

## APPROVED ABBREVIATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE 1.0

### A

AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm
AAO	awake, alert, oriented
ABC	airway, breathing, circulation
abd	abdomen
ABG	arterial blood gasses
abn	abnormal
AB	abortion
AC	antecubital
A/C	assist/control
ACLS	advanced cardiac life support
AED	automatic external defibrillator
ā	after
A-Flutter	Atrial Flutter
A-Fib	Atrial fibrillation
AHA	American Heart Association
ALS	Advanced Life Support
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AICD	Automatic Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator
AMI	Acute Myocardial Infarction
AMS	altered mental status
amt.	amount
angio	angiography
ant/ANT	anterior
Ao	aortic
A&O	alert and oriented
A&O x1	alert and oriented to person
A&O x2	alert and oriented to person and place
A&O x3	alert and oriented to person, place, time
A&O x4	alert and oriented to person, place, time, event
A/P	anterior posterior
approx	approximately
appy	appendectomy
APGAR	Appearance, Pulse rate, Grimace, Activity, Respiratory effort
APS	Adult Protective Services
ASAP	as soon as possible
PRN	as needed
ASA	Aspirin
@	at
AVPU	Alert, Verbal, Pain, Unresponsive
avg	average
AVJ	atrioventricular junction
AVM	arteriovenous malformation
AVR	aortic valve replacement
Ax	axillary

### B

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a	before
BAT	blunt abdominal trauma
BBB	bundle branch block
BCP	birth control pills
bilat	bilateral
BKA	below knee amputation
bld	blood

BICARB	Sodium bicarbonate
BLS	basic life support
BM	bowel movement
BPM	beats per minute
BSA	body surface area
BVM	Bag valve mask
BRB	bright red blood
BUE	bilateral upper extremity

## C

C	centigrade
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft
CAD	coronary artery disease
CAO	Conscious alert oriented
Ca <sup>++</sup>	Calcium
CA	Cancer
CO	carbon monoxide
CO <sup>2</sup>	carbon dioxide
C-spine	cervical spine
Cap	capillary
cath	catheter
CBC	complete blood count
CCC	continuous cardiac compressions
CCU	Coronary Care Unit/Cardiac Care Unit
CEB	clear, equal bilaterally
CHD	congenital heart disease
chemo	chemotherapy
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure
Δ	change
CHI	closed head injury
cl	clear
Cm	centimeter
compd	compound
CNS	central nervous system
cont	continued
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
c/o	complains of
CP	chest pain
CPS	Child Protective Services
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CR	capillary refill
CRF	chronic renal failure
Cric	cricoid
C/S	cesarean section
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
CSM	circulation, sensation, motion
CTA	clear to auscultation
CV	cardiovascular
CVA	cerebrovascular accident
Cx	cervix
CXR	chest x-ray

## D

D <sub>10</sub> W	Dextrose 10% in water
D <sub>5</sub> W	Dextrose 5% in water
DB	difficulty breathing
DBP	diastolic blood pressure
D&C	dilation and curettage
↓	decrease
defib	defibrillation
Dept	department
Detox	detoxification
dep	dependent
D&I	dry and intact
diff	difficulty
dist	distal
DJD	degenerative joint disease
DKA	Diabetic Ketoacidosis
DM	diabetes mellitus
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
DO	Doctor of Osteopathy
DOA	dead on arrival
DOB	date of birth
DOE	dyspnea on exertion
dom	domestic
DOS	dead on scene
DP	dorsalis pedis
DPS	Department of Public Safety
Dr.	Doctor
gtts	drops
gtts/min	drops per minute
drsg	dressing
DTO	danger to others
DTR	deep tendon reflex
DTs	Delirium Tremens
DVT	deep venous thrombosis
Dx	diagnosis

## E

EBL	estimated blood loss
ECHO	echocardiogram
ECG or EKG	electrocardiogram
ED	emergency department
EDC	expected date of confinement
Educ	education
EEG	electroencephalogram
EF	ejection fraction
EGA	estimated gestational age
e.g.	for example
EJ	external jugular
EMSCOM	Emergency Medical Services Communications
EMS	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
EMT-B	Emergency Medical Technician-Basic
EMT-I	Emergency Medical Technician- Intermediate
EMT-P	Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic

ENT	ear, nose, throat
EOM	extraocular movements
ER	emergency room
E & R	equal and reactive
ERRLA	equal, round, react to light, accommodation
Estab	established
ET	endotacheal
ETA	estimated time of arrival
ETCO2	end tidal carbon dioxide
ETOH	ethanol alcohol
ETT	endotracheal tube
exp	expiratory
expl lap	exploratory laparotomy
Extrm	extremity
Equal	⊖

## F

F	Fahrenheit
♀	female
FA	forearm
FB	foreign body
FD	fire department
feb	febrile
fem	femoral
FHx	family history
FHR	fetal heart rate
FHT	fetal hear tones
1°	first degree or primary
FN	Flight Nurse
freq	frequency
FSBG	finger stick blood glucose
F/U	follow-up
FUO	fever unknown origin
Fx	fracture
Fwy	freeway

