

®	-right	alt	-alternative
a	-before	ALZ	-Alzheimer's disease
A&O	-alert and oriented	AMA	-against medical advice
A&P	-auscultation and percussion	Amb	-ambulatory
A/A	-atlas-axia	AMI	-acute myocardial infarction
A/C	-assist control	AML	-acute myelocystic leukemia
A/G ratio	-albumin/globulin ratio	AMML -	acute myelomonocytic leukemia
AA	-Alcoholic Anonymous	amt	-amount
aa	-of each	ANA	-antinuclear antibody
AAA	-abdominal aortic aneurysm	angio	-angiogram
AAC	-augmentative alternative communications	ANS	-autonomic nervous system
AAROM	-active assisted range of motion	ant MI	-anterior myocardial infarction
AB	-abortion	ant	-anterior
Abd	-abdominal	AODM	-adult onset diabetes mellitus
abd	-abduction	AOM	-acute otitis media
ABG	-arterial blood gases	AP	-anterior-posterior
abn	-abnormal	AP/AR	-apical pulse-apical rate
ABR	-abrasion(s)	approx	-approximately
ac	-before meals	Appt	-appointment
ACC	-Ambulatory Care Center	APS	-adult protective services
Accel	-acceleration	ARD	-acute respiratory distress
ACL	-anterior cruciate ligament	ARDS	-acute respiratory distress syndrome
ACT	-activated clotting time	arf	-acute renal failure
ad lib	-as desired, at liberty	ARF	-acute respiratory failure
AD	-right ear	arom	-active range of motion
ADA	-American Diabetes Association	AROM	-artificial rupture of membranes
add	-adduction	art	-artery
ADD	-attention deficit disorder	artic	-articulation
ADH	-antidiuretic hormone	artif	-artificial
ADHD	-attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	as tol	-as tolerated
ADL	-activities of daily living	as	-aortic stenosis
adm	-admitted	AS	-left ear
admin	-administer	ASA Comp	-aspirin compound
adol	-adolescent	ASA	-aspirin
Adria	-Adriamycin	ASAP	-as soon as possible
AF	-atrial fibrillation	ASCAD	-atherosclerotic coronary artery disease
AFB	-acid-fast bacillus	ASCVD	-arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease
AFBG	-aorto-femoral bypass graft	ASD	-atrial septal defect
afeb	-afebrile	ASHD	-arteriosclerotic heart disease
AFI	-amniotic fluid index	ASR	-adaptive shower room
Afl	-atrial flutter	Asst	-assistance
AFO	-ankle foot orthopsis	AT	-Activity therapy
AFP	-alpha-fetoprotein	ATNR	-asymmetrical tonic neck reflex
AG	-abdominal girth	Auto	-autologous
AGA	-appropriate for gestational age	AV	-atrioventricular
AICD	-automatic implantable cardiac defibrillator	avg	-average
AIDS	-acquired immune deficiency syndrome	AVR	-aortic valve replacement
AIHD	-acquired immune hemolytic disease	AWMI	-anterior wall myocardial infarction
AIOD	-aorto-iliac occlusive disease	AWOL	-absent without leave
AKA	-above knee amputation	Ax	-axillary
alb	-albumin	B/S	-breath sounds
alc	-alcohol	BAD	-bipolar affective disorder
ALL	-acute lymphocytic leukemia	barb	-barbiturate
allo	-allogeneic	BAS	-bilateral asymmetrical
ALS	-amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	BBB	-bundle branch block

BBBB	-bilateral bundle branch block	C/W	-crutch walking
BCBS	-Blue Cross Blue Sheild	C-1 to C-7	-cervical vertebrae
BCC	-Breast Care Center	Ca	-carcinoma
BCG	-bacilli Calmette-Guerin vaccine	CA-125	-cancer antigen 125
BCNU	-carmustine	CABG	-coronary artery bypass graft
BDAE	-Boston Diagnostic Aphasia Examination	CAD	-coronary artery disease
BDE	-bile duct exploration	CAF	-cytoxan, adriamycin, 5-fluorouracil
BE	-barium enema	CAF-F	-cytoxan, adriamycin, 5-FU, %FU one week later
BFO	-ball bearing functional orthopsis	CAH	-chronic active hepatitis
BI	-Brain Injury	Cal	-calorie
bid	-2 times a day	CAMP	-cytoxan, driamycin, methotrexate & procarbazine
Bilat	-bilateral	cap	-capsule
bili	-bilirubin	cath	-catheter
BiPAP	-bilevel positive airway pressure	cau	-Caucasian
BKA	-below knee amputation	CAVH	-continuous atriovenous hemofiltration
bl	-blanket	CBC	-complete blood count
Bld	-blood	CBG	-capillary blood gas
BLE	-both lower extremities	CBT	-continuous bronchodialator therapy
BM	-bowel movement	CBU	-Child Birth Unit
BMP	-basic metabolic profile	CC	-chief complaint
