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DO NOT USE ABBREVIATIONS

Prohibited	Intended meaning	Misinterpretation
U, u	unit	Misread as zero
MgSO ₄ , MSO ₄ , MS	Magnesium sulfate or Morphine Sulfate	Misread for each other
IU	International unit	Misread as I.V. or number 10
Q.D., q.d., Q.O.D., QOD, q.o.d., qod	Once daily or every other day	Period after Q could be mistaken for I and O could be mistaken for I
Trailing zero (x.omg) or lack of leading zero(.xmg)		Decimal point could be missed

APPROVED ABBREVIATION & SYMBOLS LISTING

A&O	Alert & Oriented
A&P	anterior and posterior
(A)	assistance
AAROM	Active assisted range of motion
a.c.	before meals (ante cibum)
ADA	American Diabetic Association
A/G	albumin-globulin ratio
AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm
AA/NA	Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous
ab	Abortion
ABC	Airway, breathing, circulation
abd	abdomen/abdominal
ABG	arterial blood gas
ABI	Ankle brachial index
abn	Abnormal

ACI	Acute cerebral infarction
ACLS	Advance Cardiac Life Support
ACTH	Adrenocorticotropic hormone
AD	Assistive device
ADD	Attention deficit disorder
ADHD	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
ad lib	as desired (ad libitum)
ADL	Activities of daily living
adm	Admission
AE	Adaptive equipment
AED	Automatic External Defibrillator
AFB	acid-fast bacilli
AFI	Amniotic Fluid Index
Afib	Atrial Fibrillation
AFO	Ankle foot orthosis
AGA	appropriate for gestational age
AHF	Antihemophilic factor
AI	aortic insufficiency
AIC	Attendant in Charge
AICD	Automatic internal cardiac defibrillator
AIDS	Acquired immune deficiency syndrome
AK	above knee
AKA	above knee amputation
A.L.	Assisted Living
alb	Albumin
alk	Alkaline
alk phos	alkaline phosphatase
ALPS	Aphasia language performance scale
ALS	Advance Life Support
AM, or a.m.	morning; before noon
AMA	against medical advice
amb	ambulatory/ambulate
AMI	Acute Myocardial Infarction
AMS	Altered mental status
amt	Amount
anes	anesthesia/anesthesiology
angio	Angiography
Ant.	Anterior
ante	Before
AO	Aorta
AP & LAT	Anteroposterior & lateral
APAP	Tylenol
APC	Argon plasma coagulation
APGAR	numerical scoring system of a newborn infant (score)
Appt	Appointment
aPPT	activated partial thromboplastin time
APS	Adult protective services

apt	Apartment
ARC	Aids Related Complex
ARDS	Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome
AROM	artificial rupture of membrane
A/ROM	Active range of motion
art	Artery
arterio	Arteriogram
ARV	Aids Related Virus
AS	aortic stenosis
ASA	Acetylsalicylic acid
ASAI	aortic stenosis & aortic insufficiency (murmurs)
ASAP	as soon as possible
ASCVD	Arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease
ASH	asymmetric septal hypertrophy
ASHD	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
asst	Assistant
ATLS	Advance Trauma Life Support
AV	Atrioventricular
A/VH or AH/VH	Auditory hallucinations/visual hallucinations
ax	Axis or axillary
AZ test	Aschheim-Zondek test
BA	brachial artery
bact	Bacteria
BAP	bilateral Armstrong procedure
BBB	bundle branch block
BBS	bilateral breath sounds
b/c	because
BCP	Birth control pills
BDAE	Boston Diagnostic Aphasia Exam
BDE	Bedside dysphasia evaluation
BE	barium enema
bicarb	Bicarbonate
bid	Twice a day
bilat.	Bilateral
bili	Bilirubin
biol	biological
BIPAP	Bilevel positive airway pressure
BK	below the knee
BKA	below the knee amputation
Bkft, bkfst	Breakfast
bld	Blood
BLA	Blood Loss Anemia
BLE	Bilateral lower extremity
BLS	Basic Life Support
BM	bowel movement

