

LIST OF COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

Acronym	Meaning	Acronym	Meaning
AB	abortion	FBS	fasting blood sugar
ADL	activities of daily living	FDA	US Food and Drug Administration
AED	automated external defibrillator	F/O	follow up
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	GB	gallbladder
AOG	age of gestation	GBD	gallbladder disease
APAP	Acetaminophen	GC	gonorrhea
APRN	advanced practice registered nurse	GDM	gestational diabetes mellitus
ASA	aspirin	GI	gastrointestinal
ASCUS	atypical squamous cells of unknown significance	G	gravida
BCM	birth control method	GU	genitourinary; gastric ulcer
BG	blood glucose	HA	headache
bid; BID	two times a day	Hb	hemoglobin
BM	bowel movement; breast milk	HBV	hepatitis B virus
BMI	body mass index	HCG	human chorionic gonadotropin
BP	blood pressure	Hct	hematocrit
BS	blood sugar; bowel sounds	HDL	high density lipoprotein
BSA; BSE	Breast self-awareness; breast self-exam	HGSIL	high grade squamous intraepithelial lesion
BSN	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	H&P	history and physical
BV	bacterial vaginosis	HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
CA	cancer, carcinoma	H/O; h/o	history of
CAD	coronary artery disease	HOH	hard of hearing
CBE	clinical breast exam	HPV	human papilloma virus
CEU	continuing education unit	HR	heart rate
CHC	combined hormonal contraceptive	HRT	hormone replacement therapy
CI	contraindication	hs	bedtime; hour of sleep
CIN	cervical intraepithelial neoplasm	HSV	herpes simplex virus
c/o	complains of	HTN; Htn	hypertension
CPE	complete physical exam	Hx	history
CT	chlamydia	IBD	inflammatory bowel disease
cx	cervix	IBS	inflammatory bowel syndrome
DC, dc	discontinue	IBW	ideal body weight
DM	diabetes mellitus	IGT	impaired glucose tolerance
DMPA	depo provera	IM	intramuscular
DOB	date of birth	IUC	intrauterine contraceptive
DOT	direct observational therapy	IUD	intrauterine device
DVT	deep vein thrombosis	IUP	intrauterine pregnancy
Dx	diagnosis	IVDA	IV drug abuse/abuser
EC	enteric coated	IVF	In vitro fertilization
ECP	emergency contraceptive	LDL	low density lipoprotein
EENT	eye, ear, nose, throat	LEP	limited English proficiency
EGA	estimated gestational age	LLQ	left lower quadrant
ETOH	ethyl alcohol	LMP	last menstrual period
FAS	fetal alcohol syndrome	LNMP	last normal menstrual period
FB	foreign body	LPN	licensed practical nurse
FBG	fasting blood glucose	LSIL	low grade squamous intraepithelial lesion

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LT	left	RN	registered nurse
LUQ	lower outer quadrant	R/O	rule out
MAR	medication administration record	ROS	review of systems
MBCHP	MT Breast & Cervical Health Program	RUE	right upper extremity
MI	myocardial infarction	RUQ	right upper quadrant
MM	mucus membrane	Rx	prescription; take, therapy
mmHg	millimeters of mercury	SAB	spontaneous abortion
MGF	maternal grandfather	SMO	standing medical order
MGM	maternal grandmother	SO	significant other
MPC	mucopurulent cervicitis	SOAP	subjective, objective, assessment, plan
MSM	males having sex with males	SOB	shortness of breath
MVA	motor vehicle accident	S/P; s/p	status post
MVP	mitral valve prolapse	SQ; subq	subcutaneous
N/A	not available; not applicable	S&S; S/S	signs and symptoms
NGU	nongonococcal urethritis	STD	sexually transmitted disease
NKA	no known allergies	STI	sexually transmitted infection
NKDA	no known drug allergies	SUI	stress urinary incontinence
NKMA	no known medication allergies	T; temp	temperature
N/T	non tender	tab	tablet
NSAID	nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug	TAH	total abdominal hysterectomy
N&V	nausea and vomiting	tid; TID	three times a day
NVD	nausea, vomiting, diarrhea	TC	telephone call
OB	obstetrics	TNTC	too numerous to mention/count
OC	oral contraceptive	TOD	target organ damage
OD	right eye; overdose	TPR	temperature, pulse, respiration
OS	left eye	trich	trichomoniasis
OTC	over the counter	Tx	treatment
OU	both eyes	UA	urinalysis
PCN	penicillin; primary care nurse	unk	unknown
PCOS	polycystic ovary syndrome	UTI	urinary tract infection
PE	pelvic exam, physical exam	US; U/S	ultrasonic; ultrasound
PERL	pupils equal, react to light	VBAC	vaginal birth after caesarean
PGF	paternal grandfather	VH	vaginal hysterectomy
PGM	paternal grandmother	V/D	vomiting and diarrhea
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease	VS	vital signs
PIH	pregnancy induced hypertension	WB	weight bearing
PMP	previous menstrual period	WBE	weight bearing exercise
PMDD	premenstrual dysphoric disorder	WBC	white blood cell
PMH	past medical history	WD	well developed
PMS	premenstrual syndrome	WDB	withdrawal bleed
PO; po	by mouth; phone order	WF; wf	white female
POP	progestin only pill	WHO	World Health Organization
PP	postpartum; post prandial	WM; wm	white male
PRN	as necessary	WNL	within normal limits
PPR	per patient request	Wt	weight
RBC	red blood cell	YO; yo; y/o	years old
RLE	right lower extremity		
RLL	right lower lobe		
RLQ	right lower quadrant		