

Abbreviation	Explanation	Abbreviation	Explanation
A/C	Anticoagulation	AGA	Androgenetic Alopecia
A/w	Associated with	AICD	Automated Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator
AA	African American	AIDs	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
AAA	Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm	AK	Actinic Keratoses
AAFP	American Academy of Family Physicians	AKI	Acute Kidney Injury
AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics	ALL	Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia
AAPA	American Academy of PAs	AMA	American Medical Association
Ab	Antibody/Antibodies	AML	Acute Myeloid Leukemia
ABC	Airway, Breathing, Circulation	AMS	Altered Mental Status
ABG	Arterial Blood Gas	Anti-GBM	Anti-Glomerular Basement Membrane
ABI	Ankle Brachial Index	Anti-TNF	Anti-Tumor Necrosing Factor
Abx	Antibiotics	AODL	Activities of Daily Living
ACA	Affordable Care Act	AOR	Assembly of Representatives
ACC	American College of Cardiology	AP	Anterior/Posterior
ACE	Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme	APAP	Acetaminophen/Tylenol
ACEI	Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibitors	APP	Advanced Practice Provider(s)
Ach	Acetylcholine	APRN	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
ACLS	Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support	APS	Antiphospholipid Syndrome
ACP	American College of Physicians	AR	Aortic Regurgitation
ACS	Acute Coronary Syndrome	ARB	Angiotensin Receptor Blocker
ACS	American Cancer Society	ARC-PA	Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant
ACS	American College of Surgeons	ARDS	Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome
ACTH	Adrenocorticotrophic Hormone	ARF	Acute Renal Failure
AD	Atopic Dermatitis	ARPA	American Registry of Physicians' Associates
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder	ART-BC	Art Therapist
ADH	Antidiuretic Hormone	AS	Aortic Stenosis
ADHD	Attention-Deficit / Hyperactivity Disorder	ASA	Aspirin
AE	Adverse Effects	ASCA	Anti-Saccharomyces Cerevisiae Antibodies
AED	Automated External Defibrillator	ASD	Atrial Septal Defect
AFP	Alpha-Fetoprotein	ASIS	Anterior Superior Iliac Spine

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ASO	Antistreptolysin O Titer	CAP	Community-Acquired Pneumonia
Asx	Asymptomatic	CAQ	Certificate of Added Qualifications
AT	Athletic Trainer	CASPA	Central Application Service for Physician Assistants
AUB	Abnormal Uterine Bleeding	CBC	Complete Blood Count
AUD	Alcohol Use Disorder	CBT	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
AuD	Audiologist	CCB	Calcium Channel Blocker
AV	Atrioventricular	CDC	Center for Disease Control and Prevention
AVM	Arteriovenous Malformation	CDT	Carbohydrate-Deficient Transferrin
BAC	Blood Alcohol Concentration	CF	Cystic Fibrosis
BB	Beta Blocker	CFU	Colony Forming Unit
BCCa	Basal Cell Carcinoma	CHF	Congestive Heart Failure
BCG	bacille Calmette-Guerin	CI	Contraindicated
BED	Binge Eating Disorder	CK	Creatine Kinase
BG	Blood Glucose	CKD	Chronic Kidney Disease
BID	Twice a day	CKMB	Creatine Kinase-MB
BiPAP	Bilevel Positive Airway Pressure	Cl	Chloride
BM	Basement Membrane	CLL	Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia
BMI	Body Mass Index	CMC Joint	Carpometacarpal Joint
BNP	Brain Natriuretic Peptide	CME	Continuing Medical Education
BOD	Board of Directors	CML	Chronic Myeloid Leukemia
BP	Blood Pressure	CMP	Comprehensive Metabolic Panel
BPH	Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia	CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
BPM	Beats Per Minute	CMV	Cytomegalovirus
BPPV	Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo	CN	Cranial Nerve(s)
BRCA	Breast Cancer Gene	CNM	Certified Midwife
BSA	Body Surface Area	CNS	Central Nervous System
BUN	Blood Urea Nitrogen	CO	Cardiac Output
Ca	Calcium	COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CABG	Coronary Artery Bypass Graft	COs	State Constituency Organizations
CAD	Coronary Artery Disease	CPAP	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure

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CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	DC	Chiropractor
CPS	Child Protective Services	DCT	Distal Convoluted Tubule
CRC	Colon Rectal Cancer	DDAVP	Desmopressin
CrCl	Creatinine Clearance	DES	Diethylstilbestrol
CRF	Chronic Renal Failure	DEXA	Dual-Energy X-ray Absorptiometry
CRH	Corticotropin-Releasing Hormone	DGI	Disseminated Gonococcal Infection
CRL	Crown-Rump Length	DHEA	Dehydroepiandrosterone
CRNA	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	DIC	Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation
CRP	C-reactive Protein	DIP	Distal Interphalangeal Joints
CRPS	Complex Regional Pain Syndrome	DKA	Diabetic Ketoacidosis
CRT	Capillary Refill Time	DM	Diabetes Mellitus
CSF	Cerebral Spinal Fluid	DMARDs	Disease-Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drugs
CST	Contraction Stress Test	DMSc	Doctor of Medical Science
CSW	Cerebral Wasting Syndrome	DO	Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
CT	Computed Tomography	DOAC	Direct Oral Anticoagulation
CTA	Computed Tomography Angiography	DOE	Dyspnea on Exertion
CVA	Cerebral Vascular Accident/Stroke	DPA	Doctor of PA Studies
CVA	Costovertebral Angle	DPM	Podiatrist
CVAT	Costovertebral Angle Tenderness	DRE	Digital Rectal Examination
CVD	Cardiovascular Disease	DSM-5	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition
CVP	Central Venous Pressure	DTR	Deep Tendon Reflex
CVS	Chorionic Villus Sampling	DVT	Deep Venous Thrombosis
CXr	Chest X-ray	Dx	Diagnosis
D/c	Discontinue	EBV	Epstein-Barr Virus
D&C	Dilation & Curettage	ECF	Extracellular Fluid
D&E	Dilation & Evacuation	ECMO	Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation
DA	Dopamine	ECT	Electro-Convulsive Therapy
DAPT	Dual Antiplatelet Therapy	ED	Erectile Dysfunction
DBP	Diastolic Blood Pressure	EDD	Estimated Date of Delivery
DBT	Dialectical Behavior Therapy	EEG	Electroencephalogram

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EENT	Eyes, Ears, Nose, Throat	FNA	Fine Needle Aspiration
EF	Ejection Fraction	FOOSH	Fall on Outstretched Hand
EFW	Estimated Fetal Weight	FPHL	Female Pattern Hair Loss
eGFR	Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate	FQ	Fluoroquinolone
EKG	Electrocardiogram	FSH	Follicle Stimulating Hormone
ELISA	Enzyme-Linked Immunoassay	FT4	Free T4
EM	Erythema Multiforme	FTA-ABS	Fluorescent Treponemal Antibody Test Absorption Test
EMG	Electromyography	FUO	Fever of Unknown Origin
EMS	Emergency Medical Services	Fx	Fracture
EMT-A	Emergency Medical Technician Advanced	GABA	Gamma-Aminobutyric Acid
EMT-B	Emergency Medical Technician Basic	GABHS	Group A Beta-Hemolytic Streptococcus pyogenes
EOM	Extra Ocular Movements	GAD	Generalized Anxiety Disorder
EPO	Erythropoietin	GBS	Guillain-Barre Syndrome
EPS	Extrapyramidal Symptoms	GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale
ER	Extended Release	GCT	Glucose Challenge Test
ERCP	Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography	GDH	Glutamate Dehydrogenase
ERT	Estrogen Replacement Therapy	GERD	Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease
ESR	Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate	GFR	Glomerular Filtration Rate
ESRD	End Stage Renal Disease	GGT	Gamma-Glutamyl Transferase
ET	Endotracheal	GH	Growth Hormone
ETOH	Alcohol	GHRH	Growth Hormone Releasing Hormone
F	Female	GI	Gastrointestinal
F/u	Follow-Up	GIB	Gastrointestinal Bleed
FAP	Familial Adenomatous Polyposis	GN	Glomerulonephritis
FAPA	Florida Academy of PAs	GnRH	Gonadotropin Hormone-Releasing Hormone
FB	Foreign Body	GSW	Gunshot Wound
Fe	Iron	GTT	Glucose Tolerance Test
FFP	Fresh Frozen Plasma	GU	Genitourinary
FHR	Fetal Heart Rate	GYN	Gynecological
FHx	Family History	H/a	Headache