BMT	-bone marrow transplant	cc	-cubic centimeter
BNT	-Boston Naming Test	CCNU	-lomustine
BO	-bowel obstruction	CCU	-Coronary Care Unit
BOM	-bilateral otitis media	CDE	-common duct exploration
BOOP	-bronchitis obliterans with organized pneumonia	CDU	-clinical decision unit
BOS	-base of support	CEA	-carcinoembryonic antigen
BOW	-bag of water	CEN	-Certified Emergency Nurse
BR	-bathroom	cerv	-cervical
br	-bedrest	CF	-cystic fibrosis
Brady	-bradycardia	cGy	-centigray
BRAT	-bananas, rice, applesauce & toast	Chemo	-chemotherapy
brn	-brown	CHF	-congestive heart failure
bro	-brother	chg	-change
BRP	-bathroom privelages	CHI	-closed head injury
brst	-breast	CHO	-carbohydrate
BS	-blood sugar	Chol	-cholesterol
BSC	-bedside commode	Chole	-cholecystectomy
BSP	-bromsulphophthalein (liver function study)	Chr	-chronic
BSSO	-bilateral sagittal split osteotomy	chrg	-charge
BUE	-both upper extremities	CIB	-carnation instant breakfast
BUN	-blood urea nitrogen	CIBD	-chronic inflammatory bowel disease
BUS	-bartholin, urethral and Skene's glands	CIC	-clean intermittent catheterization
bv	-bacterial vaginosis	CICC	-Cardiac Intermediate Care Center
BV	-blood vessel	CILS	-Community Independent Living Services
BVAD	-biventricular assist device	CIN	-cervical intraepithelial neoplasia
BW	-birth weight	CK	-creatine kinase
Bx	-biopsy	CKMB	-creatine kinase MB brand
C Dif	-clostridium difficile	Cl	-clear (as in chest sounds)
ć	-with	CLD	-chronic lung disease
C&A	-clinitest-acetest	CLL	-chronic lymphocytic leukemia
C&S	-culture and sensitivity	cm	-centimeter
C/A	-compressed air	CMF	-Cytosan, Methotrexate, 5-FU
c/o	-complains of	CMG	-cystometrogram
c/o/cy	-circum-oral cyanosis	CML	-chronic myelocytic leukemia
C/S	-caesarean section	CMP	-comprehensive metabolic profile
c/t	-cervicothoracic	CMV	-cytomegalovirus

CNS	-central nervous system	D ₅ NS	-dextrose 5% normal saline
CO	-cardiac output	D ₅ W	-dextrose 5% in water
CO ₂	-carbon dioxide	DAT	-diet as tolerated
COA	-cytoxan, oncovin, adriamycin	DAW	-dispense as written
COAP	-cytoxan, oncovin, ariamycin, prednisone	DD	-differential diagnosis
Cod	-codeine	DDP	-diamminedichloroplatinum (cisplatin)
Cog Th	-cognitive theory	dec	-decrease
COG	-center of gravity	Decel	-deceleration
COLD	-chronic obstructive lung disease	decub	-decubitus
com	-communications	degen	-degenerative
Comm	-communicated	Del	-delivered
comp	-complication	Dep	-dependent
cont	-continued	diag	-diagnosis
COPD	-chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	DIC	-disseminated intravascular coagulation
COPP	-cytoxan, oncovin, prednisone, procarbazine	diff	-difficulty
COS	-change of shift	DIP	-distal interphalangeal joint
cp	-cerebral palsy	disch	-discharge
CP	-chest pain	Disp	-dispense
CPAP	-continuous positive airway pressure	DJD	-degenerative joint disease
Cpd fx	-compound fracture	DKA	-diabetic ketoacidosis
CPD	-cephalopelvic disproportion	DLMP	-date last menstrual period
CPIP	-chronic pulmonary insufficiency of prematurity	DM	-diabetes mellitus
CPK	-creatinine phosphokinase	DNA	-deoxyribonucleic acid
CPPD	-continuous positive pressure breathing	DNR	-do not resuscitate
CPR	-cardiopulmonary resuscitation	DNS	-do not substitute
CPS	-child protective services	DOA	-dead on arrival
CPT	-chest physical therapy	DOB	-date of birth
CR	-contract/relax	DOE	-dyspnea on exertion
CRF	-chronic renal failure	DPAP	-diastolic pulmonary artery pressure
CRI	-chronic renal insufficiency	DPW	-Department of Public Welfare
CRST	-calcification, Raynaud's phenomenon	DR	-delivery room
CS	-cervical spine	dr	-dram
CSF	-cerebrospinal fluid	DRE	-digital rectal examination
CSR	-Cheyne-Stokes respiration	drsng chg	-dressing change
CTD	-chest tube drainage	drsng	-dressing
CTS	-carpal tunnel syndrome	DS	-discharge summary
CTX	-cytoxan	DSA	-digital subtraction angiography
cu mm	-cubic millimeter	dtr in law	-daughter in law
CVA	-cerebrovascular accident	dtr	-daughter
CVD	-cardiovascular disease	DTRs	-deep tendon reflexes
