Statewide Standard List of Abbreviations

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Table 1: Abbreviations, Acronyms and Symbols

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| Abbreviation or Acronym | Definition |
| (L) | left |
| (R) | right |
| /hpf | per high power field |
| ā | before |
| A and O | alert and oriented |
| A and P | auscultation and percussion |
| aa | of each |
| AACRN | Advanced AIDS Certified Registered Nurse |
| AAHIVM | American Academy of HIV medicine |
| AB | abortion |
| abd | abdomen |
| ac | before meals |
| ACHES | Abdominal pain, chest pain, headache, eye problems, and severe leg pains (early danger signs of oral contraceptive adverse effects) |
| ACRN | AIDS Certified Registered Nurse |
| ACTG | AIDS Clinical Trial Group |
| ADA | American Dietetic Association |
| ADAP | AIDS Drug Assistance Program |
| ADC | AIDS Dementia Complex |
| ADLs | Activities of daily living |
| AED | automated external defibrillator |
| AETC | AIDS Education and Training Centers |
| AF | anteflexed |
| AFB | acid-fast bacilli |
| AGCUS | atypical glandular cells of undetermined significance |
| AGN | Acute glomerulonephritis |
| AHYD | Adolescent Health and Youth Development |
| AIDS | acquired immunodeficiency syndrome |
| AIN | anal intraepithelial neoplasia |
| AlkPhos | alkaline phosphatase |
| ALT | alanine aminotransferase |
| amb | ambulatory |
| AMBU | air-shields manual breathing unit |
| amnio | amniocentesis |

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| amt | amount |
| ant | anterior |
| Anti-HBc | Hepatitis B antibodies to the core antigen |
| Anti-HBs | Hepatitis B antibodies to the surface antigen |
| Anti-HCV | Hepatitis C Virus Antibodies |
| AP | antepartum |
| appt | appointment |
| APRN | Advanced Practice Registered Nurse |
| ARC | AIDS-Related complex |
| ART | antiretroviral therapy |
| ARV | antiretroviral |
| ASAP | as soon as possible |
| ASCUS | atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance |
| ASQ | Ages and Stages Questionnaire |
| AST (formally SGOT) | aspartate aminotransferase |
| AV | anteverted |
| AV nicking | arteriovenous nicking (or arterial narrowing) |
| AVN | avascular necrosis |
| BA | bacillary angiomatosis |
| bact | bacterial |
| BAMT | Blood assay for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* |
| BBS | bilateral breath sounds |
| BBT | basal body temperature |
| BC | Board Certified |
| BCA | bichloroacetic acid |
| BCCP | Breast and Cervical Cancer Program |
| BCM | body cell mass |
| BCW | Babies Can’t Wait |
| b-DNA test | branched DNA Assay |
| BF | breastfeeding |
| BFC | breastfeeding class |
| BFR syndrome | body fat redistribution syndrome |
| **bid[[1]](#footnote-1)** | **twice daily** |
| bilat | bilateral |
| bili | bilirubin |
| BM | bowel movement |
| BMD | bone mineral density |
| BMI | body mass index |
| BP | blood pressure |

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| BRAIDED | benefits, risks, alternatives, inquiries, decision, explanation, documentation |
| BS | bowel sounds |
| BS and O | bilateral salpingectomy and oophorectomy |
| BSE | breast self exam |
| BTB | break through bleeding |
| BTL | bilateral tubal ligation |
| BTM | BreastTest and More |
| BUM | back-up method |
| BUN | blood urea nitrogen |
| BUS | Bartholin’s, Urethral, and Skene’s Glands |
| BV | bacterial vaginosis |
| Bx | biopsy |
| c | with |
| C | Celsius |
| C and S | culture and sensitivity |
| c/o | complains of |
| Ca | calcium |
| CA | carcinoma or cancer |
| CAD | coronary artery disease |
| caps | capsules |
| cath | catheter/catheterization |
| CBC | complete blood count |
| CBE | clinical breast exam or Child Birth  Educator (when used behind a name) |
| CBO | Community Based Organization |
| CC | chief complaint |
| CCR5 | Cell surface molecule, which is needed along with the primary receptor, the CD4 cell, in order to fuse with the membranes of the immune system cells. |
| CD4 percentage | percentage of T-lymphocytes with the CD4 surface receptor |
| CD4:CD8 ratio | ratio of CD4 T-lymphocytes to CD8 Tlymphocytes |
| CD4+ count | CD4+ T-lymphocyte count, CD4+ Thelper/inducer cells. |
| CD8 count | CD8 T-lymphocyte count, CD8 Tsuppressor cells |
| CDC | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention |
| CDC-NAH | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National AIDS Hotline |

