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ACCEPTED MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS/SYMBOLS

+	Positive
2°	Secondary to
<	Less than
>	Greater than
@	At
Ø	None/Zero
a.m.	Morning
A.P.	Anterior-posterior
A.V.	Arteriovenous
AKA	Above Knee Amputation
AAROM	Active Assistive Range of Motion
Abd	Abdomen
ad lib	As desired
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
Adm	Admission, admitted or admittance
AED	Automatic External Defibrillator
AFO	Ankle/foot orthosis
A&O	Alert & oriented
AMA	Against medical advisement
amb	Ambulation
AMS	Altered Mental Status
ant.	Anterior
appt	Appointment
ARF	Acute Renal Failure
AROM	Active Range of Motion
ASAP	As soon as possible
ASCVD	Arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease
ASHD	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
asp.	Aspiration
ASRSB	Alarming Self Release Seatbelt
AB or ATB	Antibiotic
B.I.D.	Twice-a-day
Bi Pap	Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure
BJA	Below knee amputation
Bed mob	Bed Mobility
B	Bilateral
BLE	Bilateral Lower Extremities
BM	Bowel Movement
BMP	Basic Metabolic Panel
BR	Bed Rest
BSC	Beside Commode
BTB	Back to Bed

BUE	Bilateral Upper Extremities
BUN	Blood urea nitrogen
C & S	Culture & Sensitivity
C-Spine	Cervical spine
C.A.T	Computerized axial tomography
C.B.C	Complete blood count
C.O.T.A	Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant
C.P.	Cerebral Palsy
CPAP	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
c	With
C/O	Complains of
C/P	Chest pain
CA	Cancer
CABG	Coronary artery bypass graft
CAD	Coronary artery disease
CC's	Cubic Centimeter
CCU	Coronary Care Unit
Cert.	Certification
CNA	Certified Nursing Assistant (SMHCC)
CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid
Δ	Change
CHD	Coronary Heart Disease
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure
cm.	Centimeter
CNS	Central Nervous System
Cont'd.	Continued
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CPR	Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation
CRF	Chronic Renal Failure
CTB	Cease To Breathe
CV	Cardiovascular
CVA	Cerebrovascular Accident
qd	Every day
DD	Dry Dressing
D.J.D.	Degenerative Joint Disease
D.O.	Doctor of Osteopathy
d/c (D/C)	Discontinue/Discharge
DD	Dry Dressing
↓	Decreases/Decreased/Lower/Below
DM	Diabetes Mellitus
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
DON	Director of Nurses
DPM	Defined Perimeter Mattress
DSD	Dry Sterile Dressing
DT's	Dilirium Tremors

D/T	Due To
DTR	Deep tendon reflex
DVT	Deep vein thrombosis
Dx	Diagnosis
EEG	Electroencephalogram
EKG/ECG	Electrocardiogram
ELB	Electric Low Bed
EMG	Electromyogram
ENT	Ear, nose, and throat
EOB	Edge of bed
EOM	Extraocular movements
est	Estimated
etiol.	Etiology
Eval	Evaluation
Ex	Exercise
exam	Examination
exp	Expire
ext	External
ext.rot.	External rotation
f.u.	Follow-up
flex	Flexion
Freq.	Frequency
ft.	Foot
FUO	Fever of unknown origin
FWB	Full weight bearing
Fx	Fracture
G.I.	Gastrointestinal
gm.	Gram
gtt	Drop
GYN	Gynecology
Hct	Hemocrit
h. or hr.	Hour
H.R.	Heart rate
Hgb.	Hemoglobin
HIC#	Health Insurance Claim No.(Also HIC No.)
HOB	Head of Bed
Hosp.	Hospital
ht.	Height
HTN	Hypertension
Hx	History
Hz	Hertz cycles per second
h.s.	Hour of Sleep
I&D	Incision and drainage
I&O	Intake and output
I.B.W.	Ideal Body Weight
I.C.U.	Intensive Care Unit

IM	Intramuscular
I.Q.	Intelligence quotient
ICD-9	International Classification of Diseases-9thR
ID	Infectious Disease
IDDM	Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus
I.M.	Intramuscular
↑	Increase
Indep/I	Independent
inj.	Injury or Injection
int.rot.	Internal rotation
IPPB	Intermittent Positive Pressure Breathing
I.V.	Intravenous
JVD	Jugular Venous Distention
KVO	Keep View Open
L or LT.	Left
L-S spine	Lumbosacral spine
lab	Laboratory
LCTA	Lungs Clear to Auscultation
LE	Lower Extremity
LLE	Left Lower Extremity
LLL	Left lower lobe (e.g. aspiration pneumonia)
LLQ	Left Lower Quadrant
LOA	Leave of absence
LOC	Level of Consciousness
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
LTM	Long Term Memory
LTP	Long Term Placement
LUE	Left Upper Extremity
LUQ	Left Upper Quadrant
LV	Lung volume
M.I.	Myocardial Infarction
M.S.	Multiple Sclerosis
maint.	Maintenance
Max	Maximum
MD	Medical Doctor – Physician
MDR	Main Dining Room
meds	Medications
Min	Minimal
Mod	Moderate
MR	Mental retardation
MS	Multiple Sclerosis
N&V	Nausea and vomiting
NF	Nursing Facility
NIDDM	Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus
N.P.O.	Nothing by mouth
N/A	Not applicable