BMI	Body mass index
BMR	basal metabolic rate
BNL	Below normal limits
BORG	Scale used for RPE (rate of perceived exertion)
B.O.S.	Base of support
BP	blood pressure
BPM	Beats per minute
BPD	Broncho pulmonary dysplasia
BPP	biophysical profile
br milk	breast milk
bronch	bronchoscopy
BRP	Bathroom privileges
BS	blood sugar
BSA	body surface area
BSC	Bedside commode
BTL	Bilateral tubal ligation
BTLS	Basic Trauma Life Support
BUE	Bilateral upper extremity
BUN	blood urea nitrogen
Bx	Biopsy
C	Celsius
C&S	culture & sensitivity
C1,C2,C3....	Cervical vertebrae 1-7
c.m.	Centimeter
c.mm	cubic millimeter
C/O	complaints/complains of
CA	Carcinoma
Ca	Calcium
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft
CAD	Coronary artery disease
Cal	Calorie
CAM	Confusion Assessment Method
Cap	Capsule
CAT Scan	Computerized Axial Tomography Scan
Cath	Catheter
CBC	complete blood count
CBD	Common bile duct
CBDE	Common bile duct exploration
CBG	Capillary blood gas
CDT	Complete decongestive treatment
Cent	Centigrade
CG	contact guarding
CHF	congestive heart failure
chg	Change
CHI	Closed head injury
CHINS	Child in Need of Supervision

CHO	Carbohydrate
chol	Cholesterol
chole	Cholecystectomy
chr	Chronic
CHTN	Chronic hypertension
C.I.	cardiac index
circ	Circumcision
circum	Circumference
CIWA	Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment
CN	Cranial nerve
CNS	central nervous system
CO	cardiac output
CO2	carbon dioxide
Co-60	radioactive cobalt
coag	Coagulation
COOP	Name of Quality of Life survey
C.O.G.	Center of gravity
comp	Complications
conc.	Concentration
cond	Condition
cont	Continue; continuous
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CP	chest pain
CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure
CPD	cephalopelvic disproportion
CPK	creatinine phosphokinase
CPM Machine	Continuous passive motion machine
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CPS	Child protective services
CPT	Chest physiotherapy
CRE	community re-entry
CRF	chronic renal failure
CRT	Capillary refill time
CSAW	Cast, Splint, Ace Wrap
C-Section or C/S	cesarean section
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
C-Spine	cervical spine
CST	Contraction stress test
CT	computerized tomography
CTX	Contraction
CU	cause undetermined; cause unknown
CUG	Cystourethrogram
cult	Culture
CVA	Cerebrovascular accident
cva	costovertebral angle
CVP	central venous pressure
CVS	Cardiovascular Surgery

Cx	Cervix
CXR	chest x-ray
cysto	Cystoscopy or cystoscopic examination
D	Divorced
D&C	dilatation & curettage
D&E	dilatation & evacuation
DBP	Diastolic blood pressure
D.C.	Doctor of Chiropractic
D.D.S.	Doctor of Dental Surgery
D.O.	Doctor of Osteopathy
D/O or d/o	Disorder
D/W	Dextrose-water
D5LR	Dextrose 5% in Lactated ringers
D5W	Dextrose 5% in Water
D10W	Dextrose 10% in Water
Day Tx	Day Treatment (Partial)
DBP	Diastolic blood pressure
DCA	directional coronary atherectomy
DCR	dacrocystorhinostomy
DDI	Dressing dry & intact
DDNR	Durable do not resuscitate
dec	decrease
decub	Decubitus
DEFIB; defib	Defibrillate
del.	Delivery
demo	Demonstration
diff.	Differential
dil.	Dilute
DIOP	Day Intensive Outpatient Program
DIP	distal interphalangeal
DIPJ	distal interphalangeal joint
DIR; dir	Direct or directions
DISCUS	Dyskinesia Identification System: Condensed User Scale
dis.	Disease
DJD	Degenerative Joint Disease
DLCO	Diffusion capacity for carbon monoxide
DM	Diabetes mellitus
DME	Durable medical equipment
DMS	Dysphagia Mechanical Soft
DMV	Discontinue mechanical ventilation
DNR	“do not resuscitate”
DOA	dead on arrival
DOB	date of birth
DOE	Dyspnea on exertion
DOS	day of surgery
DPNS	Deep pharyngeal neuromuscular stimulation