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| cert | certification |
| CF | Children 1st |
| CHD | coronary heart disease |
| CHF | congestive heart failure |
| chla | chlamydia |
| CHO | carbohydrate |
| chol | cholesterol |
| cig | cigarette |
| CIN I, II, or III | cervical intraepithelial neoplasia, grade 1, 2, or 3 |
| circ | circumcision |
| CIS | carcinoma in situ |
| CKC | Cold-knife cone/conization |
| CLD | chronic lung disease |
| cm | centimeter |
| CME | continuing medical education |
| CMO | care management organization |
| CMT | cervical motion tenderness |
| CMV | cytomegalovirus |
| CMS | Children’s Medical Services |
| CNM | Certified nurse midwife |
| CNS | central nervous system |
| colpo | colposcopy |
| cong | congenital |
| CoNM | county nurse manager |
| cont | continued |
| contra(s) | contraindication(s) |
| COPD | chronic obstructive pulmonary disease |
| cp | chest pain |
| CP | Cerebral Palsy |
| CPD | cephalopelvic disproportion |
| CPK | creatine phosphokinase |
| CPR | cardiopulmonary resuscitation |
| CrCl | creatinine clearance |
| cryo | cryotherapy |
| CS | cesarean section |
| CSF | cerebral spinal fluid |
| CT scan | computed tomography scan |
| CTA | clear to auscultation |
| CTL | Cytotoxic T Lymphocyte; also known as  Killer T-cells |
| CVA | cerebrovascular accident |
| CVAT | Costovertebral angle tenderness |
| CVD | cardiovascular disease |

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| CWSN | Children with Special Needs |
| cx | cervix |
| CXR | chest X-ray |
| D | deltoid |
| D and C | dilation and curettage |
| D and E | dilation and evacuation |
| d/f | dark field |
| D/T | due to |
| DASH | Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension Meal Plan |
| DBP | diastolic blood pressure |
| del | delivery |
| dept | department |
| derm | dermatology |
| DFA | direct fluorescent antibody |
| DFCS | Division of Family and Children’s Services |
| DHHS | Department of Health and Human Services |
| disc | discussed |
| dist | distilled |
| DJD | degenerative joint disease |
| dk | dark |
| dL | deciliter (100mL) |
| DM | diabetes mellitus |
| DMAC | Disseminated Mycobacterium Avium Complex |
| DNA | deoxyribonucleic acid |
| DNKA | did not keep appointment |
| DOB | date of birth |
| DOE | dyspnea on exertion |
| DOT | directly observed therapy |
| DRE | digital rectal exam |
| DSPS | Diagnostic, Screening and Preventive Services |
| DTR | deep tendon reflexes |
| DUB | dysfunctional uterine bleeding |
| DVT | deep vein thrombosis |
| DX | diagnosis |
| e.g. | for example |
| EAB | elective abortion |
| EBF | exclusively breastfed |
| EBV | Ebstein-Barr virus |
| EC | emergency center |

