

APPENDIX: COMMON MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY AND ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Medical Terminology
A1c	Glycosylated hemoglobin
Abd	Abdomen
ACIP	Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
AIDS	Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
ALP	Alkaline phosphatase
ALT	Alanine transaminase
AOM	Acute otitis media
APGAR	Appearance, Pulse, Grimace, Activity, Respiration
ART	Antiretroviral therapy
ASHP	American Society of Health-System Pharmacists
AST	Aspartate aminotransferase
BCG	Bacillus Calmette–Guérin
bid	Two times daily
BP	Blood pressure
BPH	Benign prostatic hypertrophy
bpm	Beats per minute
BS	Bowel sounds
BUN	Blood urea nitrogen
CABG	Coronary artery bypass graft/grafting
CAD	Coronary artery disease
cap	Capillary
CA-MRSA	Community-associated methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
cART	Combination antiretroviral therapy
CBC	Complete blood count
CCE	Clubbing, cyanosis, or edema
CCR5	C-C chemokine receptor type 5
CD4	Cluster of differentiation 4 (a glycoprotein)
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDI	<i>C. difficile</i> infection
CI	Cardiac index
CK	Creatine kinase
CKMB	MB isoenzyme of creatine kinase
CMV	Cytomegalovirus
CN	Cranial nerve
CNS	Central nervous system
CO	Cardiac output
CO₂	Carbon dioxide
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CrCl	Creatinine clearance

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CRP	C-reactive protein
CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid
CT	Computerized tomography
CTA	Clear to auscultation
CTAB	Clear to auscultation bilaterally
CV	Cardiovascular
CVA	Cerebrovascular accident
CVAT	Costovertebral angle tenderness
CVP	Central venous pressure
CXR	Chest x-ray
D5LR	Dextrose 5% in lactated Ringer's (solution)
D5NS	Dextrose 5% in normal saline
D5W	Dextrose 5% in water
D10W	Dextrose 10% in water
D/C	Discontinue
DDD	Defined daily dose
DEET	N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide
DFA	Direct fluorescent antibody
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
DOT	Days of therapy
DS	Double strength
DTaP	Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis
ECG	Electrocardiogram
ED	Emergency department
EOM(I)	Extraocular muscles (intact)
ELISA	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
EMS	Emergency medical services
Ext	Extremities
ESBL	Extended-spectrum beta-lactamase
ESR	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate
F	Fahrenheit
FBG	Fasting blood glucose
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
Fe	Iron
FiO₂	Fraction of inspired oxygen
FTA-ABS	Fluorescent treponemal antibody absorption
G6PD	Glucose-6-phosphate-dehydrogenase
GBS	Group B <i>Streptococcus</i>
GE	Gastroenteritis
GEN	General

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GNB	Gram-negative bacilli
gtt	Drop
GU	Genitourinary
HAV	Hepatitis A virus
HBV	Hepatitis B virus
HCAP	Healthcare-associated pneumonia
hCG	Human chorionic gonadotropin
HCO ₃	Bicarbonate
HEENT	Head, eyes, ears, nose, throat
HepA	Hepatitis A
HF	Heart failure
HFA	Hydrofluoroalkane
Hg	Hemoglobin
Hib	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
HMG-CoA	3-hydroxy-3-methyl-glutaryl-CoA
hpf	High power field
HPV	Human papillomavirus
hr	Hour
HR	Heart rate
HSV	Herpes simplex virus
Ht	Height
HTN	Hypertension
ICU	Intensive care unit
ID	Infectious disease
IDSA	Infectious Diseases Society of America
IgE	Immunoglobulin E
IgG	Immunoglobulin G
IIV	Inactivated influenza vaccine
IM	Intramuscular
INH	Isoniazid
INR	International normalized ratio
IV	Intravenous
IVDA	Intravenous drug abuse
IVP	Intravenous push
IVPB	Intravenous piggyback
LAD	Lymphadenopathy
lb	Pound
KOH	Potassium hydroxide
LLL	Lower left lung
LMP	Last menstrual period

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LPF	Low power field
M4	Fourth-year medical student
MAO	Monoamine oxidase
MI	Myocardial infarction
min	Minute
MIC	Minimal inhibitory concentration
Micro	Microbiology
MMR	Measles, mumps, and rubella
m/r/g	Murmurs/rubs/gallops
MRSA	Methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
MS	Muscle strength
MSM	Men who have sex with men
MSSA	Methicillin-susceptible <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
MVA	Motor vehicle accident
MVI	Multivitamin
NAD	No abnormality detected; no apparent distress
NC/AT	Normocephalic/atramatic
Neuro	Neurological
NKDA	No known drug allergies
NS	Normal saline
NSAID	Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
NSR	Normal sinus rhythm
NTND	Nontender, nondistended
N/V/D	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
O ₂ sat	Oxygen saturation
ODT	Orally disintegrating tablet
OP	Oropharynx
ORIF	Open reduction and internal fixation
OTC	Over-the-counter
OU	Both eyes (from Latin <i>oculi uterque</i>)
PaCO ₂	Partial pressure of carbon dioxide in the blood
PAI-1	Plasminogen activator inhibitor-1
PaO ₂	Partial pressure of oxygen in the blood
PBP	Penicillin-binding protein
pCO ₂	Partial pressure of carbon dioxide
PCP	Primary care provider; <i>Pneumocystis (jirovecii)</i> pneumonia
PCV	Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
PCWP	Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure
PERRLA	Pupils equally round and reactive to light and accommodation

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pH	Potential of hydrogen
PID	Pelvic inflammatory disease
PMN	Polymorphonuclear neutrophil
po	By mouth, orally (from Latin <i>per os</i>)
pO₂	Partial pressure of oxygen
PPD	Purified protein derivative (tuberculin screening skin test)
PPSV	Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine
pr	Per rectum
prn	As needed (from Latin <i>pro re nata</i>)
PVC	Premature ventricular contraction
q	Every
qam	Every morning
QFT-GIT	QuantiFERON-TB Gold In-Tube test
qhs	Every night at bedtime (from Latin <i>hora somni</i>)
qid	Four times daily
qpm	Every evening
QTc	QT interval, corrected for heart rate
RA	Room air
RBC	Red blood cell
Rect	Rectal
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
ROM	Range of motion
rpm	Respirations per minute
RPR	Rapid plasma reagin
RR	Respiratory rate
RRR	Regular rate and rhythm
SC	Subcutaneous
ScvO₂	Superior vena cava oxygenation saturation
S/D/M	Systolic, diastolic, and mean (pressures)
sec	Second

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segs	Segmented cells
SIDP	Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists
SOB	Shortness of breath
SSRI	Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor
STD	Sexually transmitted disease
SvO₂	Mixed venous oxygen saturation
SVR	Systemic vascular resistance
T₄	Thyroxine
T	Temperature
TB	Tuberculosis
Td	Tetanus, diphtheria
Tdap	Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis
TEE	Transesophageal echocardiogram
TIBC	Total iron-binding capacity
tid	Three times daily
TMP/SMX	Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole
TNF	Tumor necrosis factor
TPN	Total parenteral nutrition
TSH	Thyroid-stimulating hormone
tsp	Teaspoon
TTE	Transthoracic echocardiogram
UA	Urinalysis
UTI	Urinary tract infection
VAR	Varicella (chickenpox)
VDRL	Venereal Disease Research Laboratory (test)
VS	Vital signs
WBC	White blood cell
WD	Well developed
WDWN	Well developed, well nourished
WNL	Within normal limits
Wt	Weight