CVIC	-cardiovascular intensive care	DTs	-delirium tremors
CVP	-central venous pressure	DUB	-dysfunctional uterine bleeding
CVS	-cardiovascular system	DUI	-driving under the influence
CW	-chest wall	DVT	-deep vein thrombosis
CWP	-centimeters of water pressure	DW	-distilled water
Cx	-cervix	Dx	-diagnosis
CXR	-chest x-ray	dz	-disease
d bil	-direct bilirubin	E	-extension
D	-dinamap	EBS	-epstein-barre syndrome
D&C	-dilatation and curettage	ECC	-Emergency Care Center (3/02)
D&I	-debridement and irrigation	ECG, EKG	-electrocardiogram
D/S	-dextrose in saline	Echo	-echocardiogram
D10W	-dextrose 10% in water	ECT	-electroconvulsive treatment
D ₅ /25NS	-dextrose 5% in 0.25% normal saline	ED	-Emergency Department
D ₅ /45NS	-dextrose 5% in 0.45% normal saline	EDC	-estimated time of confinement
D ₅ LR	-dextrose 5% ringers lactate	EEA	-end – to – end anastomosis

EEG	-electroencephalogram	FHR	-fetal heart rate
EENT	-eyes, ears, nose, throat	FHT	-fetal heart tones
EFM	-electronic fetal monitor(ing)	FiO ₂	-fraction of inspired oxygen
EGA	-estimated gestational age	FIS	-flexion is standing
EGD	-esophagogastroduodenoscopy	Fld	-fluid
EHB	-elevate head of bed	Flds	-fluids
elb	-elbow	flex	-flexion
ELISA	-enzyme linked immunosorbent assay	FOB	-father of baby
ELOS	-estimated length of stay	FPC	-Family Practice Center
EMG	-electromyogram	freq	-frequent/frequency
EMS	-emergency medical services	FRJM	-full range of joint movement
endo	-endoscopy	FROM	-full range of motion
Enf & Fe	-enfamil with iron	FS	-frozen section
Enf	-enfamil	FSE	-fetal scalp electrode
engorg	-engorgement	FSH	-follicle stimulating hormone
ENT	-ears, nose, throat	FTI	-free thyroxine index
EOM	-extraocular movements	FTP	-failure to progress
eos	-eosinophil	FTR	-father
EPAP	-expiratory positive airway pressure	FTS-ABS	-fluorescent treponal antibody absorption test
EPF	-Enfamil premature formula	FTV	-family therapy visit
epi	-epinephrine	FUO	-fever undetermined origin
Epis	-episiotomy	FWB	-ful weight bearing
epith	-epithelial	Fx	-fracture
ER	-emergency room	G	-gravida
ERCP	-endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography	G/NS	-glucose in normal saline
ES-	electrical stimulation	GAF	-global assessment of functioning
ESR	-erythrocyte sedimentation rate	gav	-gavaged
ESRD	-end stage renal disease	GB	-gallbladder
ESWL	-extracorporeal shockwave lithotripsy	GDM	-gestational diabetes mellitus
et	-and	GED	-gastroesophagoendoscopy
ET	-endotracheal	GER	-gastroesophageal reflux
ETA	-estimated time of arrival	GERD	-gastroesophageal reflux disease
ETD	-eustachian tube dysfunction	gest	-gestational
ETOH	-alcohol/alcoholic	GH	-glenohumeral joint
ETS	-endotracheal suction	GI	-gastrointestinal
ETT	-endotracheal tube	GIFT	-gamete intrafallopian tube transfer
EUA	-examination under anesthesia	GJ	-gastrojejunostomy
eval	-evaluate	GLF	-ground level fall
Ex Cath	-external catheter	GLT	-gravity lumbar traction
Ex	-former	Glu	-glucose
exam	-examination	Gm	-gram
exer	-exercise	GM	-grand mal
exp	-expired	Gm+	-gram positive
ext rot	-external rotation	gr	-grain
ext	-external	Grav	-gravida
Extrem	-extremity	Grdftr	-grandfather
F	-female	Grdmtr	-grandmother
F/B	-followed by	grn	-green
f/u	-follow-up	grp	-group
Fam	-family	GSW	-gunshot wound
FB	-foreign body	gtt	-drop
FBS	-fasting blood sugar	GTT	-glucose tolerance test
FCE	-functional capacity evaluation	GU	-genitourinary
fdg	-feeding	Gy	-gray
Fe	-iron	Gyn	-gynecology
FH	-family history	h	-hour(s)

H	-hypodermic	ICLT	-intermittant constant lumbar traction
H&H	-hemoglobin and hematocrit	ICP	-intracranial pressure
H&P	-history and physical	ICT	-intermittent cervical traction
H/O	-history of	ICU	-Intensive Care Unit
H ₂ O	-water	ID	-identify
H ₂ O ₂	-hydrogen peroxide	IDDM	-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
ha	-headache	IDM	-infant of diabetic mother
HA	-hyperalimentionation	IF	-intrinsic factor
HAA	-hepatitis associated antigen (HpBag, Au)	IgA, IgD	-Immunoglobulin classes designed by W.H.O.