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| ECC | endocervical curettage |
| ECG | electrocardiogram |
| ECHO | echocardiogram |
| ECP | emergency contraceptive pill |
| EDC | estimated date of confinement |
| educ | education |
| EEG | electroencephalography |
| EENT | ear, eyes, nose, throat |
| EFW | estimated fetal weight |
| EGA | estimated gestational age |
| EIA | enzyme immunosorbent assay |
| EL | early latent |
| elec | elective |
| ELISA | enzyme linked immunosorbent assay |
| EMS | emergency medical system |
| enc | encourage |
| ENT | ear, nose, throat |
| EOMI | extraocular movements intact |
| EPA | Environmental Protection Agency |
| EPI | epidemiology or epidemiologist |
| epith | epithelial |
| EPSDT | Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (Program) |
| ER | emergency room |
| ESIP | engineered sharps injury protection |
| ESR | erythrocyte sedimentation rate |
| ET | estrogen therapy |
| ETOH | alcohol |
| eval | evaluation |
| ext | external |
| ext gen | external genitalia |
| F | fahrenheit |
| F # P # A # L # | full-term, pre-term, abortions, living |
| F and C | foam and condoms |
| FBG | fasting blood glucose |
| FDA | Food and Drug Administration |
| Fe | iron |
| FF | force fluids |
| FFF | fully formula fed |
| FH | Family Health |
| FHT | fetal heart tones |
| Fis | fusion inhibitors |
| fl | fluid |
| fm | family |

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| FNP | Family Nurse Practitioner |
| FOB | father of baby |
| FOBT | fecal occult blood test |
| FP | family planning |
| FPC | food package code |
| FPS | family planning services |
| FS | food stamps |
| FSH | follicle stimulating hormone |
| FT | full term |
| F/T | full time |
| FTA | fluorescent treponema antigen (test for syphilis) |
| FTA-ABS | fluorescent treponemal antibody absorption |
| FTP | failure to progress |
| FTT | failure to thrive |
| F/U | follow-up |
| FUO | fever of unknown origin |
| F/V | fruits and vegetables |
| Fx | fracture |
| FYI | for your information |
| G # P # A # | gravida, parity, abortions |
| G6-PD | glucose 6 phosphate dehydrogenase |
| GA | Georgia |
| GB | gallbladder |
| GBHC | Georgia Better Health Care |
| GBS | group B strep |
| GC | gonorrhea (gonorrhea coccii) |
| G-CSF | granulocyte-colony stimulating factor |
| GE | gastroesophageal |
| GERD | gastroesophageal reflux disease |
| gest | gestational |
| GF | grandfather |
| GFR | glomerular filtration rate |
| GGT | gamma glutamic transpeptidase |
| GI | gastrointestinal |
| glu | glucose |
| gm | gram |
| gm/dL | grams per deciliter |
| GM-CSF | granulocyte macrophage-colony stimulating factor |
| GNID | gram negative intracellular diplococci |
| GNRH | gonadotropin releasing hormone |
| GP | glycoprotein |

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| GRITS | Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions and Services |
| GS | gram stain |
| GTT | glucose tolerance test |
| gtt | drop |
| GU | genitourinary |
| GYN | gynecology |
| H and P | history and physical |
| H. influenza | *Haemophilus influenzae* |
| H/A | headache |
| H2O | water |
| HAART | highly active antiretroviral therapy |
| HAD | HIV-associated dementia |
| HAV | hepatitis A virus |
| HbA1c | hemoglobin A1c |
| HBIG | hepatitis B immune globulin |
| HBP | high blood pressure |
| HBsAg | hepatitis B surface antigen |
| HBV | hepatitis B virus |
| HC | Health Check |
| HCG | human chorionic gonadotropin |
| Hct | hematocrit |
| HCV | hepatitis C virus |
| HD | health department |
| HDL | high density lipoproteins |
| HEENT | head, eyes, ears nose, & throat |
| Helper T Cells | Lymphocytes bearing the CD4 marker that are responsible for many of the immune responses. |
| Hg | mercury |
| Hgb | hemoglobin |
| HGH | human growth hormone |
| HGSIL | high grade squamous intra epithelial lesions |
| HHV-8 | human herpesvirus-8 |
| Hi-cal | high calorie |
| Hi-pro | high protein |
| HIV | human immunodeficiency virus |
| HIV-1 RNA | HIV viral load |
| HIVAN | HIV-associated nephropathy |
| Hi-vit | high vitamin |
| HLA | Human Leukocyte Antigen |
| HMO | health maintenance organization |
| H/O | History of |

