

The most common medical abbreviations:

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<i>Abbreviation</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
ABGs	arterial blood gases
AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
ALT	alanine aminotransferase (previously SGPT)
APTT	activated partial thromboplastin time
ARDS	adult respiratory distress syndrome
AST	aspartate aminotransferase (previously SGOT)
AV	atrioventricular
bid	twice daily
bpm	beats per minute
BP	blood pressure
BSA	body surface area
BUN	blood urea nitrogen
°C	degrees Celsius
Cal	Calorie (kilocalorie)
CBC	complete blood count

<i>Abbreviation</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
cc	cubic centimeter
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CHF	congestive heart failure
CN	cranial nerve
CNS	central nervous system
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPK	creatine phosphokinase
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
CT	computed tomography
cu	cubic
Cu	copper
CV	cardiovascular
CVP	central venous pressure
D5W	5\% Dextrose in Water
D10W	10\% Dextrose in Water
DERM	dermatologic
DIC	disseminated intravascular coagulation

<i>Abbreviation</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
dl	deciliter (100 ml)
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
ECG	electrocardiogram
EDTA	ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid
EEG	electroencephalogram
EENT	eye & ear & nose & throat
ELISA	enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
EMIT	enzyme-multiplied immunoassay test
°F	degrees Fahrenheit
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
G-6-PD	glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase
GABA	gamma-aminobutyric acid
GI	gastrointestinal
gtt	drops
GU	genitourinary
Hct	hematocrit
HDL	high-density lipoprotein

<i>Abbreviation</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
HEMA	hematologic
HEPA	hepatic
Hgb	hemoglobin
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
hr	hour
I&O	intake and output
IM	intramuscular
IND	investigational new drug
IOP	intraocular pressure
IU	international units
IV	intravenous
kg	kilogram
L	liter
LDH	lactate dehydrogenase
LDL	low-density lipoprotein
LOC	level of consciousness
m	meter

<i>Abbreviation</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
m²	square meter
MAO	monoamine oxidase
mcg	microgram
mEq	milliequivalent
META	metabolic
mg	milligram
MI	myocardial infarction
min	minute
ml	milliliter
mm	millimeter
mm³	cubic millimeter
mm Hg	millimeters of mercury
mo	month
mOsm	milliosmole
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
npo	nothing by mouth
NSAID	nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug

<i>Abbreviation</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
ng	nanogram
NK	natural killer (cells)
otc	over-the-counter (nonprescription)
oz	ounce
PABA	para-aminobenzoic acid
PAC	premature atrial contraction
pH	negative log of hydrogen ion concentration
PMS	premenstrual syndrome
pCO₂	carbon dioxide pressure (tension)
pO₂	oxygen pressure (tension)
PO	by mouth
ppm	parts per million
prn	as needed
PR	per rectum
pt	pint
PT	prothrombin time
PTT	partial thromboplastin time

<i>Abbreviation</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
PVC	premature ventricular contraction
q	every
qd	every day
q hr	every hour
qid	four times daily
qod	every other day
q 2 hr	every 2 hours
qt	quart
RBC	red blood cell count
RDA	Recommended Dietary Allowance
RDS	respiratory distress syndrome
RNA	ribonucleic acid
SC	subcutaneous
sec	second
SIADH	syndrome of inappropriate secretion of antidiuretic hormone
SL	sublingual
SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus

<i>Abbreviation</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
SPF	sun protection factor
STD	sexually transmitted disease
tid	three times daily
Tbsp	tablespoon
TPN	total parenteral nutrition
TSH	thyroid-stimulating hormone
tsp	teaspoon
U	unit
UTI	urinary tract infection
VHDL	very high density lipoprotein
VLDL	very low density lipoprotein
WBC	white blood cell count
WHO	World Health Organization
wk	week
yr	year

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