HBO	-hyperbaric oxygen	IgE, IgG	-Immunoglobulin classes designed by W.H.O.
HCG	-hemochorogonadotropic hormone (serum pregnancy test)	IgM	-Immunoglobulin classes designed by W.H.O.
Hct	-hematocrit	IHR	-inguinal hernia repair
HCVD	-hypertensive cardiovascular disease	ILT	-intermittent lumbar traction
HD	-heart disease	IM	-intramuscular
HDL	-high density lipids	IMA	-internal mammary artery
HEENT	-head, eyes, ears, nose, throat	IMI	-inferior wall myocardial infarction
HELP	-Hawaii Early Learning Profile	Imp	-impression
hemi	-hemiplegic	IMV	-intermittent mandatory ventilation
HEP	-home exercise program	in	-inch or inches
HFJV	-high frequency jet ventilation	inc	-increase
HFOV	-high frequency oscillatory ventilation	incomp	-incomplete
Hgb	-hemoglobin	Incont	-incontinent
HHC	-Home Healthcare	ind	-induced, induction
HHN	-hand held nebulizer	indep	-independent
HI	-head injury	inf	-infused
HIV	-human immunodeficiency virus	infor	-information
HLC	-Health & Lifestyle Center	INH	-Isoniazid
HLCG	-High Level Cognitive Group	inj	-injection
HMD	-Hyaline Membrane Disease	inpt	-inpatient
HN	-hard nipple	insp	-inspirations
HNP	-herniated nucleus pulposis	int rot	-inexternal rotation
HOB	-head of bed	int	-internal
HOH	-hard of hearing	iop	-intra ocular pressure
HPF	-high power field	IP	-interphalangeal
HPI	-history of present illness	IPJ	-interphalangeal joint
HPV	-human papilloma virus	IPPB	-intermittent positive pressure breathing
HR	-heart rate	IQ	-intelligence quotient
hr	-hour	IR	-internal rotation
HSG	-hysterosalpingogram	IRDS	-idiopathic respiratory distress syndrome
ht	-height	Irreg	-irregular
husb	-husband	is	-incentive spirometry
Hx	-history	ISC	-isolette servo controller
Hyst	-hysterectomy	Isol	-isolation
I cath	-intermittent catheterization	ISP	-Indiana State Police
I	-intermittent	ITP	-idiotrombocytopenic purpura
I&D	-incision and drainage (3/02)	IUD	-intrauterine device
I&O	-intake and output	IUGR	-intrauterine growth retardation
I/E	-inspiratory/expiratory	IUPC	-intrauterine pressure catheter (internal)
IABP	-intra-aortic balloon pump	IV	-intravenous
IBS	-irritable bowel syndrome	IVCT	-intermittent variable cervical traction
IBW	-ideal body weight	IVF	-intravenous fluids
ICC	-Intermediate Care Center	IVH	-intraventricular hemorrhage
ICCT	-intermittent constant lumbar traction	IVLT	-intermittent variable lumbar traction
ICD	-implantable cardioverter defibrillator	IVT	-intravenous therapy
ICF	-intermediate care facility	jaund	-jaundiced
ICH	-intercranial hemorrhage	JP-drain	-Jackson-Pratt drain

jt	-joint	LLB	-long leg brace
J-tube	-jejunostomy tube	LLE	-left lower extremity
Jug	-jugular	LLL	-left lower lobe
JVP	-jugular venous pulsations	LLQ	-left lower quadrant
K	-knee	LLSB	-left lower sternal border
K+	-potassium	LLT	-left lateral thigh
Kcal	-kilocalorie	LME	-left mediolateral episiotomy
kilo	-kilogram	LML epis	-left mediolateral episiotomy
KO	-keep open	LML	-left middle lobe
KUB	-kidney, ureter, bladder	LMP	-last menstrual period
KVO	-keep vein open	LND	-lymph node dissection
K-wire	-Kirschner wire	LNMP	-last normal menstrual period
L in circle	-left	LOA	-leave of absence
L	-left	LOC	-loss of consciousness
L&A	-light and accommodation	LOFD	-low outlet forceps delivery
L&W	-living and well	LOM	-left otitis media
l/m	-liters per minute	LOS	-length of stay
L/S	-lumbosacral	LP	-lumbar puncture
L-1 to L-5	-lumbar vertebrae	LSO	-left salpingo-oophorectomy
LA	-left arm	LTB	-laryngotracheobronchitis
Lab	-laboratory	LTCS	-low transverse cesarean section