## G

GB	gallbladder
GTube	gastrostomy
GI	gastrointestinal
GU	genitourinary
GCS	glasgow coma scale
GFR	grunting, flaring and retracting
Gluc	glucose
G1, G2, etc.	Gravida 1, Gravida 2, etc
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Gluc	glucose
gm	gram
G1, G2, etc.	Gravida 1, Gravida 2, etc.
GSW	gun shot wound
GYN	gynecology

## H

H/A	headache
HB	heart block
H <sub>2</sub> O	water
HBP	high blood pressure
HCO <sup>3</sup>	bicarbonate
Hct	hematocrit
HCTZ	hydrochlorothiazide
Hep B, C	hepatitis
HEENT	head, eyes, ears, nose, throat
Hg	mercury
Hgb	hemoglobin
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIV+	human immunodeficiency virus
Hx/o	history of
HOB	head of bed
HPI	history of present illness
H&P	history and physical
HPV	human papilloma virus
hr	heart rate
HS	Bedtime
HT	heart transplant
HTN	hypertension
Hx	history
hyst	hysterectomy

## I

↑	increase
IA	intraarterial
IABP	intraaortic balloon pump
ICD	implantable cardioverter-defibrillator
ICH	intracranial hemorrhage
ICP	intracranial pressure
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IC	Incident Commander
I&D	incision and drainage
IDDM	insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
IDM	Infant of diabetic mother
Idio	idiopathic
IJ	internal jugular
IM	intramuscular
Immob	immobilized
incont	incontinent
inf.	Inferior
Inj	injection
I/O	intraosseous
Inpt	inpatient
Insp.	Inspiratory
Int	internal

irreg.	irregular
IUD	intrauterine device
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IV	Intravenous
IVF	intravenous fluids
IVC	inferior vena cava
IVP	Intravenous Push

## J

J	joule
JTach	junctional tachycardia
JTube	Jejunal Tube
JVD	jugular venous distention

## K

K+	potassium
KCL	potassium chloride
KED	Kendrick Extrication Device
kg	kilogram
KO	keep open
KUB	kidneys, ureters, bladder
KVO	keep vein open

## L

<u>I</u>	left
L	liter
LA	left arm
lab	laboratory
lac	laceration
LAD	left anterior descending
lami	laminectomy
lat	lateral
LBP	low back pain
LBB	left bundle branch block
LBM	last bowel movement
LBW	low birth weight
L&D	labor and delivery
LE	lower extremity
LFA	left forearm
lg	large
LLE	left lower extremity
LLL	left lower lobe
LLQ	left lower quadrant
LML	left middle lobe
LMP	last menstrual period
LOB	loss of balance
LOC	loss of consciousness
LP	lumbar puncture
lmp	liters per minute
LR	Lactated Ringer's
LS	lung sounds
LSB	long spinal board
LUQ	left upper arm
LUE	left upper extremity

LUL	left upper lobe
LUQ	left upper quadrant
LV	left ventricular
lytes	electrolytes
LZ	landing zone

## M

♂	male
m	meter
MAE	moves all extremities
max	maximal/maximum
MCC	motorcycle crash
mcg	microgram
MCI	multiple casualty incident
MD	medical doctor
MDI	metered dose inhaler
MDR	multiple drug resistance
mec	meconium
med(s)	medicine(s)
mEq	millequivalent
Mg	magnesium
mg(s)	milligram(s)
MI	myocardial infarction
min	minutes
ml(s)	milliliter
MN	midnight
mod	moderate
MOF	multiple organ failure
MOI	mechanism of injury
MOT	mode of transport
MPH	miles per hour
MR	mitral regurgitation
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
MS	mental status
Morphine	spell out
mtg	meeting
mult	multiple
MVC	motor vehicle crash
MVR	mitral valve replacement

## N

∅	no/none
∕	no changes
N/A	not applicable
Na	sodium
NAD	no acute distress
NC	nasal cannula
NEC	necrotizing enterocolitis
neg	negative
NG	nasogastric
NGT	nasogastric tube
NH	nursing home
NIDDM	non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
NKA	no known allergies
NKDA	no known drug allergies

NKMA	no known medical allergies
NKFA	no known food allergies
nl	normal
#	number
NOS	not otherwise specified
NP	nurse practitioner
NPA	nasopharyngeal airway
NPO	nothing by mouth
NRB	non-rebreather mask
NS	normal saline
NSR	normal sinus rhythm
NSTEMI	Non ST elevation myocardial infarction
NSVD	normal spontaneous vaginal delivery
NTG	nitroglycerine
N/V	nausea and vomiting
N/V/D	nausea, vomiting and diarrhea
NWB	non weight bearing

## O

O <sup>2</sup>	oxygen
O <sup>2</sup> Sat	oxygen saturation
O/A	on arrival
OB	obstetrical
OBS	observation
OGT	orogastric tube
oint	ointment
OOB	out of bed
OPT	outpatient
OPA	oropharynx
opp	opposite
OR	Operating Room
ORIF	open reduction internal fixation
OT	occupational therapy
OTC	Over the Counter
oz	ounce