DPT	Diphtheria Pertussis Tetanus
Dr.	Doctor
DRG	Diagnostic related groups
Drsg	Dressing
D/T or d/t	Due to
DT or DTs	Delirium tremen(s)
DTR	deep tendon reflex
DUB	dysfunctional uterine bleeding
DVT	Deep vein thrombosis
Dx.	Diagnosis
E	Evaluation
ea.	Each
EAC	External auditory canal
EBL	Estimated blood loss
ECF	extended care facility
ECG / EKG	Electrocardiogram
ECO	Emergency Containment Order or Emergency Custody Order
EDC	expected date of confinement
educ	Education
EDV	end diastolic volume
EEG	Electroencephalogram
EENT	eyes, ears, nose & throat
EF	ejection fraction
EFM	electronic fetal monitor
EFW	estimated fetal weight
EGA	estimated gestational age
EGD	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy
EIOP	emergency intensive outpatient program
Elix.	Elixir
EMD	Electrical Mechanical Disassociation
EMG	electromyogram
EMR	Electronic Medical Record
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
ENT	ear, nose & throat
EOA	Esophageal Obturator Airway
EOB	Edge of bed
EOM	extraocular movement
Eos or eos.	Eosinophil
EPC	Endophotocoagulation
EPI	EPI Retinal Membrane Strip
epid.	Epidural
EPS	extra pyramidal symptoms
Eq. or eq.	Equivalent
ERCP	endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography
ESI	Epidural Steroid Injection
E-stim	Electrical stimulation

ESRD	End stage renal disease
ESU	electrosurgical unit
ESV	end systolic volume
ESWL	extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy
ET	Endotracheal
et al	And others
ETA	Estimated Time of Arrival
etc.	and so forth, et cetera
ETCO2	End Tidal CO2 (end tidal carbon dioxide)
ETOH	“Ethanol” alcohol
EUA	Exam under Anesthesia
EUS	Endoscopic ultrasound
eval	Evaluation
EVH	Endoscopic vein harvest
exam	Examination
“exp.” or “EXP”	Expired
Ext.	External
ext. rot.	External rotation
extrem	Extremity
f	Female
F.	Fahrenheit
FA	femoral artery
FAGA	full term appropriate for gestational age
fam.	Family
FAS	fetal alcohol syndrome
“F/b” or “F/B”	Followed by
fb	finger breadth
FB	foreign body
FBS	fasting blood sugar
fdg	Feeding
Fe	Iron
FESS	Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery
FEV1	Forced expiratory volume for one second
FEV1/FVC (%)	Volume / capacity ratio expressed as percentage
FH	family history
FHR	fetal heart rate
FHT	Fetal heart tones
fib.	Fibrillation
FIMS	Functional Independence Measurement Score
FLACC	Behavioral pain scale (faces, legs, activity, cry, consolability)
flex sig	flexible sigmoidoscopy
flex.	Flexion
FLGA	full term, large for gestational age
fluro	Fluoroscopy
FNA	Fine needle aspiration
FNE	Forensic nurse examiner

FOB	father of baby
font	Fontanel
FP	family practice
FR	First Responder
freq	Frequency
FS	frozen section
FSE	fetal scalp electrode
F/U	follow-up
funct	Function
ft.	Foot
FTP	failure to progress
FUO	fever of unknown/undetermined origin
FVC	Forced vital capacity
FWB	Full weight bearing
“FX” or “fx”	Fracture
G	Gravida
GA	Gestational age
GAF	Global assessment of functioning
GB	Gallbladder
GBS	group beta strep or group B streptococci
GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale
GERD	gastro esophageal reflux disease
GFE	Gas Fluid Exchange
GI	Gastrointestinal
gluc	Glucose
gm. or gm	Gram(s)
GNR	Gram negative resistant
grav	gravida
g.s.	Gluteal sets
GSW	Gunshot wound
G-Tube	Gastrostomy tube
gt.	Drop
gtt.	Drops
GU	Genitourinary
GYN	Gynecology
H	Hypodermic
H&P	history & physical
h.s.	at bedtime
H2O	Water
HA	Headache
HASCVD	hypertensive arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease
HASHD	hypertensive arteriosclerotic heart disease
HAZMAT	Hazardous Material
HBO	Hyperbaric oxygen
HBOT	Hyperbaric oxygen Therapy