Lac	-laceration	LTM	-long term memory
LAD	-left anterior descending	LTV	-long term variability
LAFB	-left anterior fascicular block	LUE	-left upper extremity
LAH	-left atrial hypertrophy	LUL	-left upper lobe
LAHB	-left anterior hemiblock	LUOQ	-left upper outer quadrant
LAL	-left arm lying	LUQ	-left upper quadrant
lang	-language	LV	-left ventriculogram
Lap Ster	-laparoscopic sterilization	LVEF	-left ventricular ejection
LAP	-left atrial pressure	LVH	-left ventricular hypertrophy
LAR	-left arm recumbent	M	-male
LAS	-left arm sitting	M#	-medic number
lat	-lateral	M.S.	-morphine sulfate
LAT	-left anterior thigh	malig	-malignant
lav	-lavaged	Man Red	-manipulation and reduction
LAVH	-laparoscopically assisted vaginal hysterectomy	Man&Int Fix	-manipulation and internal fixation
LBBB	-left bundle branch block	MAR	-medication administration record
lbs	-pounds	mast	-mastectomy
LBW	-low birth weight	mat	-maternity
LCA	-left coronary artery	max	-maxillary
LCS	-low continuous suction	MAX	-maximum
LD	-left deltoid	mcg	-microgram
LDL	-low density lipids	MCH	-mean corpuscular hemoglobin
LDR	-labor and delivery	MCL	-midclavicular line
LE	-lower extremity	MCV	-mean corpuscular volume
LEEP	-loop electrosurgical excision procedure	MD	-muscular dystrophy
LFA	-left femoral artery	MDI	-metered dose inhaler
lg	-large	Mec	-meconium
LGA	-large for gestational age	Med	-medication
LH	-left hemisphere	MEMS	-Mishawaka Emergency Medical Services
LHC	-left heart catheterization	mEq	-millequivalent
lido	-lidocaine	mg	-milligram
LIMA	-left internal mammary artery	MGF	-maternal grandfather
Liq	-liquid	MGM	-maternal grandmother
LIS	-low intermittent suction	mgt	-management
LKS	-liver, kidney, spleen	mh	-moist heat

MHC	-Memorial Home Care	NOS	-not otherwise specified
MHSB	-Memorial Hospital of South Bend	NP	-nasopharyngeal
MI	-myocardial infarction	NPC	-non productive cough
MIN	-minimum	NPO	-nothing per mouth
min	-minutes	NPUAP	-National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel
MIT	-melodic intonation therapy	NR	-non-reactive
ML	-midline	NRB	-non-rebreather
ml	-milliliter	NREM	-non-rapid eye movement
ml/hr	-milliliter per hour	NS	-normal saline
MLMHB	-memory language minor hemisphere battery	Nsg	-nursing
MMP	-mucus membranes pink	NSR	-normal sinus rhythm
mn	-midnight	NST	-non-stress test
mo	-month	NSVD	-normal spontaneous vaginal delivery
MOD	-moderate	NSVT	-non-sustained ventricular tachycardia
MOM	-milk of magnesia	nsy	-nursery
Mon	-monitor	NT	-nasotracheal
MOPP	-nitrogen mustart, Oncovin, Prednisone, Procarbazine	NTG	-nitroglycerin
MP	-metacarpophalangeal joint	NVD	-normal vaginal delivery
MPD	-Mishawaka Police Department	NWB	-non-weight bearing
MPV	-mean platelet volume	NWD	-normal well developed
MR	-mitral regurgitation	O/A	-occiput-atlas
MRI	-magnetic resonance imaging	O/E	-objective evaluation
MRSA	-methaicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus	O/P	-outpatient
mtr	-mother	O ₂	-Oxygen
MUGA	-multi-gated acquisition scan (resting	OA	-osteoarthritis
ventriculogram)		OB	-obstetrics
mv	-mechanical ventilation	OB-GYN	-Obstetric and Gynecology
MV	-minute volume	obs	-observed
MVA	-motor vehicle accident	OBS	-organic brain syndrome
MVP	-mitral valve prolapse	OBSS	-obstetric observation
MVPT	-motor free visual perceptual test	OCD	-obsessive-compulsive disorder
MVR	-mitral valve replacement	OCN	-Oncology Certified Nurse
N & V	-nausea and vomiting	OCT	-oxytocin challenge test
N/A	-not applicable	OD	-right eye
