>	Endtidal CO <sub>2</sub>	<b>LBB</b>	left bundle branch block
<b>ETA</b>	estimated time of arrival	<b>lido</b>	lidocaine
<b>ETDLA</b>	Esophageal tracheal double lumen airway	<b>LLL</b>	Left Lower Lobe
<b>ETOH</b>	ethyl alcohol	<b>LLQ</b>	Left Lower Quadrant
<b>exam</b>	examination	<b>LMP</b>	Last Menstrual Period
<b>ext</b>	external	<b>LNMP</b>	Last Normal Menstrual Period
<b>F</b>	Fahrenheit	<b>LOC</b>	Loss Of Consciousness
<b>FB</b>	foreign body	<b>LPM</b>	Liters per Minute
<b>FBO</b>	foreign body obstruction	<b>LSD</b>	lysergic acid diethylamide
<b>FHT</b>	fetal heart tone	<b>LS</b>	lung sounds
<b>fr.</b>	french	<b>LUL</b>	Left upper lobe
<b>FUO</b>	fever of unknown origin	<b>LUQ</b>	left upper quadrant
<b>fx</b>	fracture	<b>max</b>	maximum
<b>g</b>	gauge	<b>MCA</b>	motorcycle accident
<b>GC</b>	Gonococcus	<b>mcg</b>	micrograms
<b>GI</b>	gastrointestinal	<b>meds</b>	Medicines
<b>gm</b>	gram	<b>mEq</b>	Milliequivalent
<b>GOA</b>	gone on arrival	<b>mg or</b>	
<b>gr</b>	grain	<b>mgs</b>	Milligram (s)
<b>GSW</b>	gunshot wound	<b>MI</b>	Myocardial Infarction
<b>gtt. or</b>		<b>Min. or</b>	
<b>gtts</b>	drop/drops	<b>mins.</b>	Minute (s)
<b>GU</b>	genitourinary	<b>min</b>	minimum
<b>GYN</b>	gynecology	<b>ml</b>	milliliter
<b>H or hr</b>	hour	<b>mm</b>	millimeter
<b>H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	water	<b>mod</b>	moderate
<b>HCTZ</b>	Hydrochlorothiazide	<b>MRI</b>	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
<b>HEENT</b>	Head, ears, eyes, nose, and throat	<b>MS</b>	Morphine sulfate
<b>HOB</b>	head of bed	<b>MVA</b>	Motor vehicle accident
<b>HS</b>	hour of sleep	<b>N &amp; V or</b>	
<b>ht</b>	height	<b>NV</b>	Nausea and vomiting
<b>HTN</b>	hypertension	<b>NaHCO<sub>3</sub></b>	Sodium bicarbonate
<b>Hx</b>	history	<b>N/A</b>	Not applicable
<b>irreg</b>	irregular	<b>NAD</b>	no acute distress
<b>ICU</b>	Intensive Care Unit	<b>NB or N/B</b>	northbound
<b>IFO</b>	in front of	<b>NC</b>	Nasal cannula
<b>IM</b>	intramuscular	<b>N/G or NG</b>	nasogastric
<b>IN</b>	intranasal	<b>NKA</b>	No known allergies
<b>inj or inj's</b>	Injury(ies)	<b>NKDA</b>	no known drug allergies
<b>IV</b>	intravenous	<b>N/O</b>	North of
<b>IVP</b>	intravenous push	<b>NORM</b>	normal
<b>JVD</b>	jugular venous destination	<b>NPO</b>	Nothing by mouth
<b>K<sup>+</sup></b>	potassium	<b>NRB</b>	nonrebreather
<b>KCl</b>	potassium chloride	<b>NRBM</b>	non-rebreather mask
<b>kg</b>	kilogram	<b>NS</b>	Normal saline
<b>L</b>	liter	<b>NSR</b>	Normal sinus rhythm
<b>LA</b>	left arm	<b>NTG</b>	nitroglycerine
<b>lat</b>	lateral	<b>O<sub>2</sub></b>	oxygen
<b>lac</b>	laceration	<b>OB</b>	obstetrics
<b>1b or lbs</b>	pound (s)	<b>OBS</b>	Organic Brain Syndrome

