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Approved Medical EMS Abbreviations

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Abbreviation.....Definition

[Aa]

@.....	at
AAA.....	abdominal aortic aneurysm
ABD.....	abdomen
ABC.....	airway, breathing, circulation
AC.....	antecubital
ACLS.....	advanced cardiac life support
A&D.....	admission and discharge
AED.....	automatic external defibrillator
A-fib.....	atrial fibrillation
AIDS.....	acquired immune deficiency syndrome
ALS.....	advanced life support
AKA.....	also known as/ above the knee amputation
A.M.A., AMA.....	against medical advice
AMI.....	acute myocardial infarction
AMT.....	amount
AOS.....	arrived on scene
APAP.....	acetaminophen
APGAR.....	infant assessment scale
APPROX.....	approximately
ASA.....	aspirin
ASHD.....	arteriosclerotic heart disease

[Bb]

BB.....	backboard/ bundle branch
BBB.....	bundle branch block
BBS.....	bilateral breath sounds
bilat.....	bilateral
BKA.....	below knee amputation

BLS..... basic life support
 BM..... bowel movement
 BP..... blood pressure
 BG..... blood glucose
 BVM..... bag valve mask

[Cc]

CABG..... coronary artery bypass graft
 CAD..... coronary artery disease
 CAOx3..... conscious, alert, oriented to person, place and time
 CA..... cancer
 Cath..... catheterization
 CC..... chief complain
 CCU..... coronary care unit/critical care unit
 CHF..... congestive heart failure
 CNS..... central nervous system
 C/O..... complains of
 CO₂..... carbon dioxide
 COD..... cause of death
 COPD..... chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
 CP..... chest pain
 CPR..... cardiopulmonary resuscitation
 CQI..... continuous quality improvement
 CSF..... cerebral spinal fluid
 CT scan..... computerized axial tomography
 CVA..... cerebral vascular accident

[Dd]

DA..... drug abuse
 D/C..... discontinue or discharge
 DCAP-BTLS..... deformities, contusions, punctures & penetrations,
 burns, tenderness, lacerations.
 DNR do not resuscitate
 DOA..... dead on arrival
 DOS..... dead on scene
 DT's..... delirium tremens
 DVT..... deep vein thrombosis
 D5W..... dextrose 5% in water
 DX..... diagnosis

[Ee]

ECG..... electrocardiogram
 EEG..... electroencephalogram
 EENT..... eyes, ears, nose, throat

EJ..... external jugular
 EMS..... Emergency Medical Services
 EMT..... Emergency Medical Technician
 EOA esophageal obturator airway
 EPS..... extra pyramidal symptoms
 ETA..... estimated time of arrival
 ETOH..... ethyl alcohol
 ET..... endotracheal tube
 EXT..... external (extension)

[Ff]

F..... female
 FB..... foreign body
 FOB..... foreign object/ body
 FLEX..... flexion
 FROM..... full range of motion
 FX..... fracture

[Gg]

g..... gram(s)
 GCS..... Glasgow Coma Scale
 GI..... gastrointestinal
 GOA gone on arrival
 GSW..... gunshot wound
 gtts..... drops
 GU..... genitourinary
 GYN..... gynecology

[Hh]

H/A..... headache
 HEENT..... head, ears, eyes, nose, throat
 HIV..... human immune deficiency virus
 HR..... heart rate
 HTN..... hypertension
 Hx..... history
 hyper..... above or high
 hypo..... below or low

[Ii]

ICF..... intracellular fluid
 ICP..... intracranial pressure
 ICS..... intercostals space
 ICU..... intensive care unit

IM..... intramuscular
 IO..... intraosseous
 IV..... intravenous
 IVP..... intravenous push
 IVPB..... intravenous piggy back

[Jj]

J..... joules
 JVD..... jugular vein distension

[Kk]

Kg..... kilogram
 KO..... keep open
 KVO..... keep vein open

[Ll]

L&D..... labor and delivery
 LAT..... lateral
 LBBB..... left bundle branch block
 lb..... pound
 LLQ..... left lower quadrant
 LMP..... last menstrual period
 LOC..... loss of consciousness
 LR..... lactated ringers
 L-Spine..... lumbar spine
 LSB..... long spine board
 LUQ..... left upper quadrant

