

ACCEPTABLE ABBREVIATIONS

	<u>ABBREVIATION</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	
<u>A</u>	ab/AB	abortion	
	abd	abdominal	
	abn	abnormal	
	AC	antecubital	
	ACLS	Advanced Cardiac Life Support	
	AFIB	Atrial Fibrillation	
	A-Flut	Atrial Flutter	
	AICD	Automatic Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator	
	ALS	Advanced Life Support	
	AMA	against medical advice	
	amb	ambulance	
	amp	ampule	
	&	and	
	ASA	aspirin	
	ASAP	As Soon As Possible	
	ASHD	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease	
	@	at	
	AVPU	Alert, Verbal, Painful, Unresponsive	
	ax	axillary	
	<u>B</u>	BB	backboard
		BH	Base Hospital
		Bicarb	bicarbonate
		bil or bilat	bilateral
BLS		Basic Life Support	
BP, B/P		Blood Pressure	
Brady		Bradycardic, bradycardia	
BS		blood sugar	
BVM		bag-valve-mask	
<u>C</u>		CA	cancer
	Δ	change	
	√	check	
	CAD	Coronary Artery Disease	
	c.c.	cubic centimeter (equals one ml.)	
	c/c	cervical collar	

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C.C.	chief complaint
CCU	Coronary Care Unit
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure
c/o	complains of
CO ₂	carbon dioxide
CO	carbon monoxide
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
Comp. or cpd	compound
cl	clear
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
C-Spine	Cervical Spine
CT	Computerized Tomography (CAT scan)
CTV	Critical Trauma Victim
CVA	Cerebrovascular Accident (stroke)
<u>D</u>	
↓	decrease, depressed, below, lower
DC	discontinue
defib	defibrillate, defibrillation
design	designation
Dx	diagnosis
diff.	difficulty
Dig	Digoxin
DOA	dead on arrival
DOB	date of birth
DC	discontinue
DNR	Do-Not-Resuscitate
DPT	diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus
DPAHC	Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care
dsg	dressing
DT	diphtheria, tetanus
d/s or d-stick	dextrose stick
<u>E</u>	
EBL	Estimated Blood Loss
ECG/EKG	electrocardiogram
ED	Emergency Department
EMT-I	Emergency Medical Technician

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EMT-P	Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic
EOA	Esophageal Obturator Airway
Epi	Epinephrine
=	equals
ER	Emergency Room
est	estimated
ET	endotracheal
ETI	endotracheal intubation
ETT	endotracheal tube
ETA	Estimated Time of Arrival
ETOH, E _T OH	alcohol (Ethanol)
expir. or exp.	expiratory
ext.	extremity
<u>E</u>	
FD	fire department
FFN	Free flow nebulizer
FROM	Full Range of Motion
ft	foot, feet
Fx	fracture
<u>G</u>	
G	gravida
GB	gall bladder
GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale
GI	gastrointestinal
gm	gram
gtt.	drop
gen'l	general
>	greater than
GSW	gunshot wound
GU	genitourinary
<u>H</u>	
H	hypodermic injection
h, hr., °	hour
H ₂ O	water
h/a, HA	headache
H/B, HB	Head Bed™

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HBO	Hyperbaric Oxygenation
HCTZ	Hydrochlorothiazide
♥	heart
Hg.	mercury
HIV, HIV III	Human Immunodeficiency virus (AIDS Virus)
Hx	history
hosp.	hospital
HTN	hypertension
I	
↑	increase, elevated, superior to
ICP	intracranial pressure
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IM	Intramuscular
inj.	injury or injection
IV	Intravenous
IVP	IV Push, IV bolus
IVPB	IV Piggy-Back
insp.	inspiratory
irreg.	irregular
J	
j	joules
JVD	Jugular Vein Distension
K	
K, K+	Potassium
KCl	Potassium Chloride
Kg	kilogram
L	
L	liter
lac.	laceration
<	less than
lg	large
L, (L)	left
(L) AC, LAC	Left Antecubital
LFA	Left Forearm
LH	Left Hand
Lido	Lidocaine
LLQ	Left Lower Quadrant