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H/o	History of	HS	Hidradenitis Suppurativa
H&H	Hemoglobin and Hematocrit	HSM	Hepatosplenomegaly
H2	Hydrogen	HSV	Herpes Simplex Virus
HA1c	Hemoglobin A1c	HTN	Hypertension
HAP	Hospital-Acquired Pneumonia	HUS	Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome
HBsAg	Hepatitis B Surface Antigen	Hx	History
hCG	Human Chorionic Gonadotropin	I&D	Incision and Drainage
Hct	Hematocrit	IABP	Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump
HDL	High-density Lipoprotein	IBD	Irritable Bowel Disease
HEG	Hyperemesis Gravidarum	IBS	Irritable Bowel Syndrome
HELLP	Hemolysis, Elevated Liver Enzymes, Low Platelets	ICH	Intracranial Hemorrhage
HFpEF	Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction	ICP	Intracranial Pressure
HFrEF	Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction	IHS	Indian Health Service
Hgb	Hemoglobin	IM	Intramuscular
HHS	Hyperglycemic Hyperosmolar Syndrome	Infx	Infection
HHV	Human Herpes Virus	INR	International Normalized Ratio
HIB	Haemophilus influenzae type B	IOP	Intraocular Pressure
HIDA	Hepatobiliary Iminodiacetic Acid	IR	Immediate Release
HIT	Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia	ITP	Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus	IUD	Intrauterine Device
HL	Hodgkin's Lymphoma	IVC	Inferior Vena Cava
HLD	Hyperlipidemia	IVDU	Intravenous Drug Use
HOD	House of Delegates	IVF	In Vitro Fertilization
HPA Axis	Hypothalamic-Pituitary-Adrenal Axis	IVIG	Intravenous Immunoglobulin
HPO Axis	Hypothalamic-Pituitary-Ovarian Axis	IVP	Intravenous Pyelogram
HPT	Hyperparathyroidism	JAAPA	Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants
HPV	Human Papilloma Virus	JVD	Jugular Vein Distension
HR	Heart Rate	K	Potassium
Hrs	Hours	KOH	Potassium Hydroxide
HRT	Hormone Replacement Therapy	KP	Keratosis Pilaris

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KUB	Kidney-Ureter-Bladder	LVAD	Left Ventricular Assist Device
LA	Left Atrium	LVEF	Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction
LABA	Long Acting Beta Agonist	LVF	Left Ventricular Failure
LAD	Left Anterior Descending Artery	LVH	Left Ventricular Hypertrophy
LAD	Lymphadenopathy	M	Male
LBBB	Left Bundle Branch Block	MAOI	Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	MAP	Mean Arterial Pressure
LDH	Lactate Dehydrogenase	MC	Most Common
LDL	Low-Density Lipoprotein	MCC	Most Common Cause
LE	Lower Extremity	MCHC	Mean Cell Hemoglobin Concentration
LEEP	Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedure	MCP	Metacarpophalangeal Joint
LES	Lower Esophageal Extremity	MCV	Mean Cell Volume
LFT	Liver Function Tests	MD	Medical Doctor
LGV	Lymphogranuloma Venereum	MDD	Major Depressive Disorder
LH	Luteinizing Hormone	MEN	Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia
LHRH	Luteinizing Hormone-Releasing Hormone	METS	Metastasis
LLD	Left Lateral Decubitus	Mg	Magnesium
LLQ	Left Lower Quadrant	MI	Myocardial Infarction
LLSB	Left Lower Sternal Border	MM	Mucous Membranes
LMCA	Left Main Carotid Artery	MM	Multiple Myeloma
LMP	Last Menstrual Period	MMA	Middle Meningeal Artery
LMSB	Left Middle Sternal Border	MOA	Mechanism of Action
LMWH	Low Molecular Weight Heparin	MPAP	Mean Pulmonary Arterial Pressure
LOC	Loss of Consciousness	MPHL	Male Pattern Hair Loss
LP	Lichen Planus	MR	Mitral Regurgitation
LP	Lumbar Puncture	MRA	Magnetic Resonance Angiography
LPC	Licensed Professional Counselor	MRCP	Magnetic Resonance Cholangiopancreatography
LUQ	Left Upper Quadrant	MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
LUSB	Left Upper Sternal Border	MRSA	Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus
LV	Left Ventricle	MS	Mitral Stenosis

