

## 15-0101 - EMS Approved Abbreviations

DEFINITION	ABBREVIATION
Abdomen, Abdominal	Abd
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm	AAA
Abduction	Abd; abd
Abortion	Ab
Above Knee	AK
Above Knee Amputation	AKA
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	AIDS
Active Range of Motion	AROM
Activities of Daily Living	ADL
Acute Myocardial Infarction	AMI
Acute Renal Failure	ARF
Admission, Admitted	Adm
Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome	ARDS
Advanced Cardiac Life Support	ACLS
Advanced Life Support	ALS
After Meals	pc
After Surgery	Post op
Against Medical Advice	AMA
Airway, Breathing, Circulation	ABC
Alcohol, Alcohol Intoxication	ETOH
Alert & Oriented To (Person, Place, Time & Event)	A&OX4
Alert, Verbal, Pain, Unresponsive	AVPU
Altered Level of Consciousness	ALOC
Ambulate, Ambulating, Ambulated, Etc.	Amb
Amount	Amt
Ampule	Amp
And	&
Antecubital	AC
Anterior	Ant
Apparent Life Threatening Event	ALTE
Appearance, Pulse, Grimace, Activity, Respiration	APGAR
Appointment	Appt
Approximate	Approx.
Arterial Blood Gas	ABG
As Needed	prn
As Soon As Possible	ASAP; asap
Aspirin	ASA
Assessment	AX
At	@

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At Bedtime	hs
Atherosclerotic Heart Disease	ASHD
Atrial Fibrillation	A-fib; afib
Atrial Flutter	A-flutter
Atrial Tachycardia	A-Tach
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	ADHD
Auscultation	Ausc
Automated External Defibrillator	AED
Automatic Implanted Cardiac Defibrillator	AICD
Backboard	BB
Bag of Waters	BOW
Bag Valve Mask	BVM
Base Hospital (Physician) Order	BH(P)O
Base Station	Base
Base Station Order	BSO
Basic Life Support	BLS
Beats Per Minute	Bpm
Before Meals	Ac
Below Knee Amputation	BKA
Bicarbonate, Naco3	Bicarb
Bilateral	Bilat
Blood Alcohol Content	BAC
Blood Glucose	BG
Blood Pressure	BP
Body Surface Area	BSA
Both Eyes	o.u.
Bowel Movement	BM
Breath/Bowel Sounds	BS; b.s.
Bundle Branch Block	BBB
By Mouth	PO; p.o.
Calcium	Ca
Calcium Chloride	CACL
California Highway Patrol	CHP
Cancer, Carcinoma	CA
Carbon Dioxide	CO2
Cardiac Care Unit	CCU
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	CPR
Centimeter	cm
Central Nervous System	CNS
Cerebrospinal Fluid	CSF
Cerebrovascular Accident	CVA
Cervical Collar	C-collar
Cervical Immobilization Device	CID
Cervical Spine	C-spine

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Chest Pain	CP
Chief Complaint	CC; C/C
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	COPD
Circulation, Airway, Breathing	CAB
Circulation, Motor And Sensation	CMS
Circulation, Sensation, & Movement (Motion)	CSM
Clear Bi-Lateral	CBL
Complains Of	C/O; c/o
Complete Blood Count	CBC
Computerized Axial Tomography	CAT
Congestive Heart Failure	CHF
Conscious, Alert & Oriented To Person, Place, Time & Event	CAOx4
Continue, Continuous	cont.
Continuous Positive Airway Pressure	CPAP
Coronary Artery Bypass Graft	CABG
Coronary Artery Disease	CAD
Critical Care Transport -Paramedic	CCT-P
Date of Birth	DOB
Days Old	d/o
Dead On Arrival	DOA
Deep Tendon Reflexes	DTR
Deep Vein Thrombosis	DVT
Defibrillation	D-fib; Defib
Degrees Centigrade	# C
Degrees Fahrenheit	# F
Delirium Tremor	DT
Department	dept.
Dextrose 25%	D25
Dextrose In Water	D5W 5%
Dextrose Solution	D50 50%
Diabetes Mellitus	DM
Diagnosis	Dx
Did Not Obtain/Did Not Order	DNO
Difficulty Breathing	Diff Breath
Dilation And Curettage	D&C
Discontinue Or Discharged	DC; D/C; dc
Do Not Resuscitate	DNR
Drop(s); (Mgts = Microdrops)	gtt(s)
Dyspnea On Exertion	DOE
Electrocardiogram	ECG; EKG
Electroencephalogram	EEG
Electronic Patient Care Record	ePCR
Emergency Department	ED; E.D.
Emergency Medical Services	EMS

