

Common Abbreviations List

You may use common abbreviations when creating your notes, similar to those listed below. In general, if you are unsure, we recommend that you spell out names and terms rather than abbreviating them. **Avoid abbreviations that might lead to medical errors.**

Abd	abdomen	L	left
ETOH	alcohol	Lspine	lumbar spine
B	black	MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
BUN	blood urea nitrogen	m	male
BMI	body mass index	Meds	medications
CCU	cardiac care unit	MVA	motor vehicle accident
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	MI	myocardial infarction
CVA	cerebrovascular accident	–	negative
Cspine	cervical spine	Neuro	neurologic
CXR	chest x-ray	NKA	no known allergies
cc:	chief complaint	NKDA	no known drug allergies
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	NIDDM	non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus
CTA	clear to auscultation	NSR	normal sinus rhythm
c/o	complaining of	Po	orally
CBC	complete blood count	OMT	osteopathic manipulative treatment
CT	computed tomography	Ppd	packs per day
CHF	congestive heart failure	PTT	partial thromboplastin time
CABG	coronary artery bypass grafting	PMH	past medical history
DTR	deep tendon reflexes	PSH	past surgical history
DM	diabetes mellitus	PE	physical examination
ENT	ears, nose, and throat	+	positive
ECG/EKG	electrocardiogram	PT	prothrombin time
ED	emergency department	PERRLA	pupils equal, round, reactive to light and accommodation
EMT	emergency medical technician	ROM	range of motion
E	extended	RBC	red blood cells
EOMI	extraocular muscles intact	RRR	regular rate and rhythm
Ext	extremities	ROS	review of systems
FH	family history	R	right
f	female	ROT	rotated
F	flexed	RO	rule out
GI	gastrointestinal	SB	side bent
GU	genitourinary	SH	social history
HEENT	head, eyes, ears, nose, and throat	Tspine	thoracic spine
HVLA	high velocity, low amplitude	TIA	transient ischemic attack
hx	history	US	ultrasound
h/o	history of	URI	upper respiratory tract infection
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus	U/A	urinalysis
HTN	hypertension	W	white
JVD	jugular venous distention	WBC	white blood cells
KUB	kidney, ureter, and bladder	WNL	within normal limits
LMP	last menstrual period	Yo	year-old