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| hosp | hospital |
| HPI | history of present illness |
| HPTN | HIV Prevention Trials Network |
| HPV | human papilloma virus |
| HR | heart rate |
| hr | hour |
| HRT | hormone replacement therapy |
| HRIFU | (High Risk Infant Follow-Up) |
| HRNE | high risk nutrition education |
| HRSA | Health Resources and Services Administration (U.S.) |
| HSV | herpes simplex virus |
| HSV 1 or 2 | Herpes simplex virus 1 or 2 |
| ht | height |
| HT | hormone therapy |
| HTLV 1 or 2 | Human T Cell Lymphotropic Virus Type 1 or 2 |
| HTN | hypertension |
| HVTN | HIV Vaccine Trials Network |
| hx | history |
| I and D | incision and drainage |
| I and O | intake and output |
| IAS | International AIDS Society |
| IAS-USA | International AIDS Society-U.S.A |
| IBCLC | International Board Certified Lactation Consultation |
| ICS | intercostal space |
| ICTF | Indigent Care Trust Fund |
| ID | intradermal |
| IDDM | insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus |
| IDSA | Infectious Diseases Society of America |
| IDU | injection drug users |
| i.e. | that is |
| IFN-g | Interferon-gamma |
| Ig | Immunoglobulin |
| IgA | Immunoglobulin A |
| IgE | Immunoglobulin E |
| IgG | Immunoglobulin G |
| IgM | Immunoglobulin M |
| IGRA | Interferon-gamma release assay tests |
| IHD | ischemic heart disease |
| IHS | Indian Health Service |
| IL-2 | Interleukin 2 |
| IM | intramuscular |

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| Imm | immunizations |
| in | inch |
| IN | intranasal |
| infl | inflammation |
| info | information |
| inst | instruction, instructed |
| int | internal |
| intravag | intravaginal |
| invol | involution |
| IOP | intraocular pressure |
| IRB | Institutional Review Board |
| irreg | irregular |
| ITP | Idiopathic Immune Thrombocytopenia Purpura |
| IUD | intrauterine device |
| IUFD | intrauterine fetal demise |
| IUFGR | intrauterine fetal growth restriction |
| IUI | intrauterine insemination |
| IUP | intrauterine pregnancy |
| IV | intravenous |
| IVDA | IV drug abuse |
| IVIG | intravenous immune globulin |
| JTPA | Job Training Partnership Act |
| JVD | jugular vein distention |
| kg | kilogram |
| KS | Kaposi’s sarcoma |
| KUB | kidney, ureter, bladder (x-ray) |
| L | liter |
| L and D | labor and delivery |
| LA | left arm |
| lab | laboratory |
| lap | laparoscopy |
| Lat | lateral |
| LAT | left anterolateral thigh |
| lax | laxative |
| lb(s) | pound(s) |
| LCM | left costal margin |
| LD | left deltoid |
| LD | Licensed Dietitian (when used behind a name) |
| LDL | low-density lipoproteins |
| LE | lower extremities |
| LEEP | loop electro-excisional procedure |
| LF | low fat |

