

APPROVED ABBREVIATIONS

AAA	Abdominal aortic aneurism	CVA	cerebrovascular accident
Ab	abortion	D & C	dilatation and curettage
abd	abdomen, abdominal	d/c or dc'd	Discontinue, discontinued
ABG	atrial blood gases	D₂₅	Dextrose 25%
abn	abnormal	D₅₀	Dextrose 50%
AC	antecubital	D₅W	Dextrose 5%. in water
A-fib	atrial fibrillation	DDS	Doctor of Dental Surgery
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	Dig	Digitalis
ALCO	Alameda County	Disch	discharged (from hospital)
ALOC	altered level of consciousness	DM	diabetes mellitis
ALS	advanced life support	DOA	dead on arrival
am or a.m.	morning	DOE	dyspnea on exertion
AMA	against medical advice	DPT	diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus
amb	ambulatory	DT's	delirum tremens
amp.	ampule	Dr.	doctor
A+O	alert and oriented	dsg	dressing
ant	anterior	Dx	diagnosis
approx	approximately	EB or E/B	eastbound
ASA	aspirin	ED	emergency department
ASAP	as soon as possible	EDC	estimated date of confinement
ASHD	Arteriosclerotic heart disease	EDD	Esophageal detection device
AV	atrioventricular	EEG	electroencephalogram
BBB	bundle branch block	EKG	electrocardiogram
BCP	birth control pills	Emb	embolus
bicarb	sodium bicarbonate	ENT	Ear, nose and throat
bid	twice a day	E/O	east of
bilat.	bilateral	Epi	Epinephrine
BLS	basic life support	ER	Emergency Room
BM	bowel movement	ET	endotracheal
BP or B/P	blood pressure	ETT	endotracheal tube
BS	breath sounds or blood sugar	ETCO₂	Endtidal CO ₂
C	centigrade	ETA	estimated time of arrival
C-2	Code 2	ETDLA	Esophageal tracheal double lumen airway
C-3	Code 3	ETOH	ethanol alcohol
CA	carcinoma	exam	examination
CaCl	calcium chloride	ext	external
caps	capsules	F	Fahrenheit
cath	catheter/catheterize	FB	foreign body
CAT	computerized axial tomography	FBO	foreign body obstruction
cc	cubic centimeter	FHT	fetal heart tone
CC	chief complaint	fr.	french
CCU	Coronary Care Unit	FUO	fever of unknown origin
CHF	congestive heart failure	fx	fracture
cm	centimeter	g	gauge
CMED	Central Medical Emergency Dispatch	GC	Gonococcus
CNS	central nervous system	GI	gastrointestinal
c/o	complains of	gm	gram
CO	carbon monoxide	GOA	gone on arrival
cod	codeine	gr	grain
consc	conscious	GSW	gunshot wound
cont	continued	gtt. or gtts	drop/drops
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	GU	genitourinary
CP	chest pain	GYN	gynecology
CPAP	Continuous positive airway pressure	H or hr	hour
CPR	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation	H₂O	water
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid	HBD	has been drinking
CSM	Circulation, sensation, and movement	HCTZ	Hydrochlorothiazide
C-Section	cesarean section	HEENT	Head, ears, eyes, nose, and throat
C-Spine	cervical spine	HOB	head of bed
CT	Computerized Tomography	HS	hour of sleep