HC	head circumference
HCG	Human Chorionic Gonadotropin
Hct.	Hematocrit
HEENT	head, eyes, ears, nose & throat
HELLP	Hemolysis, elevated liver enzymes, low platelets
HEP	Home exercise program
HFO	Hold for Observation
HFV	high frequency ventilator
Hgb.	Hemoglobin
HH	Home Health
hha	Hand hold assist
HHN	Hand held nebulizer
Hib	Haemophilus b Conjugate
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HMD	hyaline membrane disease
HNP	herniated nucleus pulposus
HOB	head of bed
HOCM	Hypertropic obstructive cardiomyopathy
HOH	Hard of hearing
HPI	history of present illness
HR	heart rate
hr. or hrs.	Hour(s)
HSG	hysterosalpingogram
ht	Height
HTN	Hypertension
Hx	History
Hyg	Hygiene
I	Independent
I & D	incision and drainage
I&O	intake & output
IAB	intra aortic balloon
IABP	Intraortic balloon pump
IBW	Ideal body weight
IC	Incomplete
ICF	Intermediate Care Facility
ICP	intracranial pressure
ID	Identification
IDDM	Insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
IDT	Interdisciplinary Team
IHR	Inguinal Hernia Repair
IM	Intramuscular
IMA	internal mammary artery
IMV	Intermittent mandatory ventilation
IGT	Impaired glucose tolerance
inc	Increase
inf.	Inferior

nfuse.	Infusion
inj.	Injection
Insp.	Inspiratory
int.	Internal
int. rot.	Internal rotation
IO	Interosseous
IOL	Intraocular lens
IPPB	intermittent positive pressure breathing
IPV	Injectable Polio Vaccine
IQ	intelligence quotient
IS	Incentive spirometry
ISC	infant servo control
IUD	intrauterine device
IUP	intrauterine pregnancy
IUPC	intrauterine pressure catheter
IV	Intravenous
IVC	inferior vena cava
IVF	Intravenous fluids
Ivpb	IV Piggyback
IVR	Idioventricular Rhythm
IVS	Interventricular septum
IVUS	intravascular ultrasound
J	Joules
JT	Jejunostomy tube
jt.	Joint
Jug	Jugular
JVD	Jugular vein distention
K	Potassium
KCL	potassium chloride
KED	Kendrick Extrication Device
kg	Kilogram
KUB	kidney, ureter & bladder
KVO	Keep Vein Open
L&A	light and accommodation
L1,L2,....L	lumbar vertebrae 1-5
L.	Liter
L.O.A.	left occipitoanterior
L.O.P.	left occipitoposterior
LA	left atrium
lab.	Laboratory
LAD	left anterior descending
lap	laparoscopic or laparoscopy
LAP	Left Armstrong Procedure
laq	long arc quads

lat.	Lateral
lb.	Pound (libra)
LBBB	left bundle branch block
LBQC	Large based quad care
LBP	low back pain
LCA	left coronary artery
LD	Learning disability
LE	lower extremity
LEEP	Loop Excisional Electrode Placement
LES	lower esophageal sphincter
lg.	Large
LGA	large for gestational age
LGH	Lynchburg General Hospital
LIMA	left internal mammary artery
liq	Liquid
LLL	left lower lobe
LLQ	left lower quadrant
L LSB	left lower sternal border
LML	left middle lobe
LMP	last menstrual period
LOA	leave of absence
LOB	loss of balance
LOC	level of consciousness
LOS	length of stay
LP	lumbar puncture
lpm	liters per minute
LR	Lactated ringers
LS	lumbosacral
L-Spine	lumbar spine
Lt. or lt.	Left
LTACH	Long Term Acute Care Hospital
LTC	Long term care
LTG	long term goal
LTM	Long term memory
LTV	Long term variability
LUL	left upper lobe
LUQ	left upper quadrant
LV	left ventricle
L VRS	Lung volume reduction surgery
lymphs	lymphocytes
m	Male
M	Married
M.D.	doctor of medicine
ma.	Milliamperage
MAC	monitored anesthesia care
mano	Manometrics