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| LFA | left forearm |
| LFT | liver function test |
| LFTS | liver function test series |
| LG | left gluteal/gluteus |
| LGA | large for gestational age |
| LGM | left upper outer gluteus maximus |
| LGSIL | low-grade squamous, intra-epithelial lesion |
| LGV | lymphogranuloma venereum |
| LH | luteinizing hormone |
| LL | late latent |
| LLE | left lower extremity |
| LLFA | left lower forearm |
| LLL | left lower lobe |
| LLQ | left lower quadrant |
| LLSB | left lower sternal border |
| LMP | last menstrual period |
| LNG IUS | a specific type of intrauterine system |
| LNMP | last normal menstrual period |
| LOC | level of consciousness |
| LPN | Licensed Practical Nurse |
| LR | low risk |
| LRNE | low risk nutrition education |
| LPC | lactation peer counselor |
| LRSB | lower right sternal border |
| LS | lumbosacral |
| LSB | left sternal border |
| LT | left thigh |
| LTBI | latent TB infection |
| LUL | left upper lobe |
| LUQ | left upper quadrant |
| LUT | left upper thigh |
| LVH | left ventricular hypertrophy |
| LVL | left vastus lateralis |
| LWA | last WIC appointment |
| M | murmur |
| m | meter |
| M. tb | Mycobacterium tuberculosis |
| M/C | Medicaid |
| M/S | musculoskeletal |
| MAC | mycobacterium avium complex |
| MAI | mycobacterium avium intracellular |
| MAL | mid-axillary line |
| mammo | mammogram |

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| MAP | mean arterial pressure |
| mcg | microgram |
| MCL | mid-clavicular line |
| MCV | Mean corpuscular volume |
| MD | medical doctor |
| MDR | Multidrug-resistant |
| MDR-TB | multidrug-resistant tuberculosis |
| med | medicine, medication |
| mEq | milliequivalent |
| mg | milligram |
| mg/dL | milligrams per deciliter |
| MGF | maternal grandfather |
| MGM | maternal grandmother |
| MH | mental health |
| MHC | major histocompatibility complex |
| MI | myocardial infarction |
| mid | middle |
| min | minute |
| ML | midline |
| mL | milliliter |
| MLE | midline episiotomy |
| mm | millimeter |
| mm3 | cubic millimeter |
| mmHg | millimeters of mercury |
| MMWR | Mortality and Morbidity Weekly Review |
| mo | month |
| mod | moderate |
| MP | menstrual pain |
| MPC | mucopurulent cervicitis |
| MRI | magnetic resonance imaging |
| MRSA | methicillin-resistant S*taphylococcus aureus* |
| MSAFP | maternal serum alpha-fetoprotein |
| MSM | men having sex with men |
| MTD | amplified Mycobacterium tuberculosis direct test |
| mthy | monthly |
| multip | multipara |
| MVA | motor vehicle accident |
| MVP | mitral valve prolapse |
| N and T | nose and throat |
| N/A | not applicable |
| N/V | nausea and vomiting |
| Na | sodium |

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| NAAT | nucleic acid amplification tests |
| NAEPP | National Asthma Education and Prevention Program (U.S.) |
| NB | newborn |
| NDA | next doctors appointment |
| NE | not evaluated/not examined |
| NEFS | nutrition education flowsheet |
| neg | negative |
| NET | non emergency transport |
| NFP | natural family planning |
| NGU | non-gonococcal urethritis |
| NHL | Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma |
| NHLBI | National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute |
| NI | not indicated |
| NIAID | National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (U.S.) |
| NIDDM | non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus |
| NIH | National Institutes of Health (U.S.) |
| NK Cells | natural killer cells |
| NKA | no known allergies |
| NKDA | no known drug allergies |
| NKFA | no known food allergies |
| NP | nurse practitioner |
| NPNC | no prenatal care |
| NPO | nothing by mouth |
| NS | normal saline |
| nsg | nursing |
| NSR | normal sinus rhythm |
| NSSP | normal size, shape, position |
| NSU | non-specific urethritis |
| NSV | non-specific vaginitis |
| NSVD | normal, spontaneous, vaginal delivery |
| NT | non-tender |
| NUG | necrotizing ulcerative gingivitis |
| nullip | nullipara |
| NUP | necrotizing ulcerative periodontitis |
| nut educ | nutrition education |
| nutr | nutritionist (when used behind a name) |
| NWA | next WIC appointment |
| O/R | oral, rectal |
| O2 | oxygen |
| OB | obstetrics or obstetrical |
| OB-Gyn | obstetrics and gynecology |