[Mm]

MAE..... moves all extremities
 MAST..... military anti-shock trousers
 mcg..... microgram
 MCI..... mass casualty incident
 MDI..... metered dose inhaler
 ME..... medical examiner
 mEq..... millequivalent
 MED..... medication/ medium
 mg..... milligram
 MICU..... medical intensive care unit
 MI..... myocardial infarction
 MOI..... mechanism of injury
 MRI..... magnetic resonance imaging

MS..... morphine sulfate/ multiple sclerosis
 MVA..... motor vehicle accident

[Nn]

NaCl..... sodium chloride
 NAD..... no acute distress
 NC..... nasal cannula
 NEB..... nebulizer
 NKA, NKDA..... no known allergies, no known drug allergies
 NRM, NRB..... non-rebreather mask
 NS..... normal saline
 NSR..... normal sinus rhythm
 NT..... non-tender
 NTI..... nasotracheal intubation
 NTG..... nitro- nitroglycerine
 N/V..... nausea and vomiting
 N/V/D..... nausea, vomiting and diarrhea

[Oo]

O2..... oxygen
 O2Sat..... oxygen saturation by pulse oximeter
 OB..... obstetrics
 OD..... overdose
 OPA..... oropharyngeal airway
 OPQRST.....onset, provoking factors, quality, radiation,
 severity, time.
 OTC..... over the counter
 (OU)..... both eyes

[Pp]

P..... pulse
 PAC..... premature atrial contraction
 PALP..... palpation
 PALS..... pediatric advanced life support
 PASG..... pneumatic antishock garment
 PCN..... penicillin
 PE..... physical examination/ pulmonary embolism/
 pulmonary edema.
 PEA..... pulseless electrical activity
 PEEP..... positive end expiratory pressure
 PEARL..... pupils equal and reactive to light
 PJC..... premature junctional contraction
 PMHx..... past medical history
 PO..... orally

POV..... privately owned vehicle
 PRN, prn..... as needed
 PSVT..... paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia
 PT..... patient
 PTA prior to arrival
 PVC..... premature ventricular contraction

[Qq]

q..... every
 QAM, qam..... every morning
 qd..... every day
 qh..... every hour
 q2h..... every two hours
 q3h every three hours
 q4h every four hours
 QHS, qhs..... every night at bedtime
 qid or QID..... four times a day
 qod, QOD..... every other day

[Rr]

R/O..... rule out
 ROM..... range of motion/movement
 (R)..... right
 RLQ..... right lower quadrant
 RUQ..... right upper quadrant
 Rx..... prescription therapy

[Ss]

SaO2..... systemic arterial oxygen saturation (%)
 SIDS..... sudden infant death syndrome
 SL..... sublingual
 SOB..... short of breath
 SpO2..... oxygen saturation by pulse oximeter
 ST..... sinus tachycardia
 STAT..... at once
 STD..... sexually transmitted disease
 SQ..... subcutaneous
 SR..... sinus rhythm
 START..... simple triage & rapid treatment
 SVT..... supraventricular tachycardia
 SZ..... seizure
 SX..... symptom

[Tt]

T..... temperature
 TCP..... transcutaneous pacing
 TIA..... transient ischemic attack
 TKO..... to keep open
 Tx..... treatment

[Uu]

UOA..... upon our arrival
 URI..... upper respiratory infection
 UTI..... urinary tract infection
 UTL..... unable to locate

[Vv]

V-fib.....ventricular fibrillation
 VS.....vital signs
 VT.....ventricular tachycardia

[Ww]

W&D..... warm and dry
 WNL..... within normal limits
 WPW..... Parkinson-White Syndrome

[Xx]**None****[Yy]**

YO (YOA)..... years of age/ years old
 YTD..... year to date

Symbols

M or ♂ male
 F or ♀ female
 + positive
 - negative
 ? questionable
 Ψ psychiatric
 ~ approximately
 > greater than
 < less than
 = equal
 s without
 Δ change

ā before
L left
R right

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