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ht	height	NRBM	non-rebreather mask
HTN	hypertension	NS	Normal saline
Hx	history	NSR	Normal sinus rhythm
irreg	irregular	NTG	nitroglycerine
ICU	Intensive Care Unit	O₂	oxygen
IFO	in front of	OB	obstetrics
IM	intramuscular	OBS	Organic Brain Syndrome
IN	intranasal	Occ	occult
inj or inj	Injury(ies)	OD	overdose
IV	intravenous	OPA	oralpharyngeal
IVP	intravenous push	Ortho	orthopedic
JVD	jugular venous destination	oz	ounce
K⁺	potassium	P	pulse
KCl	potassium chloride	PAC	Premature Atrial Contraction
kg	kilogram	palp	palpate
L	liter	PCR	Patient Care Report Form
LA	left arm	PE or P. E.	physical exam
lat	lateral	Ped	pedestrian
lac	laceration	Pedi	pediatric
lb or lbs	pound (s)	PERL	Pupils Equal, Reactive to Light
LBB	left bundle branch block	PERRLA	Pupils Equal, Round, Reactive to Light Accommodation
lido	lidocaine	PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
LLL	Left Lower Lobe	pm or p. m.	afternoon - evening
LLQ	Left Lower Quadrant	PMD	private medical doctor
LMP	Last Menstrual Period	PNB	pulseless non- breathing
LNMP	Last Normal Menstrual Period	PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
LOC	Loss Of Consciousness	po	by mouth
LPM	Liters per Minute	POV	privately owned vehicle
LSA	lysergic acid diethylamide	poss	possible
LS	Lumbosacral	post-op	after surgery
LUL	Left upper lobe	PRN	as needed or when necessary
LUQ	left upper quadrant	psych	psychiatric
max	maximum	pt or pts	patient(s)
MCA	motorcycle accident	PTA	prior to arrival
mcg	micrograms	Pul	pulmonary
meds	Medicines	Pulse Ox	Pulse oximetry
mEq	Milliequivalent	PVC or PVCs	premature ventricular contraction(s)
mg or mgs	Milligram (s)	qd	every day
MI	Myocardial Infarction	qh	every hour
Min. or mins.	Minute (s)	q2h	every 2 hours
min	minimum	qid	four times a day
ml	milliliter	qod	every other day
mm	millimeter	qt	quart
mod	moderate	R	right
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging	RA	right arm
MS	Morphine sulfate	RBBB	right bundle branch block
MVA	Motor vehicle accident	reg	regular
N & V or NV	Nausea and vomiting	resp	respiration
NaHCO₃	Sodium bicarbonate	r/o	rule out
N/A	Not applicable	RLL	right lower lobe
NAD	no acute distress	RLQ	right lower quadrant
NB or N/B	northbound	ROM	range of motion
NC	Nasal cannula	RR	respiratory rate
N/G or NG	nasogastric	Rt or R	right
NKA	No known allergies	RUL	Right upper lobe
NKDA	no known drug allergies	RUQ	Right upper quadrant
N/O	North of	Rx	prescription
NORM	normal	SB or S/B	southbound
NPO	Nothing by mouth	SL or sl	sublingual
NRB	nonrebreather		

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S/O	south of
SOB	shortness of breath
stat	immediately
STEMI	ST elevation myocardial infarction
SW	stab wound
Sub-q or sq	subcutaneous
Surg	surgery
Sx	symptom
tab	tablet
TB	tuberculosis
Tbsp or T	tablespoon
T&C	Tylenol and Codeine
TCN	Tetracycline
TCP	Transcutaneous pacing
temp	temperature
TIA	transient ischemic attack
tid	three times a day
TKO	to keep open
trans	transport
tsp or t	teaspoon
Temp	temperature
Tx	treatment
u	units
UA	urinalysis
URI	upper respiratory infection
UTI	urinary tract infection
vag	vaginal
VD	venereal disease
vs	vital signs
V-tach or VT	Ventricular tachycardia
WB or W/B	westbound
Wk or wks	Week(s)
WNL	within normal limits
WO	west of
ws or w/s	watt seconds
wt	weight
x	times
yo	year old
yr or yrs	year(s)

HOSPITALS

ACMC	Alameda County Medical Center (Highland)
AH	Alameda Hospital
ABMC	Alta Bates Medical Center
CHO	Children's Hospital
EMC	Eden Medical Center
JMMC	John Muir Medical Center
KF	Kaiser Fremont
KH	Kaiser Hayward
KO	Kaiser Oakland
KWC	Kaiser Walnut Creek
SLH	San Leandro Hospital
SRH	St. Rose Hospital
SRR	San Ramon Regional
SMC	Summit Medical Center
SUH	Stanford University Hospital
VCMC	ValleyCare Medical Center
WTH	Washington Township Hospital

PROVIDER AGENCIES

Based on Firescope 3-Letter Designation

ALA	Alameda Fire Department
ACF	Alameda County Fire Department
ALB	Albany Fire Department
AMR	American Medical Response
BER	Berkeley Fire Department
CHP	California Highway Patrol
PRK	Camp Parks Fire Department
EBY	East Bay Regional Parks Fire Department
EME	Emeryville Fire Department
FRE	Fremont Fire Department
HAY	Hayward Fire Department
LAP	Livermore/Pleasanton Fire Department
NRK	Newark Fire Department
OKL	Oakland Fire Department
PIE	Piedmont Fire Department
UNU	Union City Fire Department

SYMBOLS

\bar{c}	with
\bar{s}	without
\bar{a}	before
\bar{p}	after
$<$	less than
$>$	greater than
\leq	less than or equal to
\geq	greater than or equal to
$\text{\textcircled{f}}$	Female
$\text{\textcircled{m}}$	Male
\uparrow	Increase
\downarrow	Decrease
$=$	equal
\approx	approximately
$-$	negative
$+$	positive
$"$	inches
$'$	feet
$\#$	pounds
$^{\circ}$	degree
$@$	at
Δ	change
$\%$	percent
2°	Secondary to