<b>Occ</b>	occult	<b>Rx</b>	prescription
<b>OD</b>	overdose	<b>̄</b>	without
<b>OPA</b>	oropharyngeal airway	<b>SB or S/B</b>	southbound
<b>Ortho</b>	orthopedic	<b>SL or s1</b>	sublingual
<b>oz</b>	ounce	<b>S/O</b>	south of
<b>P</b>	pulse	<b>SOAP</b>	subjective, objective, assessment, plan
<b>PAC</b>	Premature Atrial Contraction	<b>SOB</b>	shortness of breath
<b>palp</b>	palpate	<b>SpO<sub>2</sub></b>	pulse oximetry (saturation of peripheral oxygen)
<b>PCR</b>	Patient Care Report Form	<b>stat</b>	immediately
<b>PE or P. E.</b>	physical exam	<b>STEMI</b>	ST elevation myocardial infarction
<b>Ped</b>	pedestrian	<b>SW</b>	stab wound
<b>Pedi</b>	pediatric	<b>sub-q or sq</b>	subcutaneous
<b>PERL</b>	Pupils Equal, Reactive to Light	<b>Surg</b>	surgery
<b>PERRLA</b>	Pupils Equal, Round, Reactive to Light Accommodation	<b>Sx</b>	symptom
<b>PID</b>	pelvic inflammatory disease	<b>sz</b>	seizure
<b>pm or p. m.</b>	afternoon - evening	<b>tab</b>	tablet
<b>PMD</b>	private medical doctor	<b>TB</b>	tuberculosis
<b>PNB</b>	pulseless non- breathing	<b>Tbsp or T</b>	tablespoon
<b>PND</b>	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea	<b>T&amp;C</b>	Tylenol and Codeine
<b>po</b>	by mouth	<b>TCN</b>	Tetracycline
<b>POV</b>	privately owned vehicle	<b>TCP</b>	Transcutaneous pacing
<b>poss</b>	possible	<b>temp</b>	temperature
<b>post-op</b>	after surgery	<b>TIA</b>	transient ischemic attack
<b>PRN</b>	as needed or when necessary	<b>tid</b>	three times a day
<b>psych</b>	psychiatric	<b>TKO</b>	to keep open
<b>pt or pts</b>	patient(s)	<b>trans</b>	transport
<b>PTA</b>	prior to arrival	<b>tsp or t</b>	teaspoon
<b>Pul</b>	pulmonary	<b>Temp</b>	temperature
<b>Pulse Ox</b>	Pulse oximetry	<b>Tx</b>	treatment
<b>PVC or PVCs</b>	premature ventricular contraction(s)	<b>u</b>	units
<b>qd</b>	every day	<b>UA</b>	urinalysis
<b>qh</b>	every hour	<b>URI</b>	upper respiratory infection
<b>q2h</b>	every 2 hours	<b>UTI</b>	urinary tract infection
<b>qid</b>	four times a day	<b>vag</b>	vaginal
<b>qod</b>	every other day	<b>VD</b>	venereal disease
<b>qt</b>	quart	<b>vs</b>	vital signs
<b>R</b>	right	<b>V-tach or VT</b>	Ventricular tachycardia
<b>RA</b>	right arm	<b>WB or W/B</b>	westbound
<b>RBBB</b>	right bundle branch block	<b>Wk or wks</b>	Week(s)
<b>reg</b>	regular	<b>WNL</b>	within normal limits
<b>resp</b>	respiration	<b>WO</b>	west of
<b>r/o</b>	rule out	<b>ws or w/s</b>	watt seconds
<b>RLL</b>	right lower lobe	<b>wt</b>	weight
<b>RLQ</b>	right lower quadrant	<b>x</b>	times
<b>ROM</b>	range of motion	<b>yo</b>	year old
<b>RR</b>	respiratory rate	<b>yr or yrs</b>	year(s)
<b>Rt or R</b>	right		
<b>RUL</b>	Right upper lobe		
<b>RUQ</b>	Right upper quadrant		

**HOSPITALS**

<b>ACMC</b>	Alameda County Medical Center (Highland)
<b>AH</b>	Alameda Hospital
<b>ABMC</b>	Alta Bates Medical Center
<b>CHO</b>	Children's Hospital
<b>EMC</b>	Eden Medical Center
<b>JMMC</b>	John Muir Medical Center
<b>KF</b>	Kaiser Fremont
<b>KH</b>	Kaiser Hayward
<b>KO</b>	Kaiser Oakland
<b>KWC</b>	Kaiser Walnut Creek
<b>SLH</b>	San Leandro Hospital
<b>SRH</b>	St. Rose Hospital
<b>SRR</b>	San Ramon Regional
<b>SMC</b>	Summit Medical Center
<b>SUH</b>	Stanford University Hospital
<b>VCMC</b>	ValleyCare Medical Center
<b>WTH</b>	Washington Township Hospital

**PROVIDER AGENCIES****Based on Firescope 3-Letter Designation**

<b>ALA</b>	Alameda Fire Department
<b>ACF</b>	Alameda County Fire Department
<b>ALB</b>	Albany Fire Department
<b>BER</b>	Berkeley Fire Department
<b>CHP</b>	California Highway Patrol
<b>PRK</b>	Camp Parks Fire Department
<b>EBY</b>	East Bay Regional Parks Fire Department
<b>FRE</b>	Fremont Fire Department
<b>HAY</b>	Hayward Fire Department
<b>LAP</b>	Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department
<b>OKL</b>	Oakland Fire Department
<b>PMP</b>	Paramedics Plus
<b>PIE</b>	Piedmont Fire Department

**SYMBOLS**

$\bar{c}$	with
$\bar{s}$	without
$\bar{a}$	before
$\bar{p}$	after
$<$	less than
$>$	greater than
$\leq$	less than or equal to
$\geq$	greater than or equal to
$\text{♀}$	Female
$\text{♂}$	Male
$\uparrow$	Increase
$\downarrow$	Decrease
$=$	equal
$\approx$	approximately
$-$	negative
$+$	positive
$"$	inches
$'$	feet
$\#$	pounds
$^\circ$	degree
$@$	at
$\Delta$	change
$\%$	percent
$2^\circ$	Secondary to