



MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS



Escambia County, Florida – 1st Responder Medical Protocol

A

–
a = before
@ = at
ABC = airway, breathing, circulation
abd. = abdomen
A/C = antecubital fossa
ACLS = advanced cardiac life support
A.D. = right ear
ALS = advanced life support
AMA = against medical advice
a.m. = morning
AMI = acute myocardial infarction
amp. = ampule
amt. = amount
AP = anteroposterior
ASA = aspirin
ASAP = as soon as possible
ASHD = arteriosclerotic heart disease
ATV = all terrain vehicle
A/V = atrioventricular

B


bbb = bundle branch block
BBS = bilateral breath sounds
B/F = black female
B/M = black male
b.i.d. = twice a day
BLS = basic life support
BM = bowel movement
BP = blood pressure
BSA = body surface area (burns)
BSI = body substance isolation
BVM = bag/valve/mask



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C

–
c = with

CA = cancer

CABG = coronary artery bypass graft

CAD = coronary artery disease

CAO = conscious, alert, oriented

C/C = chief complaint

CCU = coronary care unit

CHD = congenital heart disease

CHF = congestive heart failure

cm = centimeter

CNS = central nervous system

C/O = complains of

CO₂ = carbon dioxide

COPD = chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

CP = chest pain

CPR = cardiopulmonary resuscitation

CSF = cerebrospinal fluid

C-spine = cervical spine

CVA = cerebrovascular accident

D

DC = discontinue

DCAP- BLS = deformity, contusions, abrasions, penetrations, burns,
lacerations, and swelling

D & C = dilation and curettage

diff. = differential

DOA = dead on arrival

DNR = do not resuscitate

DNRO = do not resuscitate order


D5W = 5% dextrose in water



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D25 = dextrose 25%

D50 = dextrose 50%

DX. = diagnosis

E

ED = emergency department

EENT = eyes, ears, nose and throat

ECG or EKG = electrocardiogram

EEG = electroencephalogram

e.g. = for example

EGTA = esophageal gastric tube airway

EMD = electromechanical dissociation

EMS = emergency medical services

EMT = emergency medical technician

ENT = ears, nose and throat

EOA = esophageal obturator airway

EOM = extraocular movement

epi = epinephrine

ER = emergency room

ET tube = endotracheal tube

ETA = estimated time of arrival

ETOH = ethyl alcohol

F

FBAO = foreign body airway obstruction

fl. = fluid

flex. = flexion

ft. = foot

FROM = full range of motion


fx = fracture



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g = gauge (diameter)
GCS = glasgow coma scale
Gm = gram
GSW = gunshot wound
gtt. = drop
GU = genitourinary
GYN = gynecology

H

H/F = hispanic female
H/M = hispanic male
HBP = high blood pressure
hr. = hour
HEENT = head, ears, eyes, nose and throat
HIV = human immune deficiency virus
hgb = hemoglobin
hosp. = hospital
HTN = hypertension
Hx = history

I


ICU = intensive care unit
I & D = incision and drainage
IM = intramuscular
I & O = intake and output
IO = intraosseous
IUD = intrauterine device
IV = intravenous
IVP = intravenous push



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J

JVD = jugular vein distention

K

kg. = kilogram

KCl = potassium chloride

L

(L) or lt. = left

lac. = laceration

lat = lateral

LBBB = left bundle branch block

lb(s) = pound(s)

L & D = labor and delivery

L/min or lpm = liters per minute

LLQ = left lower quadrant

LMA = laryngeal mask airway

LMP = last menstrual period

LOC = loss of consciousness

LP = lumbar puncture

LR = lactated ringers

LUQ = left upper quadrant

M

MAE = moves all extremities

MAST = medical anti-shock trousers


mA = milliampere



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mcg = microgram
MCI = mass casualty incident
meds = medications
mEq = milliequivalent
MI = myocardial infarction
min. = minute
mg. = milligram
mkd. = marked
ml. = milliliter
mod. = moderate
MOE = movement of extremities
MS = morphine sulfate

N

N₂O = nitrous oxide
NaCl = sodium chloride
NAD = no acute distress
neg. = negative
NKA = no known allergies
n/g = nasogastric
NPO = nothing by mouth
NS = normal saline
NSR = normal sinus rhythm
NTG = nitroglycerin
N & V = nausea and vomiting

O


O₂ = oxygen
OB = obstetrics
OBS = organic brain syndrome
OD = overdose - also means right eye



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OPQRST = onset, provocation, quality, radiation, severity, time
ophth = ophthalmology
OR = operating room
OS = left eye
OU = both eyes

P


PA = posteroanterior
PAC = premature atrial contraction
PaCO₂ = partial pressure of CO₂ in arterial blood
PaO₂ = partial pressure of O₂ in arterial blood
PAT = paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
PDR = physician's desk reference
PE = pulmonary edema
per = by
PERL = pupils equal and reactive to light
PERLA = pupils equal and reactive to light, and accommodation
PID = pelvic inflammatory disease
PJC = premature junctional contraction
p.m. = evening
PMD = private medical doctor
PO = mouth
post = after
pre = before
prn = as needed
PSVT = paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia
pt. = patient
PVC = premature ventricular contraction
Px. = physical history



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Q

q = every
q.h. = hourly
q.i.d. = four times daily
q.o.d. = every other day

R

RBBB = right bundle branch block
RBC = red blood count
(R) OR rt. = right
RLQ = right lower quadrant
R/O = rule out
ROM = range of motion
RUQ = right upper quadrant

S

s = without
SAMPLE = signs/symptoms, allergies, medications, past Hx, last oral intake, events prior
SaO₂ = percentage of oxygen in arterial blood
SIDS = sudden infant death syndrome


SL = sublingual
SOAP = subjective, objective, assessment, plan
SOB = short(ness) of breath
sol. = solution
spec. = specimen
Sub. Q (SQ) = subcutaneously
SpO₂ = percentage of oxygen in the blood via pulse oximeter (equal to SaO₂)



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T

tab. = tablet
TB = tuberculosis
temp. = temperature
TIA = transient ischemic attack
t.i.d. = three times daily
TMJ = temporomandibular joint
TPR = temperature, pulse and respiration
Tx. = treatment

U

UA = urinalysis
ULQ = upper left quadrant
URI = upper respiratory infection
URQ = upper right quadrant

V

V - fib (VF) = ventricular fibrillation
V - tach (VT) = ventricular tachycardia
VD = venereal disease
via = by way of
vol. = volume
VS = vital signs

W


WBC = white blood count



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W/F = white female
W/M = white male
WNL = within normal limits
wt. = weight

Y

Y/O = years old

Miscellaneous


≈ = approximately
< = less than
> = more than
- = negative
+ = plus/positive
= number
% = percent
@ = at
= change
♂ = male
♀ = female
↑ = increase
↓ = decrease
(R) = right
(L) = left



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