## P

1°	primary or first degree
K <sup>+</sup>	potassium
( <sup>+</sup> )	Positive
lb	pound
P1, P2	para 1, para 2
p̄	after
PA	physician assistant
PAC	premature atrial contraction
palp	palpation
PAT	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
path	Pathology
PCN	penicillin
PCCF	Pediatric Critical Care Facility
PCP	Primary Care Physician
PD	Police Department

PE	Pulmonary Embolus or Edema
PEA	pulseless electrical activity
ped	pedestrian
Peds	pediatric
PEEP	positive end-expiratory pressure
periph	peripheral
PERL	pupils equal, react to light
PERRL	pupils equal, round, reactive to light
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
PIH	pregnancy induced hypertension
PIV	peripheral intravenous
PJC	Premature Junctional Complex
plt	platelet
pm	afternoon
PMH	past medical history
PMI	point of maximum impulse
POx	pulse oximetry
PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
pneumo	pneumothorax
p.o.	by mouth
POC	position of comfort
psi	pounds per square inch
Post	posterior
PP	postpartum
PR	per rectum
Rx	prescription
PRBC	packed red blood cells
prep	prepare
PRN/prn	as needed
PROM	premature rupture of membranes
PS	pulmonary stenosis
PSVT	Paroxysmal Supraventricular Tachycardia
pt	patient
PT	physical therapy
PTA	prior to arrival
PTL	pre-term labor
pulm	pulmonary
PVA	pedestrian versus auto
PVC	premature ventricular contraction
PVR	peripheral vascular resistance

## Q

q̄	every
QA	quality assurance
QI	quality improvement
qs	quantity sufficient

## R

Ⓡ	right
RA	room air
RBC	red blood cells
RDS	respiratory distress syndrome
reg	regular

rehab	rehabilitation
rendez	rendezvous
resp	respiration
RFA	right forearm
RLE	right lower extremity
RLL	right lower lobe
RLQ	right lower quadrant
rm	room
RN	Registered Nurse
R/O	rule out
ROM	range of motion
RR	respiratory rate
RRR	regular rate and rhythm
RSI	rapid sequence induction
RT	respiratory therapy
RUA	right upper arm
RUE	right upper extremity
RUL	right upper lobe
RUQ	right upper quadrant
RV	right ventricle/right ventricular
Rx	prescription

## S

2°	secondary or second degree
$\bar{s}$	without
SA	sinus arrhythmia
SAb	spontaneous abortion
SAH	subarachnoid hemorrhage
sat	saturation
SB	sinus bradycardia
SBA	stand-by assist
SBO	small bowel obstruction
SCI	spinal cord injury
SDH	subdural hematoma
SGA	small for gestational age
SIHI	suicidal ideation/homicidal ideation
SIVP	slow intravenous push
SL	sublingual
SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus
sml	small
SNAT	Suspected Non Accidental Trauma
SNF	skilled nursing facility
SOB	short of breath/shortness of breath
Na+	Sodium
NaCHO <sup>3</sup>	Sodium Bicarbonate
NaCL	Sodium Chloride
SO	standing order
subQ	subcutaneous
SR	sinus rhythm
SROM	spontaneous rupture of membranes
SUIDS	sudden unexplained infant death syndrome

## T

3°	third degree or tertiary
T&A	tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
tab	tablet

TAbs	therapeutic abortion
tach	Tachycardia
TAH	total abdominal hysterectomy
TB	tuberculosis
TBD	to be determined
TBI	traumatic brain injury
Tbsp	tablespoon
TD	transdermal
TE	tracheosophageal
temp	temperature
TF	tube feeding
THA	total hip arthroplasty
TIA	transient ischemic attack
tib	tibial
TKA	total knee arthroplasty
TKO	to keep open
TLC	triple lumen catheter
TM	tympanic membrane
TO	telephone order
tol	tolerated
TPN	total parenteral nutrition
TxFr	transfer/transferred
T&R	treated and released
Trach	tracheostomy
tsp	teaspoon
TURP	transurethral resection of prostate
TV	tidal volume
Tx	treatment
tymp	tympanic

## U

U/A	upon arrival
UAC	umbilical artery catheter
UE	upper extremity
UGI	upper gastrointestinal
unk	unknown
umb	umbilical
UO	urine output
URI	urinary tract infection

## V

vag	vaginal
V-Fib	ventricular fibrillation
vit	vitamin
vol	volume
VS	vital signs
VSD	ventricular septal defect
VSS	vital signs stable

## W

H <sup>2</sup> O	water
$\overline{c}$	with
$\overline{s}$	without
W/C	wheelchair
W/D	warm and dry
W/O	wide open
wt	weight

**X/Y/Z**

@	at
Δ	change
↓	decrease
↑	increase
√	check
◦	hour or degree
1◦	first degree/primary
2◦	secondary/second degree
3◦	tertiary/third
X	times
∅	Negative/nothing/no
⊖	equals
♂	male
♀	female
&	and

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