

## Common Medical Abbreviations

<b>ABG</b>	arterial blood gas	<b>mEq</b>	milliequivalent
<b>a.c.</b>	before meals	<b>mg</b>	milligram
<b>ADL</b>	activities of daily living	<b>mcg</b>	microgram
<b>ad lib</b>	as desired	<b>ml</b>	milliliter
<b>AP</b>	anterior – posterior	<b>mm</b>	millimeter
<b>A&amp;P</b>	anterior and posterior	<b>NPO</b>	nothing by mouth
<b>ASA</b>	aspirin	<b>NS</b>	normal saline
<b>ASHD</b>	arteriosclerotic heart disease	<b>NSAID</b>	nonsteroidal anti inflammatory drugs
<b>AV</b>	arteriovenous, atrioventricular	<b>OTC</b>	over the counter
<b>b.i.d.</b>	twice a day	<b>OU</b>	each eye
<b>bpm</b>	beats per minute	<b>oz</b>	ounce
<b>Ā</b>	with	<b>p.c.</b>	after meals
<b>CAD</b>	coronary artery disease	<b>PERRLA</b>	pupils equal, round, reactive to light and accommodation
<b>CBC</b>	complete blood count	<b>P.O.</b>	by mouth
<b>CHF</b>	congestive heart failure	<b>prn</b>	as-needed, whenever necessary
<b>cm</b>	centimeter	<b>q</b>	every
<b>C/O</b>	complains of	<b>qhr</b>	every hour
<b>C&amp;S</b>	culture and sensitivity	<b>q2hr</b>	every 2 hours
<b>CSF</b>	cerebrospinal fluid	<b>q.i.d.</b>	four times a day
<b>CT</b>	computed tomography	<b>RLQ</b>	right lower quadrant
<b>cu</b>	cubic	<b>R/O</b>	rule out
<b>DIC</b>	disseminated intravascular coagulation	<b>ROM</b>	range of motion
<b>Dx</b>	diagnosis	<b>RUQ</b>	right upper quadrant
<b>FUO</b>	fever of undetermined origin	<b>Rx</b>	prescription
<b>g, gm</b>	gram	<b>̄</b>	without
<b>gr</b>	grain	<b>subq</b>	subcutaneous
<b>gt, gtt</b>	drop, drops	<b>SL</b>	sublingual
<b>hs</b>	at bedtime, hour of sleep	<b>SOB</b>	short of breath
<b>HTN</b>	hypertension	<b>̄s</b>	one-half
<b>Hx</b>	history	<b>stat</b>	immediately
<b>IM</b>	intramuscular	<b>Sx</b>	symptoms
<b>IV</b>	intravenous	<b>T&amp;C</b>	type and crossmatch
<b>kg</b>	kilogram	<b>t.i.d.</b>	three times a day
<b>KVO</b>	keep vein open	<b>TPR</b>	temperature, pulse, respirations
<b>KUB</b>	kidneys, ureters, and bladder	<b>TO</b>	telephone order
<b>L</b>	liter	<b>tsp</b>	teaspoon
<b>lb</b>	pound	<b>UA</b>	urinalysis
<b>I&amp;O</b>	intake and output	<b>URI</b>	upper respiratory infection
<b>LLQ</b>	left lower quadrant	<b>UTI</b>	urinary tract infection
<b>LUQ</b>	left upper quadrant	<b>VO</b>	verbal order
<b>m</b>	meter, minim	<b>WNL</b>	within normal limits

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