

PRN Standardized Abbreviations

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abd	abdominal
abg	arterial blood gases
ABT	Antibiotic Therapy
ac	before meals
acid phos	acid phosphatase
ADI	activities of daily living
ad lib	as desired
admin	administer
AGA	average for gestational age
AKA	Above knee amputation
ALKphos	alkaline phosphatase
amt	amount
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ant	anterior
approx	approximately
APS	Adult Protective Services
apt	apartment
A/O	alert/oriented
AP	apical pulse
APS	Adult Protective Services
appt	appointment
AROM	Active Range of Motion
AM	moming
ASA	aspirin
ASAP	as soon as possible
ASeVD	arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease
ASHD	arteriosclerotic heart disease
bid	twice a day
bilat	bilateral
BKA	Below Knee Amputation
BKR	Bilateral Knee Replacement
BIE	bilateral lower extremities
BM	bowel movement
BP	blood pressure
BR	bathroom
BSe	bedside commode
BUE	bilateral upper extremities
BUN	blood urea nitrogen

C°	Centigrade
c	with
Ca+	Calcium
CA	Cancer
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft
CAD	coronary artery disease
cap(s)	capsule(s)
CAT or CT Scan	computerized axial tomography
cath	catheter
CBC	complete blood count
CHHA	certified home health aide
CHF	congestive heart failure
circ	circulation
CMV	cytomegalovirus
C/O	complaining of
COTA	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
cont	continuous
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CO ₂	carbon dioxide
clt	client
cm	centimeter
CNA	certified nurse aide/assistant
CNS	central nervous system
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CPK	creatinine phosphokinase
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CPS	Child Protective Services
CRM	Case Resource Manager
CS	Cesarean Section
C&S	culture and sensitivity
CVA	cerebral vascular accident
CXR	chest x-ray
DAT	diet as tolerated
dep	dependent
DM	diabetes mellitus
DJD	degenerative joint disease
DME	durable medical equipment
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
DR/MD	doctor/physician
DOB	date of birth
DSD	dry sterile dressing

DTs	delirium tremors
D/W	dextrose/water
Dx	diagnosis
ECF	extended care facility
ECG/EKG	electrocardiogram
EEG	electroencephalogram
EENT	eyes, ears, nose, & throat
e.g.	for example
EMG	electromyelogram
EMS	emergency medical system
ER	emergency room
ESR	eosinophil rate
ESRD	endstage renal disease
ETOH	alcohol
FBS	fasting blood sugar
F/C	foley catheter
FTT	failure to thrive
F/U	follow up
FUO	fever of unknown origin
FWB	full weight bearing
FWW	front wheel walker
Fx	fracture
F°	Fahrenheit
GB	gallbladder
GI	gastrointestinal
gm	gram
GR	gravida
GSW	gunshot wound
gtt	drop
GT	gastrostomy tube
GU	genitourinary
HCA	home care aide
hct	hematocrit
HEP	home exercise program
HHA	home health aide
HIV	human immune virus
HME	home medical equipment
HMO	health maintenance organization
hr	hour

Ht	height
HTN	hypertension
Hx	history
ICD-9	International Classification of Disease
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
I&D	incision & drainage
IDDM	insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
IHSS	in home support service
IM	intramuscular
I/O	intake and output
IPPS	intermittent positive pressure breathing
irreg	irregular
IUP	intrauterine pregnancy
IV	intravenous
IVABT	antibiotic therapy
IVP	intravenous pyelogram
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
JT	jejunostomy tube
JVD	jugular vein distention
K	potassium
KCL	potassium chloride
kg	kilogram
KUB	kidneys, ureters, bladder
KVO	keep vein open
L	liter
lab	laboratory
lax	laxative
lb	pound
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
LE	lower extremities
lg	large
LGA	large for gestational age
LLQ	left lower quadrant
LVN/LPN	licensed vocational/practical nurse
lytes	electrolytes
mcg	microgram
MD	physician I Medical Doctor
meds	medications

meq	milliequivalents
mg	milligram
mg ⁺⁺	magnesium
ml	milliliter
MI	myocardial infarction
min	minutes
MOM	milk of magnesia
MOW	Meals on Wheels
MRSA	methicillin resistant staph aureus
MSS	Masters of Social Service
MSSP	Multiple Senior Service Program
MSW	Medical Social Worker
MVA	motor vehicle accident
Na ⁺	sodium
n/a or N/A	not applicable
NAS	no added salt
neg	negative
NKA	no known allergies
NKDA	no known drug allergies
NIDDM	Non Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus
noc	night
npo	nothing by mouth
NS	normal saline
NSAID	nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug
NTG	nitroglycerine
O ₂	oxygen
OB	obstetrics
OT	Occupational Therapy
OTC	over the counter
oz	ounce
p	after
P	para
PAR	patient authorization request
pc	after meals
PCG	primary caregiver
PCN	penicillin
Peds	pediatric
per	by or through
pH	hydrogen-ion concentration
pm	evening

PNO	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
po	orally
POE	proof of eligibility
post	posterior
post-op	post operative
POC	plan of care
POT	plan of treatment
PPD	purified protein derivative
pre-op	preoperative
prep	preparation
prn	as needed
PROM	passive range of motion
pt	patient
P.T.	physical therapy
PTA	Physical Therapy Assistant
PPT	partial prothrombin time
PUW	pick up walker
PVD	peripheral vascular disease
PWB	partial weight bearing
Px	prognosis
q	every
qid	four times a day
qod	every other day
qt	quart
RBC	red blood count
RLQ	right lower quadrant
RN	registered nurse
R/O	rule out
ROM	range of motion
RP	radial pulse
RT	Respiratory Therapist
RRT	Registered Respiratory Therapist
RPT	Registered Physical Therapist
RUQ	right upper quadrant
Rx	prescription
s	without
SAR	Service Authorization Request
SBO	small bowel obstruction
sec	second
sed rate	sedimentation rate

SFD	single family dwelling
SGA	small for gestational age
sig	directions
SL	sublingual
SN	skilled nursing
S/P cath	suprapubic catheter
SOB	shortness of breath
SOC	start of care
sol	solution
SP	speech pathologist
s/p	status post
spec	specimen
s/sx or S/S	signs/symptoms
ST	speech therapist
stat	immediately
supp	suppository
surg	surgery
SS#	Social Security Number
SSE	soaps suds enema
SV or SupV	Supervisory visit
T or temp	temperature
tab	tablet
TAR	treatment authorization request
TB	tuberculosis
tbsp	tablespoon
T/C	telephone call
T&C	type and crossmatch
THR	total hip replacement
tid	three times a day
TKR	total knee replacement
TLC	tender loving care
T/O	telephone order
TPN	total parenteral nutrition
TPR	temperature, pulse, respiration
tsp	teaspoon
TURP	transurethral resection of prostate
ua	urinalysis
UE	upper extremities
UGI	upper gastrointestinal
ung/oint	ointment
URI	upper respiratory infection

UTI	urinary tract infection
vd	void
VD	venereal disease
VN	visiting nurse
V/O	verbal order
vs	vital signs
WBC	white blood cells
w/c	wheel chair
wk	week
WFL	within functional limits
WNL	within normal limits
w/o	written order
wt	weight
yr	year