

# Abbreviations

ā	before	AROM	active range of motion
AAROM	active assisted range of motion	ASAP	as soon as possible
abd	abdomen	assist	assistance
ABR	absolute bed rest	as tol	as tolerated
ac, a.c.	before meals	A, T, D	admission, transfer, and discharge
AD	Alzheimer's disease	ax	axillary
ADC	AIDS dementia complex	BID, b.i.d.	two times a day
ad lib	as desired	BKA	below-knee amputation
ADLs	activities of daily living	bld	blood
adm.	admission	BLS	basic life support
AED	automated external defibrillator	BM	bowel movement
AHA	American Heart Association	BP, B/P	blood pressure
AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome	BPH	benign prostatic hypertrophy
AIIR	airborne infection isolation room	BPM	beats per minute
AKA	above-knee amputation, also known as	BR	bedrest
am, AM	morning	BRP	bathroom privileges
AMA	against medical advice, American Medical Association	BSC	bedside commode
amb	ambulate, ambulatory	BSE	breast self-examination
AMD	age-related macular degeneration	C	centigrade, Celsius
amt.	amount	Ā	with
ANS	autonomic nervous system	Ca/CA	calcium, cancer, carcinoma
ant.	anterior	CAD	coronary artery disease
a.p./AP	apical pulse	cal	calorie
approx.	approximately	cath.	catheter
		CBC	complete blood count
		CBI	continuous bladder irrigation

## Abbreviations (cont'd)

CBR	complete bed rest	CRF	chronic renal failure
CCMS	clean-catch midstream	C.S.	Central Supply
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
CDE	certified diabetes educator	CVA	cerebrovascular accident, stroke
C. diff	<i>Clostridioides difficile</i>	CVP	central venous pressure
CEP	competency evaluation (testing) programs	CVS	cardiovascular system
CEU	continuing education unit	CXR	chest x-ray
CHD	coronary heart disease	DAT	diet as tolerated
CHF	congestive heart failure	DJD	degenerative joint disease
chol	cholesterol	DKA	diabetic ketoacidosis
ck	check	DM	diabetes mellitus
cl liq	clear liquid	DNR	do not resuscitate
cm	centimeter	DO	doctor of osteopathy
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	DOA	dead on arrival
CNA	certified nursing assistant	DOB	date of birth
CNP	certified nurse practitioner	DON	director of nursing
CNS	central nervous system	Dr.	doctor
c/o	complains of, in care of	DRG	diagnostic related group
CO <sub>2</sub>	carbon dioxide	drsg	dressng
COLD	chronic obstructive lung disease	DVT	deep vein thrombosis
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	Dx/dx	diagnosis
CP	cerebral palsy	ECG, EKG	electrocardiogram
CPM	continuous passive motion	ED	emergency department
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	EENT	eye, ear, nose, and throat
		e.g.	for example
		EMS	emergency medical services

## Abbreviations (cont'd)

ER	emergency room	GI	gastrointestinal
ESRD	end-stage renal disease	GP	general practitioner
et al.	and other things	GSW	gunshot wound
ETOH	alcohol	GTT	glucose tolerance test
exam	examination	GU	genitourinary
F	Fahrenheit, female	GYN/gyn	gynecology
FBS	fasting blood sugar	h, hr, hr.	hour
FDA	Food and Drug Administration	H <sub>2</sub> O	water
Fe	iron	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	hydrogen peroxide
FF	force fluids	H/A	headache
FH	family history	HAART	highly active antiretroviral therapy
fld	fluid	H&P	history and physical
FS	fingerstick	HAV	hepatitis A virus
FSBS	fingerstick blood sugar	HBV	hepatitis B virus
ft	foot	HCV	hepatitis C virus
F/U, f/u	follow-up	HDV	hepatitis D virus
FUO	fever of unknown origin	HEV	hepatitis E virus
FWB	full weight-bearing	Hg	mercury
fx	fracture	HHA	home health aide
FYI	for your information	Hi-cal	high calorie
g	gram	HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
GAD	generalized anxiety disorder	HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
gal	gallon	HMO	health maintenance organization
GB	gallbladder	HOB	head of bed
GERD	gastroesophageal reflux disease	HOH	hard of hearing
geri chair	geriatric chair		

## Abbreviations (cont'd)

HPV	human papillomavirus	l, L	liter
ht	height	L, lt	left
HTN	hypertension	lab	laboratory
H.U.C.	Health Unit Coordinator	lb	pound
Hx	history	LBP	low back pain
hyper	above normal, too fast, rapid	LE	lower extremity
hypo	low, less than normal	lg	large
I&D	incision and drainage	liq	liquid
I&O	intake and output	LLE	left lower extremity
IBD	inflammatory bowel disease	LLQ	left lower quadrant
IBS	irritable bowel syndrome	LOC	level of consciousness, level of care
ICU	intensive care unit	Low-cal	low-calorie
ID	identification	Low-fat/ Low-cal	low-fat, low-calorie
i.e.	that is	Low-Na	low-sodium
IICU	intermediate intensive care unit	LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
IM	intramuscular	LTC	long-term care
in	inch	LTCF	long-term care facility
inc	incontinent	LUQ	left upper quadrant
inf	inferior	LVN	Licensed Vocational Nurse
IQ	intelligence quotient	M.D.	doctor of medicine
irr., irrig	irrigation	MD	muscular dystrophy
isol	isolation	MDROs	multidrug-resistant organisms
I.V., IV	intravenous	MDR-TB	multidrug-resistant tuberculosis
K	potassium	MDS	minimum data set
kg	kilogram	meds	medications
KS	Kaposi's sarcoma		