MAP	mean arterial pressure
mast	Mastectomy
max	maximum
Max (A)	Maximum assist
MBS	Modified Barium Swallow
mcg	microgram
MCL	midclavicular/midcostal line
MDI	Metered dose inhaler
mec	Meconium
mec asp	meconium aspiration
med.	Medium
meds	medications
mEq.	Milliequivalents
mg	Milligram
Mg+	Magnesium
Mgmt	management
MHC	Mental Health Consult
MI	myocardial infarction
MIDCAB	minimally invasive direct coronary artery bypass
min.	Minute
MIN (A)	Minimal assistance
ml	Milliliter
mm.	millimeter
mmHg	millimeters of mercury
mmol	millimole
MMR	Mumps Measles Rubella
MMT	Manual muscle testing
MNT	Medical nutrition therapy
Mob.	Mobility
mod.	Moderate
MOD (A)	Moderate assistance
MOM	milk of magnesia
monos	Monocytes
MOW	Meals On Wheels
MPJ	metacarpalphalangeal joint
MPOA	Medical power of attorney
MR	mitral regurgitation
MR#	Medical record number
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
MRSA	Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus
MS	multiple sclerosis
MSW	medical social worker
MTP	Multidisciplinary treatment plan
MVC	Motor vehicle crash
MVP	mitral valve prolapse
MVPT	Motor visual perceptual test

N&V	nausea & vomiting
N/A	not applicable
N/C	no complaint
Na	Sodium
NaCl	Sodium chloride
NAR	Nutrition at risk
NB	Newborn
NBQC	Narrow Base Quad Cane
NDT	Neuro developmental technique
neg.	Negative
neuro	Neurologic
NG	Nasogastric
NGT	nasogastric tube
NHZ	Nominal hazard zone
NIDDM	Non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
NIH	National Institute of Health
NIPS	Newborn infant pain scale
NKA	no known allergies
NKDA	No Known Drug Allergies
nl	Normal
NNP	neonatal nurse practitioner
No.	Number
NOS	Not otherwise specified
N.P.	Nurse practitioner
NPC	No prenatal care
NPO	nothing by mouth
NR	Nonreactive
NRB	Non-Rebreather Mask
NRS	Numerical rating scale (pain)
NS	Normal Saline
nsg	Nursing
NSR	normal sinus rhythm
NST	Non-stress test
Nsy	Nursery
NT or N/T	Not tested
NTE	neutral thermal environment
NTG	Nitroglycerin
NWB	Nonweight-bearing
O2	Oxygen
O2Sat	oxygen saturation
OB	Obstetrics
OOB	out of bed
obl	Oblique
OBS	organic brain syndrome
obst	obstruction
obt	Obtained

occ	occasionally
OD	Overdose
OG	Oral gastric
OH	Oxyhood
OJ	orange juice
Op	Operation
ophth.	Ophthalmology
OPT	Outpatient
OPV	Oral Polio Vaccine
oral	by mouth
ortho.	Orthopaedics
OSA	Obstructive Sleep Apnea
OSC	Oscillator
OT	occupational therapy
OTC	Over the counter
oz.	Ounce
P	para (delivered)
P&A	percussion and auscultation
P.	Pulse
P.A.	Physician's assistant
p.c.	after meals
PA	pulmonary artery
PAC	premature auricular contraction
PALS	Pediatric Advance Life Support
PAP	pulmonary artery pressure
Pap	papanicolaou (stain, smear, test)
Para	number of viable pregnancies
PAS	pulmonary artery stenosis
PAT	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
path	Pathology
PBI	protein-bound iodine
PCA	patient controlled analgesia
PCI	Percutaneous coronary intervention
PCP	Primary care physician
PCWP	Pulmonary Capillary Wedge Pressure
PD	Postural drainage
PDA	patent ductus arteriosus
PE	pulmonary embolism
PEA	Pulseless Electrical Activity
PEARL	Pupils Equal and Reactive to Light
peds	Pediatrics
PEEP	positive end-expiratory pressure
PEG	percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy
PEJ	Percutaneous endoscopic jejunostomy tube
per	By
PERC.	Percutaneous