Na+	-sodium	OFC	-occipital-frontal circumference
NAD	-no acute distress	OG	-oral-gastric
NaHCO ₃	-sodium bicarbonate	OHD	-organic heart disease
NB	-newborn	OHR	-Open Heart Recovery
NC	-nasal cannula	OHSS	-ovary hyperstimulation syndrome
NCB	-no code blue	O-M	-oral-motor
NCPAP	-nasal continuous positive airway pressure	OM	-otitis media
NDT	-neurodevelopmental training	OMB	-obtuse marginal branch
neg	-negative	ONC	-oncology
Neo	-Neocare 22 cal	onc	-Oncovin
NG	-nasogastric	ont	-ointment
NGD	-nasogastric decompression	OOB	-out of bed
NH	-nursing home	OOS	-outpatient observation status
NI	-non-invasive	Op Site	-operative site
NICU	-Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	OP	-occiput posterior
NIDDM	-non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus	OPG	-oculoplethysmogram
NIF	-negative inspiratory force	OR	-operating room
NKA	-non known allergies	ORIF	-open reduction and internal fixation
NKDA	-no known drug allergies	OS	-left eye
nl	-normal	OSC	-Outpatient Surgery Center
NM	-neuromuscular	OT	-occupational therapy
NMF	-neuromuscular facilitation	OTA	-occupational therapy assistant

OTC	-over the counter	PMH	-past medical history
OU	-both eyes	PNMF	-proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation
oz	-ounce	PNS	-peripheral nervous system
P & PD	-percussion & postural drainage	po	-by mouth
p	-after	POC	-plan of care
P	-para	Post	-posterior
p	-pulse	R & V	-reviewed and verified
P&A	-percussion & auscultation	RLL	-right lower lobe
PA & Lat	-posteroanterior and lateral	RLQ	-right lower quadrant
PA	-posteroanterior	RLT	-right lateral thigh
PAC	-premature atrial contraction	rm	-room
PACU	-post anesthesia care unit	RML	-right middle lobe
PAF	-paroxysmal atrial fibrillary	RN	-registered nurse
PALND	-para aortic lymph nod dissection	ROA	-right occiput anterior
PAR	-Post Anesthesia Recovery	ROC	-Radiation Oncology
para	-paraplegic	rom	-range of motion
PARS	-post-anesthesia recovery score	ROM	-rupture of membranes
past hx	-past history	ROP	-retinopathy of prematurity
PAT	-premature atrial tachycardia	ROS	-review of systems
path	-pathology	RP/RR	-radial pulse-radial rate
PBSC	-peripheral blood stem cell	RR	-recovery room
PBSCT	-peripheral blood stem cell transplant	rr	-respiratory rate
pc	-after meals	RS	-rhythmic stabilization
PCA	-patient controlled analgesia	RSD	-reflex sympathetic dystrophy
PCN	-penicillin	RSO	-right salpingo-oophorectomy
PCV	-pressure controlled ventilation	RSR & M	-regular sinus rhythm with murmur
PCWP	-pulmonary capillary wedge pressure	RSR & M	-regular sinus rhythm without murmur
PD	-postural drainage	RSR	-regular sinus rhythm
PDA	-patent ductus arteriosis	RSV	-respiratory syncytial virus
pe	-pedal edema	RSW	-Rehab Social Workder
PE	-pulmonary emboli	RT (T)	-Radiologic Technologist – Therapy
Peds	-pediatrics	RT	-radiation therapy
Pedy	-pedialyte	RTA	-Rapid Treatment Area
PEEP	-positive and expiratory pressure	RTU	-ready to use
PEFR	-peak expiratory flow rate	RTW	-return to work
PEG	-percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy	RUE	-right upper extremity
perf	-perforation	RUL	-right upper lobe
PERL	-pupils equal and react to light	RUOQ	-right upper outer quadrant
PERRLA	-pupils equal round & react to light & accomodation	RUQ	-right upper quadrant
PF	-pulmonary function	RVH	-right ventricular hypertrophy
PFC	-persistent fetal circulation	Rx	-treatment
PFO	-patent foramen ovale	rxn	-reaction
PFT	-pulmonary function test	S	-symmetrical
PG	-para, gravida	ś	-without