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MS	Multiple Sclerosis	NYSSPA	New York State Society of PAs
MSK	Musculoskeletal	OA	Osteoarthritis
MSM	Gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men	OB	Obstetrics
MSSA	Methicillin-Susceptible Staphylococcus Aureus	OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
MTP	Metatarsophalangeal	OCPs	Oral Contraceptive Pill
MVA	Motor Vehicle Accident	OD	Overdose
MVP	Mitral Valve Prolapse	OM	Otitis Media
N/V/D/C	Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea/Constipation	OR	Operating Room
NA	Native American	ORIF	Open Reduction and Internal Fixation
Na	Sodium	OSA	Obstructive Sleep Apnea
NAAT	Nucleic Acid Amplification Test	OT	Occupational Therapist
NAC	N-Acetylcysteine	OTC	Over the Counter
NC	Nasal Cannula	OTP	Optimal Team Practice
NDRI	Norepinephrine and Dopamine Reuptake Inhibitors	P-ANCA	Perinuclear Anti-Neutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibodies
NE	Norepinephrine	PA	Physician Assistant/Associate
NG	Naso-Gastric	PAC	Premature Atrial Complex
NIH	National Institute of Health	PACKRAT	Physician Assistant Clinical Knowledge Rating and Assessment Tool
NLN	National League for Nursing	PAD	Peripheral Arterial Disease
NMDA	N-Methyl-D-Aspartate	PAEA	Physician Assistant Education Association
NMS	Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome	PANCE	Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination
NOAC	Novel Oral Anticoagulants	PANRE	Physician Assistant National Recertifying Examination
NP	Nurse Practitioner	Patho	Pathophysiology
NPI	National Provider Identification	PAVMT	PAs in Virtual Medicine and Telemedicine
NPO	Nothing by Mouth	PCN	Penicillin
NRI	Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors	PCOS	Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome
NSAIDs	Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs	PCP	Pneumocystis Jirovecii Pneumonia
NSR	Normal Sinus Rhythm	PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction
NST	Non-Stress Test	PCWP	Pulmonary Capillary Wedge Pressure
NSTEMI	Non-ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction	PDA	Patent Ductus Arteriosus
NYHA	New York Heart Association	PDA	Posterior Descending Artery

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PE	Physical Exam	PsyD	Psychologist
PE	Pulmonary Embolism	PT	Physical Therapist
PEA	Pulseless Electrical Activity	PT/PTT	Prothrombin Time/Partial Thromboplastin Time
PEEP	Positive End Expiratory Pressure	PTCA	Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty
PET	Positron Emission Tomography	PTH	Parathyroid Hormone
PF	Pemphigus Foliaceus	Pts	Patients
PFO	Patent Foramen Ovale	PTSD	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
PFT	Pulmonary Function Test	PTU	Propylthiouracil
PharmD	Pharmacist	PUVA	Psoralen + Ultraviolet Light A
PhD	Psychologist	PV	Pemphigus Vulgaris
PHQ	Patient Health Questionnaire	PVC	Premature Ventricular Complex
PID	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	PVD	Peripheral Vascular Disease
PIP	Proximal Interphalangeal Joints	R/O	Rule Out
PJP	Pneumocystis Jirovecii Pneumonia	RA	Rheumatoid Arthritis
PKD	Polycystic Kidney Disease	RA	Right Atrium
PMDD	Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder	RAAS	Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone System
PMH	Past Medical History	RAD	Right Atrial Dilation
PMI	Point of Maximal Impulse	RAE	Right Atrial Enlargement
PMS	Premenstrual Syndrome	RBC	Red Blood Cell(s)
PNA	Pneumonia	RCC	Renal Cell Carcinoma
PO	By mouth	RDW	Red Cell Distribution Width
POC	Point of Care	REM	Rapid Eye Movement
PPD	Purified Protein Derivative	RF	Rheumatoid Factor
PPI	Proton Pump Inhibitor	RF	Risk Factor(s)
PPROM	Preterm Premature Rupture of Membranes	RICE	Rest, Ice, Compression, Elevation
PRBC	Packed Red Blood Cells	RIPE	Rifampicin (R), Isoniazid (I), Pyrazinamide (P), Ethambutol (E)
PRL	Prolactin	RLQ	Right Lower Quadrant
PRN	As Needed	RMSF	Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
PROM	Premature Rupture of Membranes	ROA	Route of Administration
PSA	Prostate Specific Antigen	ROM	Range of Motion