PERLA	pupils equal, react to light and accommodation
PEP	Positive expiratory pressure
PFC	Persistent fetal circulation
PH	past history
phaco	Phacoemulsification
PHD	public health department
PHTLS	Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support
PI	present illness
PICC	parenteral intravenous continuous catheter
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
PIH	pregnancy induced hypertension
PIPA	Premature infant pain assessment
PIPJ	proximal interphalangeal joint
PKU	Phenylketonuria
PLOF	Prior Level of Function
PM	after noon; night
PMH	Past Medical History
PMS	Pre-Menstrual Syndrome
PMV	Passy muir valve
PN	Parenteral nutrition
PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
PO	phone (telephone) order
POA	Power of attorney
PoAGA	postmature average gestational age
POC	Plan of Care
POD	post op day
PoLGA	postmature large for gestational age
port	Portable
pos.	Positive
PoSGA	postmature small for gestational age
post	Posterior
postop	Postoperative
PP	Postpartum
pp	Postprandial
PPH	Postpartum hemorrhage
PPI	Proton pump inhibitor
PPM	Permanent pacemaker
PPP	Pedal pulses palpable
PR	Per rectum
PrAGA	premature average for gestational age
preop	Preoperative
prep	prepare/preparation
PrLGA	premature large for gestational age
prn	as necessary
procto	Proctoscopy
PROM	premature rupture of membrane
P/ROM	Passive range of motion

PrSGA	premature, small for gestational age
PS	Pressure support
PSVT	Paroxysmal Supraventricular Tachycardia
psych	Psychiatry
PT	physical therapy
pt	Patient
PTA	prior to admission
PTCA	percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
PTSD	Post traumatic stress disorder
PULM	Pulmonary
PUNC	Puncture
PVC	premature ventricular contraction
PVD	Peripheral vascular disease
PVR	Post void residual
pvt	Private
PWB	partial weight bearing
q2h, q3h, ...etc.	every 2 hours, every 3 hours,etc.
Q2hWA, q3hWA	Every 2 hours while awake, every 3 hours while awake, etc
qAM	every morning
qh	every hour
qhs	every bedtime
qid	4 times daily
qoh	every other hour
qPM	every night
qs	sufficient quantity
qt	Quart
r	Rectal
R, resp.	Respiration
R.O.A.	right occipitoanterior
R.O.P.	right occipitoposterior
R/O	rule out
RA	right atrium
ramus	ramus intermedius coronary artery
RAP	Right Armstrong Procedure
RASS	Richmond Agitation Sedation Scale
RATA	Responds Appropriately To Age
RBBB	right bundle branch block
RBC	red blood (cell) count
RC	restrictive cardiomyopathy
RCA	right coronary artery
RCR	Rotator Cuff Repair
RCT	Rotator Cuff Tear
RDA	recommended daily allowance
RDS	Respiratory distress syndrome
Rec. or rec.	Recreation