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Emergency Medical Services Authority	EMSA
Emergency Medical Technician	EMT
Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic	EMT-P
Emergency Room	E.R.
End Tidal Carboxyhemoglobin	ET CO2
Endotracheal Tube	ET or ETT
Epinephrine	Epi
Equal	=
Estimated	est.
Estimated Blood Loss	EBL
Estimated Time of Arrival	ETA; eta
Et Cetra	Etc
Ethanol (Alcohol)	ETOH
Evaluation	eval.
Evening	Pm
Every	Q
Every (1,2,3, Etc.) Hours	q(1,2,3)h
Every Hour	qh
Every Other Day	q.o.d.
Expiratory	exp.
Extension	ext.
Eyes, Ears, Nose, Throat	EENT
Eyes, Nose, Throat	ENT
Female	F
Fire Department	FD
Fire Rescue Or First Responder	F/R
Flexion	Flex
Follow Up	f/u
Foot, Feet (Not Anatomy)	ft.
Foreign Body	Fb; F/B
Four Times A Day	q.i.d.
Fracture	Fx; fx
Full Range of Motion	From
Gallbladder	GB
Gastrointestinal	GI
Gavida 1, 2, 3 Etc.	G
Glasgow Coma Scale; Glasgow Coma Score	GCS
Gram	g, gm, Gm
Gravid, Pregnancy (les)	G
Gun Shot Wound; Gunshot Wound	GSW
Gynecological; Gynecology	GYN, gyn
Hazardous Materials	Haz Mat
Head, Eyes, Ears, Nose, Throat	HEENT
Headache	HA; H/A

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Heart Rate	HR
Height	ht.
Hematocrit	Hct
Hemoglobin	Hb; hgb
History	Hx
History & Physical	H&P
History Of	h/o
History of Present Illness	HPI
Hour	h; hr
Human Immunodeficiency Virus	HIV
Hydrochlorothiazide	HCTZ
Hypertension	Htn; HTN
Immediately	STAT
Inch	in.
Incident Command(er)	IC
Inferior	Inf
Intake (Input) & Output	I&O
Intake, Events	SAMPLE
Intensive Care Unit	ICU
Interfacility Transfer	IFT
Intracranial Pressure	ICP
Intramuscular	IM
Intranasal	IN
Intraosseous; Intraosseous Cannulation	IO
Intrauterine Device	IUD
Intravenous	IV
Intravenous Piggy Back	IVPB
Intravenous Push	IVP
Intravenously	IV
Irregular	irreg
Joules	J
Jugular Venous Distension	JVD
Kilograms(s)	Kg; kg
Kilometer	Km
Labor And Delivery	L&D
Laboratory	Lab
Laceration	lac
Landing Zone	LZ
Last Menstrual Period	LMP
Lateral	Lat
Left	L; Lt
Left Bundle Branch Block	LBBB
Left Eye	o.s.
Left Lower Extremity	LLE