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| OC | oral contraceptive |
| occ | occasional |
| OD | overdose |
| OGTT | oral glucose tolerance test |
| OHL | oral hairy leukoplakia |
| OI | opportunistic infection |
| oint | ointment |
| OM | otitis media |
| OR | operating room |
| OSHA | Occupational Safety and Health Administration |
| OTC | over the counter |
| outpt | outpatient |
| oz | ounce |
| P | pulse |
| p | after |
| PA | physician’s assistant |
| pap | Papanicolaou smear |
| path | pathology |
| PBF | partially breastfed |
| pc | after meals, after food |
| PCM | Perinatal Case Management |
| PCP | *Pneumocystis jiroveci* *(carinii)* pneumonia |
| PCR | polymerase chain reaction test |
| PDR | Physician’s Desk Reference |
| PE | physical examination |
| PEM/CAID | presumptive eligibility Medicaid |
| PEP | postexposure prophylaxis |
| PERRLA | pupils equal, round, react to light & accommodation |
| pg/mL | picogram per milliliter |
| PGF | paternal grandfather |
| PGL | persistent generalized lymphadenopathy |
| PGM | paternal grandmother |
| pH | potential of hydrogen (measure of acidity/alkalinity) |
| PH | public health |
| PHN | public health nurse |
| PHP | primary health care provider |
| PHT | Public Health Technician |
| PI | present illness |
| PID | pelvic inflammatory disease |

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| PIH | pregnancy induced hypertension |
| pks | packs |
| PKU | phenylketonuria |
| pm | afternoon, evening |
| PMH | past medical history |
| PML | Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy |
| PMS | premenstrual syndrome |
| PN | prenatal |
| PNC | prenatal care |
| PO | by mouth, orally |
| POS | problem oriented system |
| poss | possible |
| post | posterior |
| post-op | after operation |
| POTx | proof of treatment |
| PP | post partum |
| PPD | purified protein derivative (antigen used for TB skin test) |
| PPE | personal protective equipment |
| PPNG | penicillinase producing *Neisseria gonorrhea* |
| pptl | post-partum tubal ligation |
| PR | per rectum |
| preg | pregnant |
| preg prev | pregnancy prevention |
| prep | preparation |
| primip | primipara |
| prn | as often as necessary |
| prob | probably or probable |
| PROM | premature rupture of membranes |
| PRS | Pregnancy Related Services |
| PSA | prostate specific antigen |
| psych | psychiatry |
| PT | prothrombin time |
| PTL | preterm labor |
| pt | patient |
| PTT | partial thromboplastin time |
| P/U | pick up |
| PVC | premature ventricular contraction |
| PWA | person with AIDS |
| q | every |
| q2h | every two hours |
| q3h | every three hours |

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| q4h | every four hours |
| QFT | QuantiFERON - a type of blood assay for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* |
| QFT-G | QuantiFERON Gold |
| qh | every hour |
| **qid[[2]](#footnote-2)** | **four times a day** |
| qns | quantity not sufficient |
| QPNG | quinolone-resistant *Neisseria gonorrhea* |
| qs | quantity sufficient |
| R/F | refill |
| R/O | rule out |
| R/S | reschedule |
| R/T | related to |
| RA | right arm |
| RAT | right anterolateral thigh |
| RBC | red blood cells |
| RCM | right costal margin |
| RD | Registered Dietitian (when used behind a name) |
| RD | right deltoid |
| RDA | recommended daily allowance |
| rec | recommend or recommended |
| reck | recheck |
| ref | referral/refer |
| reg | regular |
| rel | related |
| REM | rapid eye movement |
| resp | respiration(s) |
| RF | retroflexed |
| RG | right gluteal/gluteus |
| RGM | right upper outer gluteus maximus |
| Rh | Rhesus blood factor |
| RIBA | recombinant immunoblot assay |
| RLFA | right lower forearm |
| RLL | right lower lobe |
| RLQ | right lower quadrant |
| RN | Registered Nurse |
| RNA | ribonucleic acid |
| RNC | Registered Nurse Certified |
| ROI | Release of information |
| ROM | range of motion |
| ROS | review of systems |