Rec'd.	Received
rehab	Rehabilitation
reps	Repetitions
ret	Retained
retic	Reticulocyte
retract	Retraction
RF	regurgitant fraction
RFA	Radiofrequency ablation
Rh	rhesus (factor)
RIMA	right internal mammary artery
RLL	right lower lobe
RLQ	right lower quadrant
RML	right middle lobe
ROM	range of motion
ROS	review of systems
RPE	Rate of perceived exertion
RSI	Rapid Sequence Induction
RSV	Respiratory Syncytial Virus
Rt or rt	Right
RTS	Resolve Through Sharing Bereavement Services
RUDS	Rapid urine drug screen
RUL	right upper lobe
RUQ	right upper quadrant
RV	right ventricle
RW or R Walker	Rolling Walker
Rx	treatment/therapy
S	Single
(S)	Supervision
S&O	salpingo-Oophorectomy
S1, S2, ...S	sacral vertebra 1-5
S/D	Static/Dynamic
S/P	status post
saq	Short arc quads
SAR	Saturation reading
SB	Scleral Buckle
SBA	stand by assist
SBFT	small bowel follow through
SBO	Small bowel obstruction
SBP	systolic blood pressure
SBQC	small base quad care
SBT	Shallow breathing test (Respiratory)
SCD	Sequential compression device
SCJ	Squamo-columnar junction
SDAS	same day admission surgery
sec	Second
sed rate	sedimentation rate

Sep	Separated
septo	Septoplasty
SGA	small for gestational age
SGOT	serum glutamic-oxaloacetic transaminase
S/HI or SI/HI	suicidal/homicidal ideation
SIMV	Synchronized Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation
SIRS	systemic inflammatory response syndrome
SL	Sublingual
SLP	Speech & Language Pathology
SLR	straight leg raising
sm	Small
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SOB	shortness of breath
SOC	Start of care
sol	Solution
sono	Ultrasound
sp. Gr.	Specific gravity
spec.	Specimen
spt	stand-pivot transfer
SROM	spontaneous rupture of membrane
ss.	one half
SSE	soapsuds enema
SSN	Social Security Number
staph	Staphylococcus
STAT	Immediately
ST cane	straight cane
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
STG	short term goal
stim	Stimulate
STM	Short term memory
strep	Streptococcus
STV	Short term variability
subQ	Subcutaneous
suct	Suction
SUIDS	Sudden unexplained infant death syndrome
sup	Superior
surg	Surgery
SVC	superior vena cava
SVD	spontaneous vaginal delivery
SVG	saphenous vein graft
SVR	systemic vascular resistance
SVT	Supraventricular Tachycardia
SW	standard walker
SX	signs/symptoms
Sz	Seizures
T	Temperature

T&A	tonsillectomy & adnoidectomy
t.	Tympanic
tab	Tablet
TAH	total abdominal hysterectomy
TARS	Treatment Administration Records (Senior Care Division)
TB	Tuberculosis
TBI	Traumatic brain injury
tbsp	Tablespoonful
tc	Tactile cue
T/C	Telephone Call
TCA	Tricyclic Antidepressant
TCDB	turn, cough, and deep breathe
TCM	transcutaneous monitor
TCP	transcutaneous Pacemaker
TcPO2	transcutaneous partial pressure oxygen
T.D.	Tardive Dyskinesia
Td	Tetanus-diphtheria
TdaP	Tetanus,diphtheria,acellular pertussis
TDO	temporary detention order
TDWB	Toe Down Weight Bearing
TF	Tube feeding
TH	Breathing time (Respiratory vent)
Ther ex	Therapeutic exercise
THR	Total hip replacement
TIA	transient ischemic attack
tid	three times a day
TKR	Total knee replacement
TLC	triple lumen catheter
T.L.C.	Tender loving care
TM	tympanic membrane
TNTC	too numerous to count
TO	telephone order
T/O	Time out
tol	Tolerated
TPA	Tissue Plasminogen Activator
TPM	temporary pacemaker
TPN	Total Parental Nutrition
TPPL	Transparplanal Lensectomy
TPPV	Transparplanal Vitrectomy
TPR	temperature, pulse, and respiration
TR	tricuspid regurgitation
trans	transfer
trng	training
tsp	teaspoon
TTS	Through the scope
T-SPINE	thoracic spine
TTWB	Toe Touch Weight Bearing