NAS	No Added Salt
neg.	Negative
NG	Nasogastric
NNO	No New Order
N.O.	New Order
N.O.N.	New Order Noted
NPO	Nothing by mouth
NSR	Normal sinus rhythm
NTG	Nitroglycerine
NWB	Nonweight bearing
OBS	Organic Brain Syndrome
o.d.	Right eye
O.R.	Operating Room
o.s.	Left eye
O.T.	Occupational Therapy
o.u.	Both eyes
O2	Oxygen
OD	Overdose
OOB	Out of bed
oz.	Ounce
p	After
p.c.	After meals
P.C.P.	Primary Care Physician
P.E.	Pulmonary embolism
pm	Afternoon
P.T.	Physical Therapist
PMHx	Past Medical History
P.T.A.	Physical Therapist Assistant
PAC	Premature atrial contractions
PERRLA	Pupils equal, round, reactive to light and accommodation
PFT	Pulmonary function test
PLF	Prior level of function
po	By mouth
POA	Power of Attorney
Post	Posterior
Post-op	Post-operative
POT	Plan of Treatment
PPD	Purified Protein Derivative
preop	Pre-operative
prn	As needed
PROM	Passive range of motion
Pt.	Patient
P.T.	Physical Therapy
PVC	Premature ventricular contraction
PVD	Peripheral Vascular Disease
PWB	Partial Weight Bearing

q.w.	Every week
q.d.	Every day, daily
q.h.	Every hour
q.h.s.	Every night
q.i.d.	Four times a day
q.o.d.	Every other day
q.o.w.	Every other week
qs	Every shift
'R'	Resident
Ref.	Refused
R.N.	Registered Nurse
R/O	Rule out
Recert	Recertification
Rehab	Rehabilitation
REM	Rapid eye movement
reps	Repetitions
RLE	Right Lower Extremity
RLL	Right Lower Lobe
RLQ	Right Lower Quadrant
ROM	Range of Motion
RRR	Regular Rate Rythm
R/T	Related To
Rt.	Right
RUE	Right Upper Extremity
RUQ	Right Upper Quadrant
Rx	Prescription
s	Without
S.C.I.	Spinal cord injury
S/P	Status Post
SBA	Stand By Assistance
sed. Rate	Sedimentation rate
SL	Sublingual
S.L.P.	Speech language Pathologist
S.O.	Standing Order
SOB	Shortness of breath
SOC	Start of Care
SPO2	O2 Saturation
SQ	Subcutaneous
SR	Siderail
SRB or SRSB	Self Release Seatbelt
S/S	Signs & Symptoms
SS#	Social Security Number (Also SSN)
S/T	Skin Tear
STAT	At once
STG	Short term goals
STM	Short Term Memory

STNA	State Tested Nursing Assistant
STP	Short Term Placement
T.F.	Tube Feed
t.i.d.	Three times a day
T.O.	Telephone Order
T.P.N.	Total parenteral nutrition
T.P.R.	Temperature, pulse and respiration
T.U.R.P.	Transurethral resection of the prostate
tab.	Tablet
TB	Thigh Belt or Tuberculosis
TBI	Traumatic brain injury
Tbsp.	Tablespoon
TENS	Transcutaneous Elec. Nerve Stimulation
TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack
Trach	Tracheostomy
tsp.	Teaspoon
Tx	Treatment/Therapy
U.R.I.	Upper respiratory infection
U.T.I.	Urinary tract infection
UA	Urinalysis
UE	Upper extremity
U.S.	Ultra Sound
V.A.	Veterans Administration
VC	Verbal cue(s)
V.D.	Veneral disease
V.O.	Verbal Order
V.S.	Vital Signs
V.S.S.	Vital Signs Stable
W/C	Wheelchair
WBAT	Weight bearing as tolerated
WFL	Within functional limits
WNL	Within Normal Limits
WT	Weight

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HOSPITAL ABBREVIATIONS

SCH	Salem Community Hospital
ST. E's	
SEHC	St. Elizabeth Health Care Center
ELCH	E. Liverpool City Hospital
ACH	Alliance Community Hospital
WRCH	Western Reserve Care System
HMHC	Humility of Mary Health Care
SVMC	Shenango Valley Medical Center
SRHS	Sharon Regional Health System
TMH	Trumbull Memorial
ST.J'S	
SJHC	St. Joseph Health Center

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HOSPITAL ABBREVIATIONS – DOYLESTOWN H.C.C.

WRH	Wadsworth Rittman Hospital
AGMC	Akron General Medical Center
BCH	Barberton Citizen's Hospital
ACH	Akron City Hospital
TMH	Timken Mercy Hospital

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HOSPITAL ABBREVIATIONS – SNYDER MEMORIAL H.C.C.

KCH	Kane Community Hospital
CLARION	Clarion
BROOKVILLE	Brookville
NWMC	North West Medical Center
DRMC	DuBois Regional Medical Center
WGH	Warren General Hospital
ELK CO.	Elk County Medical Center