## Abbreviations (cont'd)

mg	milligram	neg	negative
MI	myocardial infarction	NF	nursing facility
min	minute	NG, ng	nasogastric
mL	milliliter	NIBP	noninvasive blood pressure monitoring
mm	millimeter	NKA	no known allergies
mm Hg	millimeters of mercury	NKDA	no known drug allergies
MO	microorganism	no	number
mod	moderate	noc	night
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging	NPO	nothing by mouth
MRSA	methicillin-resistant <i>staphylococcus aureus</i>	NVD	nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea
MS	multiple sclerosis	NWB	non-weight-bearing
MSDs	musculoskeletal disorders	O <sub>2</sub>	oxygen
MSDS	material safety data sheet	O&P	ova and parasites
MSW	medical social worker	OB	obstetrics
MUFA	monounsaturated fatty acid	ob/gyn	obstetrics and gynecology
MVA	motor vehicle accident	OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
Na	sodium	occ	occasionally
N/A	not applicable	OCD	obsessive-compulsive disorder
NA	nursing assistant	O.D.	right eye
NaCl	sodium chloride (table salt)	OG	orogastric
NAS	no added salt	OOB	out of bed
NATCEP	Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program	OPD	outpatient department
N/C	no complaints, no call	O.R.	operating room
NCS	no concentrated sweets	ord.	orderly, ordered
		ORIF	open reduction, internal fixation

## Abbreviations (cont'd)

ortho	orthopedics	PNS	peripheral nervous system
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration	PO	by mouth (per os)
OT	occupational therapist, occupational therapy	pos.	positive
OTC	over-the-counter (medication)	post op	after surgery
O.U.	both eyes	PPD	purified protein derivative (test for tuberculosis)
oz.	ounce	PPE	personal protective equipment
̄	after	pre op	before surgery
P.A.	physician assistant	prep	preparation
PAD	peripheral artery disease	p.r.n., prn	when necessary
pc, p.c.	after meals	prog.	progress
PCA	patient-controlled analgesia	PROM	passive range of motion
PDR	Physician's Desk Reference	Pt/pt	patient
PE	pulmonary embolism	pt.	pint
Peds/peds	pediatrics	PT	physical therapist, physical therapy
PEG	percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy	PTH	parathyroid hormone
peri care	perineal care	PTSD	posttraumatic stress disorder
PET	positron emission tomography	PUFA	polyunsaturated fatty acid
pH	parts hydrogen	PVD	peripheral vascular disease
PH	past history	PWB	partial weight-bearing
PHI	protected health information	̄	every
phy. ex.	physical exam	q2h, q3h, q4h	every two hours, every three hours, every four hours
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease	QA	quality assurance
PM/pm	afternoon	qam	every morning
PMH	past medical history	Q&A	questions and answers

## Abbreviations (cont'd)

qh, qhr	every hour	S&A	sugar and acetone
qt.	quart	S&S, S/S	signs and symptoms
quad	quadrant, quadriplegic	SCA	sudden cardiac arrest
R	respirations, rectal	SCD	sequential compression device
R, rt.	right	SIDS	sudden infant death syndrome
RA	rheumatoid arthritis	sl	sublingually
RBC	red blood cell	SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus
RDT	registered dietitian	SLP	speech-language pathologist
reg.	regular	sm.	small
rehab	rehabilitation	SNAFU	situation normal, all fouled up (slang)
REM	rapid eye movement	SNF	skilled nursing facility
req.	requisition	SNS	somatic nervous system
res.	resident	SOB	shortness of breath
resp.	respiration	SP	Standard Precautions
RF	restrict fluids	S.P.D.	Supply, Processing, and Distribution
RLE	right lower extremity	spec.	specimen
RLQ	right lower quadrant	SSE	soapsuds enema
RN	registered nurse	SST	standard, speech therapy
RNA	restorative nursing assistant	staph	<i>staphylococcus</i>
R/O	rule out	STAT/stat	immediately
ROM	range of motion	STD	sexually transmitted disease
RR	respiratory rate	std. prec.	Standard Precautions
RT	respiratory therapy/therapist	STI	sexually transmitted infection
RUE	right upper extremity	strep	<i>streptococcus</i>
RUQ	right upper quadrant	supp.	suppository
Rx	prescription, treatment		
̄	without		

## Abbreviations (cont'd)

surg.	surgery	VAP	ventilator-acquired pneumonia
T., temp	temperature	VD	venereal disease
TB	tuberculosis	VRE	vancomycin-resistant <i>Enterococcus</i>
tbsp.	tablespoon	VS, vs	vital signs
T, C, DB	turn, cough, and deep breathe	W/A, WA	while awake
THR	total hip replacement	WBC	white blood cell/count
TIA	transient ischemic attack	w/c, W/C	wheelchair
t.i.d., tid	three times a day	WNL	within normal limits
TKR	total knee replacement	wt.	weight
TLC	tender loving care	yr.	year
TPN	total parenteral nutrition		
T.P.R.	temperature, pulse, and respiration		
trach.	tracheostomy		
tsp.	teaspoon		
TWE	tap water enema		
Tx, tx	traction, treatment		
U/A, u/a	urinalysis		
UE	upper extremity		
UGI	upper gastrointestinal		
UNK, unk	unknown		
URI	upper respiratory infection		
US	ultrasound		
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture		
UTI	urinary tract infection		
vag.	vaginal		