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RPR	Rapid Plasma Reagin	SNS	Sympathetic Nervous System
RR	Respiratory Rate	SQ	Subcutaneous
RSV	Respiratory Syncytial Virus	SSRI	Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors
RT	Respiratory Therapist	STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
RTA	Renal Tubular Acidosis	STEMI	ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction
RUQ	Right Upper Quadrant	STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
RUSB	Right Upper Sternal Border	SVC	Superior Vena Cava
RV	Right Ventricle	SVR	Systemic Vascular Resistance
RVH	Right Ventricular Hypertrophy	SVT	Supraventricular Tachycardia
Rx	Treatment	T/V	Transvaginal
S/s	Signs/Symptoms	TAH-BSO	Total Abdominal Hysterectomy-Bilateral Salpingo Oophorectomy
SA	Serotonin	TAVR	Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement
SA	Sinoatrial	TB	Tuberculosis
SABA	Short Acting Beta Agonist	TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
SAD	Seasonal Affective Disorder	TBSA	Total Body Surface Area
SAH	Subarachnoid Hemorrhage	TCA	Tricyclic Antidepressants
SBP	Systolic Blood Pressure	TEE	Transesophageal Echocardiogram
SC	Spinal Cord	TEN	Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis
SCCa	Squamous Cell Carcinoma	TFTs	Thyroid Function Tests
SCM	Sternocleidomastoid	THC	Tetrahydrocannabinol
SERMs	Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulators	TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack
SIADH	Syndrome of Inappropriate Antidiuretic Hormone Secretion	TIBC	Total Iron Binding Capacity
SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	TID	Three times daily
SIGs	Special Interest Groups	TM	Tympanic Membrane
SITS	Supraspinatus, Infraspinatus, Teres minor, and Subscapularis	TMJ	Temporomandibular Joint
SJS	Steven Johnson Syndrome	TMP/SMZ	Bactrim (Trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole)
SK	Seborrheic Keratosis	TNF	Tumor Necrosing Factor
SL	Semilunar	TNM	Tumor (T), Nodes (N), and Metastases (M)
SLE	Systemic Lupus Erythematosus	tPA	Tissue Plasminogen Activator
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist	TPN	Total Parenteral Nutrition

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Trop	Troponin	VWF	Von Willebrand Factor
TSH	Thyroid Stimulating Hormone	W/	With
TTE	Transthoracic Echocardiogram	W/in	Within
TTP	Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura	W/O	Without
TURP	Transurethral Resection of the Prostate	WBC	White Blood Cell(s)
TV	Tinea Versicolor	WHMU	White House Medical Unit
TV	Tunica Vaginalis	WPW	Wolf Parkinson White
Tx	Treatment	XRT	Radiotherapy
UA	Urinalysis	y/o	Years Old
UE	Upper Extremity	YAG	Yttrium Aluminum Garnet
UFH	Unfractionated Heparin		
Uosm	Urine osmolality		
UrCr	Urine Creatinine		
URI	Upper Respiratory Infection		
US	Ultrasound		
USPSTF	U.S. Preventive Services Task Force		
UTI	Urinary Tract Infection		
UV	Ultraviolet		
UVB	Type B Ultraviolet Light		
V/Q	Ventilation/Perfusion		
VA	Veterans Health Administration		
VCUG	Voiding Cystourethrography		
VDRL	Venereal Disease Research Laboratory Test		
VEGF	Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor		
VF	Ventricular Fibrillation		
Vit D	Vitamin D		
VSD	Ventricular Septal Defect		
VT	Ventricular Tachycardia		
VTE	Venous Thromboembolism		
VUR	Vesicoureteral Reflux		