PHP	-partial hospitalization program	S/C	-sternoclavicular joint
PICC	-peripherally inserted central catheter	S/D/M	-systolic, diastolic, mean
PICU	-pediatric intensive care unit	S/E	-side effects
PID	-pelvic inflammatory disease	S/O	-significant other
PIF	-peak inspiratory flow	s/p	-status post
PIH	-pregnancy included hypertension	S/S	-signs & symptoms
PIP	-proximal interphalangeal joint	S/W	-somewhat
Pit	-pitocin	SA	-substance abuse
PKU	-phenylketonuria	SAH	-subarachnoid hemorrhage
PL56	-plasmalyte 56	saph	-saphenous
PLND	-pelvic lymph node dissection	sat	-saturated
plt	-platlets	SB	-sinus bradycardia

SBA	-stand by assist	SROM	-spontaneous rupture of membranes
SBE	-subacute bacterial endocarditis	SS	-soap suds
SBFD	-South Bend Fire Department	SSC	-Similac Special Care
SBO	-small bowel obstruction	SSI	-sliding scale insulin
SBPD	-South Bend Police Department	SSKI	-saturated solution of potassium iodine
SC	-subclavian	SSPE	-subacute sclerosing panencephalitis
SCATBI	-scales of cognitive abilities for traumatic brain injury	SSRI	-sliding scale regular insulin
SCF	-special care formula	st H ₂ O	-sterile water
SCI	-spinal cord injury	ST	-speech therapy
SCOP	-scopolomine	STAT	-at once
SCT	-sustained cervical traction	STD	-sexually transmitted disease
SCU	-Special Care Unit	STG	-spilt thickness graft
SE	-spiral electrode	ST-I	-stage I (refers to pressure ulcer)
sec	-second	ST-II	-stage II (refers to pressure ulcer)
Sed Rate	-sedimentation rate	ST-III	-stage III (refers to pressure ulcer)
segs	-segmented neutrophils	stim	-stimulation/stimulating
sep	-separate	ST-IV	-stage IV (refers to pressure ulcer)
SF	-side flexion	STM	-short term memory
SFD	-small for dates	STNR	-symmetrical tonic neck reflex
SG	-specific gravity	strep	-streptococcus
Shldr	-shoulder	STS	-serology test for syphilis
SI	-sensory integration	STV	-short term variability
SIBC	-serum iron-binding capacity	SUP	-supination
sibs	-siblings	supp	-suppository
Sim � Fe	-similac with iron	SVD	-spontaneous vaginal delivery
Sim � whey	-Similac with whey	SVG	-sapheneuour vein graft
Sim	-similac	SVN	-small volume nebulizer
SIMV	-synchronized intermittent mandatory ventilation	SVT	-supraventricular tachycardia
sis	-sister	T & C	-type and cross match
SJCPD	-St. Joseph County Policy Department	T & S	-type and screen
SJPMC	-St. Joseph Regional Medical Center	t bili	-total bilirubin
SI	-slight	T	-temperature
SLB	-short leg brace	T/L	-thoracolumbar
SLE	-systemic lupus erthematous	T1-T12	-thoracic vertebrae
SLG	-speech language group	T-3	-Tylenol with Codeine 30mg
SLP	-Speech-language Pathologist	Tab	-Tablet
SLR	-straight leg raise	TAC	-Taxol, Adria, Cytoven
SLT	-Speech-language Therapy	Tachy	-tachycardia
SLT	-sustained lumbar traction	TB	-tuberculosis
sm	-small	TBA	-to be admitted
SMA-12	-chemistry profile	TBI	-Traumatic Brain Injury
SMBG	-slef-monitoring of blood glucose	TBLC	-term birth, living child
SMCAS	-SW Michigan Community Ambulance Service	tbs	-tablespoon
SMR	-submucous resection	TCC	-transitional care center
SN	-soft nipple	TCDB	-turn cough, deep breathe
SNAS	-standard newborn alimentation solution	TCO ₂	-transcutaneous CO ₂
SNF	-skilled nursing facility	TCOM	-transcutaneous oxygen monitor
SOB	-short of breath	TCPO ₂	-transcutaneous PO ₂
Sol	-solution	TD	-tardive dyskinesia
SP	-speech	TEE	-tranesophageal echocardiogram
spec	-specimen	TENS	-transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation
SpO ₂	-saturation per pulse oximetry	TEP	-tracheal esophageal puncture