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LMP	Last Menstrual Period
LOC	Level of Conscious
L Spine	Lumbar Spine
L-S Spine	Lumbar sacral spine
LCB	Lungs Clear Bilaterally
LUQ	Left Upper Quadrant
<u>M</u>	
MD	Doctor of Medicine
mEq	milliequivalent
mg., mgm.	milligram
meds	medications
ml	milliliter
mm	millimeter
MBL	Minimal Blood Loss
MCA	Motorcycle Accident
MCI	mass casualty incident
>	more than
MI	Myocardial Infarction
MICN	Mobile Intensive Care Nurse
min	minutes or minimal
mod	moderate
MS	Morphine Sulfate
MTV	Moderate Trauma Victim
mult.	multiple
MVI	multiple victim incident
<u>N</u>	
NA	not applicable to chief complaint, physical findings or history
NaHCO ₃	Sodium Bicarbonate
NB	newborn
NC	Nasal Cannula
neg.	negative
neg. 2°	negative secondary
neuro	neurological
NKA	no known allergies
Δ	no change
∅	no, none

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	≠	not equal, unequal
	NP	nasopharyngeal
	NPO	nothing by mouth
	NRC	Nearest Receiving Center
	NS	Normal Saline
	NSR	Normal Sinus Rhythm
	N/T	not taken
	NTG	Nitroglycerine
	N/V	Nausea and Vomiting
<u>O</u>	O ₂	oxygen
	ob	Obstetrics
	obst	obstructed
	occ	occasional
	OCC	Orange County Communications
	o.d.	each day
	O.D.	right-eye
	OD	overdose
	O.P.	orpharyngeal
	OR	operating room, surgery
	O.S.	left-eye
	O.U.	both eyes
	Ox	orientation
<u>P</u>	P	pulse
	\overline{p}	after
	palp.	palpable
	PAC	Premature Atrial Complex
	P/M	paramedic
	PAT	Paroxysmal Atrial Tachycardia
	PCN	penicillin
	PCT	patient contact time
	PD	Police Department
	P.E.	physical exam; pulmonary embolus
	PEA	pulsless electrical activity

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ped	pedestrian
peds	pediatrics
pg	pregnant
PID	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
PJC	Premature Junctional Contraction
PMD	Private Medical Doctor
PNRC	Paramedic Neurosurgical Receiving Center
p.o.	by mouth
poss	possible
+	positive
⊕, P/P	positive pressure
POV	Privately Owned Vehicle
PRC	Paramedic Receiving Center
PRN	As needed
PTA	Prior to Arrival
PTC	Prior to Contact
PTRC	Paramedic Trauma Receiving Center
PVC	Premature Ventricular Complex
Pulm Ed	pulmonary edema
<u>Q</u>	
q̄	every
<u>R</u>	
R	respiration, regular
R, (R)	Right
(R)AC, RAC	Right antecubital
RC	Receiving Center
re:	regarding
react	reactive
reps.	respirations
RFA	Right Forearm
RH	Right Hand
RLQ	Right Lower Quadrant
ROM	Range of Motion
R/O	Rule Out
RUQ	Right Upper Quadrant

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<u>S</u>	s̄	without	
	S. Brady	Sinus Bradycardia	
	SC, SQ, Subq.	Subcutaneous	
	seiz.	seizure	
	SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	
	sl	slight	
	S.L., SL	sublingual	
	SLVPI	Sublingual Venous Plexus Injection	
	sm	small	
	SOB	Shortness of Breath	
	SpO ₂	percent oxygen saturation	
	spont.	spontaneous	
	S/S	Signs and symptoms	
	S/S, S & S	soft and supple	
	S-Spine	Sacral spine	
	ST↑	segment elevation	
	ST↓	segment depression	
	S. Tach	Sinus tachycardia	
	STAT	immediately	
	SVT	supraventricular tachycardia	
<u>I</u>	T, temp	temperature	
	tab	tablet	
	TB	tuberculosis	
	TC	traffic accident, traffic collision	
	TCN	tetracycline	
	TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack	
	TKO	to keep open	
	TPR	temperature, pulse, respiration	
	trach	tracheostomy, trachea	
	T-spine	Thoracic Spine	
	Tx	Treatment	
	<u>U</u>	UGI	Upper Gastro Intestinal
		unc.	unconscious

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	<u>ABBREVIATION</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
	unk	unknown
	URI	Upper Respiratory Infection
	URP	Unreliable Patient
	UTE	unable to establish
	UTI	Urinary Tract Infection
<u>V</u>	vag.	vaginal
	V. Fib	Ventricular Fibrillation
	via	by
	VS	vital signs
<u>W</u>	\overline{c}	with
	\overline{s}	without
	WNL	within normal limits
	WS	watt-seconds
<u>Y</u>	y.o.	year old
	♂	male
	♀	female