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Left Lower Lobe	LLL
Left Lower Quadrant of Abd	LLQ
Left Upper Extremity	LUE
Left Upper Lobe of Lung	LUL
Left Upper Quadrant of Abd	LUQ
Length Based Resuscitation Tape, (I.E. Broselow Tape)	LBRT
Level Or Loss of Consciousness	LOC; loc; KO
Licensed Practical Nurse	LPN
Lidocaine	Lido
Liter	l
Liter Per Minute	Lpm; l/m
Long Back Board	LBB
Loss/Level of Consciousness (As Noted By Context)	LOC
Lumbar Puncture	LP
Lung Sounds	L/S
Magnesium Sulfate	Mag
Mass Casualty Incident	MCI
Maximum	Max
May Repeat X (How Many)	MR X ( __ )
Mechanism of Injury	MOI
Medical Doctor	MD; M.D., DO, D.O.
Medications	Meds
Mercury	Hg
Microgram(s)	Mcg; mcg
Miles Per Hour	Mph
Military Anti-Shock Trousers	MAST
Millidrops, Microdrops	Mgtt
Milliequivalent(s)	Meq; mEq
Milligram(s)	Mg; mg
Milliliter	ml
Millimeter	Mm
Millivolt	Mv
Minimal	Min
Minute(S)	min
Mobile Intensive Care Nurse	MICN
Mobile Intensive Care Unit	MICU
Moderate	Mod
Month, Months Old	mo; m/o
Morning	a.m.
Motor Vehicle Accident (Multi-Victim Accident)	MVA
Motor Vehicle Collision	MVC
Motorcycle Collision	MCC
Moves All Extremities	MAE
Mucousal Atomized Device	MAD

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Multiple Casualty Incident	MCI
Multiple Sclerosis, Morphine Sulfate	MS
Myocardial Infarction	MI
Narcotic	NARC
Nasal Cannula	N/C or NC
Nasogastric	NG; ng
Nasogastric (Tube)	NG
Nasogastric Intubation	N/G
Nasopharyngeal Airway	NPA
Nausea/Vomiting	n/v
Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea	n/v/d
Negative	neg.
Negative Loss of Consciousness	- LOC
Night	NOC
Nitroglycerin	Nitro; NTG
No Acute Distress	NAD
No Known Allergies	NKA
No Known Drug Allergies	NKDA
Non Rebreather Mask	NRB
Non Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs	NSAIDS
Non-Rebreather Mask	NRB
Normal Saline	NS
Normal Sinus Rhythm	NSR
Not Applicable	N/A
Nothing By Mouth	NPO
Obstetrics	OB
Occupational Therapist/Therapy	OT
Onset, Provocation, Quality, Radiation, Severity, Time	OPQRST
Operating Room	OR
Orogastric (Tube)	OG; O/G
Ounce	oz.
Overdose	OD
Oxygen	O2
Oxygen Saturation	O2 sat; SaO2/SpO2
Palpable; Palpation	Palp; palp.
Para, Delivery(ies); Number of Pregnancies	P
Paramedic	Medic
Paroxysmal Atrial Tachycardia	PAT
Paroxysmal Nocturnal Dyspnea	PAT
Paroxysmal Supraventricular Tachycardia	PSVT
Partial Thromboplastin Time	PTT
Passenger Space Intrusion	PSI
Past History	P.H.; PHx
Past Medical History	PMH

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Patient	Pt; pt
Patient Care Record	PCR
Pediatric	Ped
Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	PID
Penicillin	PCN
Per Rectum	PR
Percutaneously Inserted Central Catheter	PICC
Personal Watercraft	pwc
Phencyclidine	PCP
Physical Exam, Pulmonary Embolism, Pedal Edema (as noted by context)	PE
Physician's Assistant	P.A.; PA
Pink, Warm, Dry	PWD
Police Department	PD
Position of Comfort	POC
Positive	pos.
Positive Loss of Consciousness	+ LOC
Possible	Poss
Post, After	P
Posterior	Post
Potassium	K: K+
Potassium Chloride	KCL
Pound	lb; #
Pre-Existing Vascular Access Device	PVAD
Pregnancy Induced Hypertension	PIH
Premature Atrial Contraction	PAC
Premature Junctional Contraction	PJC
Premature Ventricular Contraction	PVC
Prescription; Intervention Plan; Therapy	RX; Rx
Prior To (Our) Arrival	PTOA; PTA; pta
Private Medical Doctor	PMD
Privately Owned Vehicle	POV
Prothrombin Time	PT
Psychiatric	Psych
Pulse, Motor, Sensation	PMS
Pulse, Motor, Sensory, Cap Refill	PMSC
Pulseless Electrical Activity	PEA
Pupils Equal Reactive To Light	PERL; PEARL; PERRLA
Pupils Equal, Round And Reactive To Light	PERRL
Quart	qt.
Range of Motion	ROM
Receiving Facility	RF
Red Blood Cell (Count)	RBC
Regarding	re:



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Registered Nurse	RN
Rehabilitation	Rehab
Released At Scene	RAS
Respiration, Respiratory	Resp
Respiratory Rate	RR
Respiratory Therapist	RT
Response	RESPS
Review of Systems	ROS
Rheumatoid Arthritis	RA
Right	R
Right Bundle Branch Block	RBBB
Right Eye	o.d.
Right Lower Extremity	RLE
Right Lower Lobe	RLL
Right Lower Quadrant of Abd	RLQ
Right Upper Lobe of Lung	RUL
Right Upper Quadrant of Abd	RUQ
Ringer's Lactate	RL
Rule Out	R/O; r/o
Saline Lock	SL
Search And Rescue	SAR
Second(s)	sec.
Seizure	Sz
Sexually Transmitted Disease	STD
Sheriff's Office	SO
Short(ness) of Breath	SOB
Signs And (Symptoms)	S & (SX)
Signs And Symptoms	S/S; s/s
Simple Triage And Rapid Treatment, Transport	START
Sinus Bradycardia	SB; S-Brady
Sinus Tachycardia	ST; S-Tach
Skin Signs	S/S
Sodium	Na
Sodium Bicarbonate	Bicarb.
Sodium Bicarbonate	NaCO <sub>3</sub>
Sodium Chloride	NaCl
Soft, Non-Tender	SNT
St Elevation Myocardial Infarction	STEMI
Standard Operating Procedure(S), Scope of Practice	SOP
Status Post	s/p
Streptococcus	Strep
Strong And Regular	S&R
Subcutaneous	sc; subQ; SQ
Sublingual	SL

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Sudden Acute Respiratory Syndrome	SARS
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	SIDS
Sudden Onset	s/o
Supraventricular Tachycardia	SVT
Systolic Blood Pressure	SBP
Tablespoon	Tbsp
Tablet	Tab
Teaspoon	Tsp
Temperature	T
Temperature	Temp
Temperature, Pulse, Respirations	TPR
Thoracic Spine	T-spine
Three Times A Day	tid
Through, By Way Of	per
Tidal Volume	TV
Times	X
To Keep Open	TKO
Tracheostomy	Trach
Traffic Collision	T/C; TC
Transfer	Tx
Transient Ischemic Attack	TIA
Transport	Trans
Trauma Team Activation	TTA
Traumatic Brain Injury	TBI
Treatment	TX
Tuberculosis	TB
Twice A Day	BID; b.i.d.
Tylenol	APAP
Ultraviolet	UV
Unable To Locate	UTL
Unknown	Unk
Upper Respiratory Infection	URI
Urinary Tract Infection	UTI
Venereal Disease	VD
Ventricular Fibrillation	V-Fib; VF
Ventricular Tachycardia	V-Tach; VT
Versus	Vs
Vital Signs	VS; v.s.
Volume	Vol
Warm, Dry And Pink	w/d/p
Water	H2O
Watt Seconds	ws
Watts Per Second	W/S
Weapons of Mass Destruction	WMD

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Weight	Wt
Wheelchair	w/c
Whenever Necessary, As Needed	Prn
White (Caucasian)	Wht
White Blood Cell (Count)	WBC
Wide Open	W/O
With	c
Within Normal Limits	WNL; wnl
Without	s
Wolf-Parkinson-White	WPW
Year	Yr
Year Old	YO
Years Old	Y/O; y.o.