

Medical Abbreviation Translation

/7 Days	ECG Electrocardiograph
/52 Weeks	EEG Electroencephalogram
/40 Weeks Gestation	ENT Ear, Nose & Throat
/12 Months	EPAU Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit
+ / ++ / +++ Present or Noted / Present Significantly / Present in Excess	ESR Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate
= Equivalent to	FBC Full Blood Count
AAA Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm	FBG Fasting Blood Glucose
ABG Arterial Blood Gas also "Sats"	F/H or FH Family History
ACEI Angiotensin Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitor	FHH/R Foetal Heart Heard/Regular
ACL Anterior Cruciate Ligament	FRH Freeman Road Hospital
A/E Air Entry to Lungs	FROM Full Range of Movement
A&E Accident and Emergency	FTND Full Term Normal Delivery
AF Atrial Fibrillation	GCS Glasgow Coma Scale
ARB Angiotensin Receptor Blocker	GI or GIT Gastro Intestinal/Tract
ASD Atrial Septal Defect	GORD Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux Disease
AXR Abdominal X-Ray	GUT or GUS Genito Urinary Tract/ System
bd/bid Twice a Day	GUM Genito-Urinary Medicine
BCC Basal Cell Carcinoma	Hb Haemoglobin
BFZ Bendroflumethiazide	HI Head Injury
BMI Body Mass Index	HNPU Has Not Passed Urine
BNO Bowels Not Opened	HR Heart Rate
BO Bowels Open	HS Heart Sounds
BP Blood Pressure	Ht Height
DBP Diastolic Blood Pressure	Hx History (of complaint)
SBP Systolic Blood Pressure	IBD Irritable Bowel Disease
CABG/S or CAG/S Coronary Artery (Bypass) Graft/Surgery	IBS Inflammatory Bowel Syndrome
CCB Calcium Channel Blocker	IGT Impaired Glucose Tolerance
CFS Chronic Fatigue Syndrome	IGTN In Growing Toenail
CHD Coronary Heart Disease	IMB Intermenstrual Bleeding
CNS Central Nervous System	IOP Intra-ocular Pressure
C/o Complains of	IUCD Intra-uterine contraceptive device
(COAD) Chronic Obstructive Airways Disease (COPD preferred)	IUD Intra-uterine death
COCP Combined Oral Contraceptive	IUS Intra-uterine system
COPD Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	IVP Intravenous Pyelogram
Cr Creatinine	Ix Investigations
CSU Catheter specimen of urine	JVP Jugular Venous Pressure
CT Computerised Axial Tomography	K+ Potassium
CTG Cardiotocograph	KUB Kidneys, Ureters, Bladder (xray)
CUH Croydon University Hospital	LFT Liver Function Test
CVA Cerebrovascular Accident	LIF Left Iliac Fossa
CVD Cardiovascular Disease	LIH Left Inguinal Hernia
CVS Cardiovascular System	LOC Loss of Consciousness
CX or Cx Cervix	LN Lymph Node
CXR Chest X-ray	LP Lumbar puncture
D&V Diarrhoea and Vomiting	L/R/ IH Left or Right Inguinal Hernia
D/H Drug History	LSCS Lower (Uterine) Segment Caesarean section
DIP, PIP Dorsal/proximal interphalangeal joints	LUQ Left Upper Quadrant
DLE Discoid Lupus Erythematosus	LVDD Left Ventricular Diastolic Dysfunction
DM Diabetes Mellitus	LVSD Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction
DNA Did Not Attend	Mane In the Morning
DNAR Do Not Attempt Resuscitation	MAU Medical Admissions Unit
DVT Deep Vein Thrombosis	MCV Mean Corpuscular Volume
DXT Deep X-ray Treatment	ME Myalgic Encephalomyelitis
	MET/S Metastases
	MI Myocardial infarction (NSTEMI or STEMI preferred)
	MRI Magnetic Resonance Imaging



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MS Multiple Sclerosis (Write in full: Mitral Stenosis)
MSK Musculo-Skeletal System
MSE Mental State Examination
MSU Mid-Stream Urine Sample (for culture and sensitivity)
MTX Methotrexate
Na+ Sodium
NAD Nothing Abnormal Discovered
NBI No Bone Injury
Nocte At Night
NSTEMI Non ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction
N&V Nausea & Vomiting
OA Osteoarthritis
o.d. Once a Day
O/E On Examination
OGD Oesophago-gastro-duodenoscopy
OGTT Oral Glucose Tolerance Test
On At Night (when written next to medication dosing only)
Om In the Morning
OM Otitis Media
ORIF Open Reduction and Internal Fixation (of fracture)
Otc Over the counter (bought medication)
P Pulse
PAD Peripheral Arterial Disease
PCB Post Coital Bleeding
PE Pulmonary Embolism
PERLA Pupils equal and reacting to light and accommodation
PF / PEFr Peak Flow / peak expiratory flow rate
Plt Platelets
PM Post mortem examination
PMB Post menstrual Bleeding
PMH also PHx Previous Medical History
PND Paroxysmal Nocturnal Dyspnoea
PO Per Orim (by mouth)
POP Progesterone Only Pill
PR Per Rectum
PRN As Required
PTCA Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
PTSD Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
PU Peptic Ulcer OR Passed urine
PV Per Vagina
PVD Peripheral Vascular Disease
qds (or) qid Four times a day
QEH Queen Elizabeth Hospital
Resp / RR Respiration (Rate)
RA Rheumatoid Arthritis
RAD Radiology

RDS Respiratory Distress Syndrome
RIF Right Iliac Fossa
RIH Right Inguinal Hernia
R/LIF Right/Left Iliacfossa
RS Respiratory System
RSI Repetitive Strain Injury
(RTA) Road Traffic Accident
RTC Road Traffic Crash
RUQ Right Upper Quadrant
Rx Prescription or Treatment
SBG Serum Blood Glucose
SLR Straight Leg Raising
SLAM South London and Maudsley
SMR Submucosal Resection
SOB Short of Breath
SR Sinus rhythm
Stat Immediately
STD Sexually Transmitted Disease
STEMI ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction
STI Sexually Transmitted Infection
SVD Spontaneous Vertex Delivery
Sx Symptoms
SkXR Skull X-ray
T Temperature
TATT Tired all the Time
TB Tuberculosis
TCI To come in-date (admitted date)
tds (or) tid Three Times a Day
TFTs Thyroid Function Test
THR Total Hip Replacement
TIA Transient Ischaemic Attack
TKR Total Knee Replacement
TM Tympanic Membrane
TOP Termination of pregnancy
TShR Total Shoulder Replacement
TURP/T resection of Prostate
UC Ulcerative Colitis
U&Es Urea and Electrolytes
USS Ultra Sound Scan
UTI Urinary Tract Infection
VF Ventricular Fibrillation
VT Ventricular Tachycardia
VTE Venous Thromboembolism
Wbc White Blood Cell Count
Wd Ward
Wt Weight



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