

Commonly-used Medical Abbreviations

ā	before
ac	before meals
AKD	acute kidney disease
AKF	acute kidney failure
ASA	aspirin
BID	2 times per day
BM	bowel movement
BP	blood pressure
BPH	non-cancerous enlargement of prostate
BS	blood sugar
Bx	biopsy
ċ	with
CA	cancer
Ca	calcium
CAT	computerized tomography; Non-invasive, painless medical test
CBC	complete blood count
CKD	chronic kidney disease
CKF	chronic kidney failure
CNS	central nervous system
CSF	cerebro spinal fluid
CT	computerized tomography
CVA	stroke
CXR	chest X-ray
D/C	discharge or discontinue/stop
DI	diabetes insipidus
DOB	date of birth
Dx	diagnosis
EPO	erythropoietin (tx for CKF)
FBS	fasting blood sugar
GI	gastro-intestinal
GU	genito-urinary
H&P	history & physical
H/A	headache
HB	hemoglobin
HCT	hemotacrit

ml	milliliter
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
MRSA	Methcillin resistant staph aureus
N/V	nausea & vomiting
Na	sodium
NKA	no known allergies
NPO	nothing by mouth
NSAID	non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
OD	right eye
OS	left eye
OT	occupational therapy
OTC	over the counter (non-Rx)
OU	both eyes
ṗ	after
pc	after meals
PCA	patient controlled anesthesia
PCN	penicillin
PCP	primary care physician
PET	positron emission tomography
PO	by mouth
PRN	as needed
PT	physical therapy
Pt or pt	patient
q	every
q2h	every 2 hours
qd	every day
qh	every hour
qid	4 times a day
RBC	red blood cells/count
RFP	retroperitoneal fibrosis
ROM	range of motion
Rx	prescription
ṡ	without
SBO	small bowel obstruction
SOB	shortness of breath

HDL	high density lipoprotein
HOB	head of the bed
HOH	hard of hearing
HS	hour of sleep (bedtime)
HTN	hypertension (high blood pressure)
Hx	history
I & O	intake and output
IBS	irritable bowel syndrome
IM	intramuscular
IV	intravenous
K	potassium
LDL	low density lipoprotein

stat	immediately
Sx	symptoms
TB	tuberculosis
TID	3 times per day
Tx	treatment, therapy
U/A	urinalysis
U/S	ultrasound
URI	upper respiratory infection
UTI	urinary tract infection
W/C	wheelchair
WBC	white blood cells/count