spont LOA	-spontaneous left occiput anterior	THA	-total hip arthroplasty
spont	-spontaneous	THC	-marijuana
sq	-subcutaneous	THEq	-therpeutically equivalent
SR	-sinus rhythm	THR	-total hip replacement

TIA	-transient ischemic attack	Ut	-uterus
tics	-diverticulosis	UTD	-up to date
tid	-three times a day	UTI	-urinary tract infection
TIPS	-transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt	UUN	-urine area nitrogen
TKA	-total knee arthroplasty	UVC	-umbilical venous line
TKO	-to keep open	UVJ	-ureterovesical junction
TKR	-total knee replacement	V/C	-verbal cues
tm	-treadmill	VAD	-vascular access device
TM	-tympanic membrane	Vag	-vaginal
TO	-telephone order	Var	-variability
TOCO	-tocodynamometer (external)	vas to circ	-Vaseline applied to circumcision
tol	-tolerated	vasc	-vascular
TORP	-total ossicular replacement prosthesis	VBAC	-vaginal birth after cesarean section
TPA	-tissue plasminogen activator	VBTI	-voluntary bilateral tubal interruption
TPN	-Total Parenteral Nutrition	VC	-vital capacity
TPR	-temperature, pulse and respiration	VCUG	-voicing cystourethrogram
TR	-therapeutic recreation	VD	-venereal disease
tr	-trace	Vdg	-voiding
Trach	-tracheostomy	VE	-vaginal exam
TRAM	-transverse rectus abdominal muscle	Vector	-vectorcardiogram
trans nsy	-transitional nursery	vent	-ventilation
tren	-trendelenburg	VF	-ventricular fibrillation
trich	-trichomonas	VFSS	-videofluoroscopic swallow study
trig	-triglycerides	videostob	-videostroboscopy
Trop	-Troponin	VIP	-VP16, Ifex, Platinol
TS	-thermal stimulation	V-Lap	-video laser ablation of prostate
TSH	-thyroid stimulating hormone	VM	-ventimask
Tsp	-teaspoon	VMO	-vastus medialis obliques
T-Spine	-thoracic spine	VNA	-Visiting Nurse Association
TST	-treadmill stress test	VO	-verbal order
TTWB	-toe touch weight bearing	V-P	-ventricular-peritoneal
TUR	-transurethral resection	VPB	-ventricular premature beats
TUR-BN	-transurethral resection-bladder neck	VPC	-volume pressure response
TUR-BT	-transurethral resection-bladder tumor	VQ	-ventilation perfusion
TURP	-transurethral resection-prostate	VRE	-vancomycin resistant enterococcus
TV	-tidal volume	VS	-vital signs
TWB	-touch weight bearing	VSD	-ventral septal defect
TWE	-tap water enema	Vtx	-vertex
Tx	-traction	W/C	-wheelchair
tx	-treatment	w/o	-without
U	-unilateral	W/U	-work up
U/O	-urinary output	WA	-while awake
UA	-urinalysis	WAB	-western aphasia battery
UAC	-umbilical arterial catheter	WB	-weight bearing
UAL	-umbilical arterial line	WBAT	-weight bearing as tolerated
UC	-uterine contraction	WD	-well developed
UCG	-urine chorogonadotropic hormone (urine pregnancy test)	WFL	-within functional limits
UDN	-updraft nebulization	WIC	-women, infant, children
UE	-upper extremity	wk	-week
UGI	-upper gastrointestinal	WN	-well nourished
UPD	-updraft	WNL	-within normal limits
UPJ	-ureteropelvic junction	WOB	-work of breathing
URI	-upper respiratory infection	WOC	-wound, ostomy, continence
UROL	-urology	WOCN	-wound, ostomy, continence nurse
US	-ultrasound	WPL	-whirlpool
USN	-ultrasonic nebulization	WRBC	-washed red blood cells

wt -weight
WZ -wheezes
XRT -radiation therapy
y/o -year(s) old
yel -yellow
YOB -year of birth
yr -year
YTD -year to date
z-plasty -surgical relaxation of contracture

‘ -feet
0 -none
“ -inches
-pounds
♂ -male
% -percentage
♀ -female
* -problem area to be checked
x -times
≈ -approximately
? -unknown or unsure
@ -at
< -less than
> -greater than
↑ -increase
↓ -decrease
©♥ -heart
1:1 -one to one
1° -primary
2° -secondary
Δ -change
Ψ -Psychiatry