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| RPR | rapid plasma reagin |
| RRR | regular rate and rhythm |
| RSM | Right from the Start Medicaid |
| RSR | regular sinus rhythm |
| RSV | Respiratory syncytial virus |
| RT | right thigh |
| RTC | return to clinic |
| RTF | ready to feed |
| RTI | reverse transcriptase inhibitors |
| RT-PCR | reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction |
| RUQ | right upper quadrant |
| RUT | right upper thigh |
| RV | retroverted |
| RVT | right vastus lateralis |
| Rx | therapy, treatment |
| Ryan White CARE Act | Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act |
| s | without |
| S/P | status post |
| S/S | signs and symptoms |
| S=D | size equals date |
| SA | stomach ache |
| SAB | spontaneous abortion |
| SBP | systolic blood pressure |
| SCJ | squamous columnar junction |
| SCM | sternocleidomastoid |
| SCr | serum creatinine |
| SE | side effects |
| SEATEC | Southeast AIDS Education and Training Center |
| sed rate | erythrocyte sedimentation rate |
| SENDSS | State Electronic Notifiable Disease Surveillance System |
| SF | sugar free |
| SGA | small for gestational age |
| SGOT | serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase |
| SGPT | serum glutamic-pyruvic transaminase |
| SHAPP | Stroke and Heart Attack Prevention Program |
| SIDS | sudden infant death syndrome |
| SIL | squamous intraepithelial lesion |
| sl | slightly |
| sm | small |

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| SMBG | self-monitoring blood glucose |
| SOAP | Subjective, Objective, Assessment, Plan |
| SOB | shortness of breath |
| sono | sonogram |
| sp | species |
| spec | specimen |
| SPF | sun protective factor |
| SST | Social Services Technician |
| staph | *Staphylococcus aureus* |
| STAT | immediate and once only (latin:statim) |
| STD | sexually transmitted disease |
| STI | structured treatment interruption |
| strep | *Streptococcus* |
| STS | serological test for syphilis |
| **subcut** | **subcutaneous** |
| surg | surgery or surgical |
| SVD | spontaneous vaginal delivery |
| SVR | sustained virologic response |
| sx | symptoms |
| T-cell count | CD4+ T-lymphocyte count |
| T and A | tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy |
| TAB | therapeutic abortion |
| tab | tablet |
| TAH | total abdominal hysterectomy |
| TAM | teenage mother |
| TANF | Temporary Assistance for Needy Families |
| TB | tuberculosis |
| TBW | total body weight |
| TCA | trichloracetic acid |
| TD | transdermal |
| TE | toxoplasmic encephalitis |
| temp | temperature |
| TFZ | transformation zone |
| TG | triglycerides |
| TIA | transient ischemic attack |
| **tid[[3]](#footnote-3)** | **three times a day** |
| tl | tubal ligation |
| TLC | total lymphocyte count |
| TM | tympanic membrane |
| TNF-a | Tumor Necrosis Factor - alpha |
| TNTC | too numerous to count |
| TOP | termination of pregnancy |
| TPPA | *Treponema pallidum* particle |