TUR	transurethral resection
TURB	transurethral Resection of Bladder
TURP	transurethral resection prostate
TV	tidal volume
TVH	total vaginal hysterectomy
TX	Treatment
UA	urine analysis
ua	umbilical artery
UAC	umbilical artery catheter
UB	Upper body
UBT	Uterine Balloon Therapy
UC	uterine contraction
UCP	urgent care plus
UE	upper extremity
UES	upper esophageal sphincter
UGI	upper gastrointestinal
UNILAT	Unilateral
UOP	Urinary output
UPT	Urine pregnancy test
UR	Utilization Review
URI	upper respiratory infection
US	Ultrasound
UTI	urinary tract infection
UV	umbilical vein
UVC	umbilical vein catheter
vag	vaginal/vagina
VBAC	Vaginal birth after cesarean
VBG	venous blood gas
v/c	Verbal cues
VCUG	voiding cystourethrogram
VD	venereal disease
VDRL	venereal disease Research Laboratory
VE	vaginal exam
ven	Venous
vent	Ventilator
VF	Ventricular Fibrillation
via	by way of
vit	Vitamin
VLAP	VLAP Visual Laser Ablation
VO	verbal order
vol	volume
VRE	Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococci
VS	vital signs
VSD	ventricular septal defect
VSS	vital signs stable

VT	Ventricular Tachycardia
vtx	vertex
W	widow/widowed
w	white
w/ or w/o	with or without
WB	whole blood
WBAT	weight bearing as tolerated
WBC	white blood (cell) count
WBQC	Wide Base Quad Cane
WBS	Weight bearing status
W/C	Wheelchair
WDWN	well-developed, well-nourished
WFL	within functional limits
wk	week(s)
WN	well-nourished
WNL	within normal limits
WO	wide open
WOB	Work of breath
WP	Whirlpool
WPW	Wolff-Parkinson-White
wt	Weight
y.o.	year(s) – old
yd	yard(s)
yr.	year(s)
SYMBOLS	
a	Before
aa	of each
@	At
X	start surgery or start anesthesia
♀	female
♂	male
c	with
s	without
↑	increases/elevation
↓	decrease/depression
?	question of/questionable
#	number
1°	primary
2°	secondary
2X or X2	twice
1X or X1	once
°	degree
'	foot
''	inch
i	one

ii	two
iii	three
+	positive/plus
-	negative/minus
p	after
>	greater than
<	less than
=	equals
&	and
→	(transfer to)
Δ	change
Ø	no or none
√	check (s)
%	percent

DEFINITION OF UNITS

AMH	Adult Mental Health
BTC or BRG	Bridges Treatment Center
CATH	Cardiac Catheterization Lab
CCU	Coronary Care unit
CMH	Child Mental Health
CRR	Center for Restorative Care & Rehabilitation
CTC	Cardiac Treatment Center
CVR	Cardiovascular Recovery
CVP	Cardiovascular Pavilion
DRU	Diabetic Renal Medical Unit
ED	Emergency Department
ENDL	Endoscopy LGH
ENDV	Endoscopy VBH
ICN	Intensive Care Nursery Unit
LDR	Labor, Delivery, Recovery
MBU	Mother-Baby Care Unit
MIC	Medical Intensive Care Unit
MSV	Medical-Surgical Unit-VBH (Ford 5)
ONC	Oncology Unit
NBN	Newborn Nursery
NIC	Neurological Intensive Care Unit
NSD	Neuro Step Down Unit
OPD	Outpatient Department VBH
ORL	Operating Room LGH
ORV	Operating Room VBH
ORT	Orthopaedics Unit
PACL	Post Anesthesia Care Unit-LGH
PACV	Post Anesthesia Care Unit-VBH
PAIN	Pain Center
PCU1,2,3,4	Progressive Cardiac Unit
PED	Pediatric Unit

PUL	Medical Pulmonary Unit
PWYS	Pathways Treatment Center
RADV	Radiology VBH
RADL	Radiology LGH
RAU	Rapid Admit Unit
REH	Acute Rehabilitation Unit
SCA	Surgicare LGH
SCV	Surgery Center VBH
SIC	Surgical Intensive Care Unit
SKL	Skilled Care Unit
SUR	Surgical Unit - LGH
SWG	Swing Unit
UCP	Urgent Care Plus
VIC	Intermediate Care Unit VBH

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