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| TPR | temperature, pulse, respiration |
| Trich | *Trichomonas* |
| TSE | testicular self-exam |
| TSH | thyroid stimulating hormone |
| TST | tuberculin skin test |
| TU | tuberculin unit |
| TUPP | Tobacco Use Prevention Program |
| TVH | total vaginal hysterectomy |
| tx | treatment |
| UA | urinalysis |
| UCG | urine chorionic gonadotropin |
| ULNS | upper limits of normal size |
| umb | umbilicus or umbilical |
| UOQ | upper outer quadrant |
| URI | upper respiratory infection |
| US | ultrasound |
| USPHS | United States Public Health Services |
| ut | uterus |
| UTD | up to date |
| UTI | urinary tract infection |
| UV | ultraviolet |
| V and H2O | vinegar and water |
| VAERS | vaccine adverse event reporting system |
| vag | vagina or vaginal |
| VAIN | vaginal intraepithelial neoplasia |
| VC | voucher code |
| VCF | vaginal contraceptive film |
| VD | venereal disease |
| VDRL | Venereal Disease Research Laboratory  flocculation test for syphilis, quantitative |
| via | by way of |
| VIN | vulvar intraepithelial neoplasia |
| VIP | voluntary interruption of pregnancy |
| Viral Load Test | Test that measures the quantity of HIV RNA in the blood. Results are expressed as the number of copies per millimeter of blood. |
| Vit | vitamin |
| VL | viral load |
| VS | vital signs |
| vs | versus |
| VVC | vulvovaginal candidiasis |
| VZIG | Varicella-zoster immune globulin |

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| VZV | Varicella Zoster Virus |
| WBC | white blood cells |
| w/c | wheelchair |
| WG | whole grain |
| WH | women’s health |
| WHMP | Women’s Health Medicaid Program |
| WHNP | Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner |
| WHO | World Health Organization |
| WIC | Women, Infants and Children |
| wk | week |
| WN | well nourished |
| WNL | Within normal limits |
| wt | weight |
| y.o. | year(s) old |
| yr | year |

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| Symbol | Definition |
| Ø | none |
| Ō | with no |
| ♀ | female |
| ♂ | male |
| ↑ | increase |
| ↓ | decrease |
| # | number |
| % | percent |
| **∆** | change |
| **∞** | infinity |
| 1° | primary or first degree |
| 2° | secondary or second degree |
| 3 ° | tertiary or third degree |
| ÷ | divided by or division |
| ~ | approximately |
| (-) | negative |
| (+) | positive |
| ° | degree |
| = | equals |
| ≠ | not equal to |
| X | times |
| √ | check or checked |

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Table 2: Do Not Use Abbreviations

Adapted from The Joint Commission Official “Do Not Use” List and ISMPs List of Error Prone Abbreviations, Symbols and Dose Designations

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| **Do Not Use** | **Potential Problem** | **Use Instead** |
| U, u (unit) | Mistaken for “0” (zero), the number “4” (four) or “cc” | Write "unit" |
| IU (International Unit) | Mistaken for IV (intravenous) or the number 10 (ten) | Write "International Unit" |
| Q.D., QD, q.d., qd (daily) | Mistaken for each other | Write "daily" |
| Q.O.D., QOD, q.o.d, qod  (every other day) | Period after the Q mistaken for "I" and the "O" mistaken for "I | Write "every other day" |
| **Qhs,qn** | **Mistaken as qhr (every hour) or qh (every hour)** | **Write “nightly”** |
| Trailing zero (X.0 mg)  Lack of leading zero (.X mg) | Decimal point is missed | Write “X mg”  Write “0.X mg” |
| MS | Can mean morphine sulfate or magnesium sulfate | Write "morphine sulfate" Write "magnesium sulfate" |
| MSO4 and MgSO4 | Confused for one another | Write "morphine sulfate" Write "magnesium sulfate" |
| **@** | **Mistaken as 2** | **Write “at”** |
| **SubQ** | **The “Q” in subQ has been mistaken as every (Q)** | **Write “subcut” or “subcutaneous”** |

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1. If used to label medications, does not fully explain frequency that the medication should be taken. Write “every 12 hours” or “in morning and at bedtime, etc” if possible instead of bid. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. If used to label medications, does not fully explain the frequency medication should be taken. Write “every 6 hours” instead of qid. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. If used to label medications, does not fully explain the frequency medication should be taken. Write “every 8 hours” instead of tid. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)