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Common EMS

Abbreviations



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Common EMS Abbreviations



a	before
A+Ox3	alert & oriented to person, place, event
ABC's	airway, breathing, circulation
abd	abdomen
ACLS	advanced cardiac life support
a fib	atrial fibrillation
a flut	atrial flutter
AICD	automated implantable cardio defibrillator
AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
ALS	advanced life support
amb	ambulatory
AMI	acute myocardial infarction
amp	ampul
approx	approximately
ASA	aspirin
ASHD	atherosclerotic heart disease
ausc	auscultation
AV	atrioventricular
AVPU	alert/ responds to voice/pain/unresponsive
BBB	bundle branch block
BCLS	basic cardiac life support
b.i.d.	twice a day
bilat	bilateral
BLS	basic life support
bp	blood pressure
BM	bowel movement
brady	bradycardia
BS	blood sugar / bowel sounds
BSI	body substance isolation
BTLS	basic trauma life support
BVM	bag/valve/mask
Ç	with
C	centigrade
Ca	cancer
Ca++	calcium
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft
CAD	coronary artery disease
CaCl	calcium chloride
cap	capsule
cc	cubic centimeter
CC	chief complaint
CE	continuing education
C+E	clear and equal
CHB	complete heart block



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CHF	congestive heart failure
CID	cervical immobilization device
cm	centimeter
CNS	central nervous system
CO	carbon monoxide
c/o	complains of
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CO ²	carbon dioxide
CP	chest pain
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
CSM	carotid sinus massage
CVA	cerebrovascular accident
c-spine	cervical spine
Cx	chest
D5W	5% dextrose in water
dc	discontinue
decr	decrease
drsg	dressing
DOA	dead on arrival
DM	diabetes mellitus
Dx	diagnosis
EC	emergency center
ED	emergency department
EDD	expected date of deliver
ECG (EKG)	electrocardiogram
EGTA	esophageal gastric tube airway
EMS	emergency medical service
EPCR	Electronic patient care report
EOA	esophageal obturator airway
ER	emergency room
ETA	estimated time of arrival
ETOH	ethyl alcohol
ET	endotracheal tube
exp	expiratory
F	Fahrenheit
FB	foreign body
FH	family history
FHS	fetal heart tones
fld	fluid
GFr	French
FR	first responder
freq	frequent
fx	fracture

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Ga	Glasgow Coma Scale
GB	Gallbladder
GERD	Gastro-esophageal reflux disease
GI	gastrointestinal
Gm	gram
GSW	Gunshot wound
gtt	drop
Gyn	Gynecology
HB	heart block
HEENT	head, ears, eyes, nose, throat
Hg	mercury
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HPI	history of present illness
h/o	history of
HR	heart rate
hx	history
I&O	intake and output
ICP	infection control practitioner
IM	Intramuscular
incr	Increase
inf	Infusion
inj	Injection
insp	Inspiratory
IO	Intraosseous
irrig	Irrigation
IV	Intravenous
JAMA	Journal of American Medicine Association
JVD	jugular venous distention
K	potassium
kg	kilogram
KVO	keep vein open
L	liter
L or LFT	left
liq	liquid
LLE	lower left extremity
LLL	lower left lobe
LLQ	left lower quadrant
LMP	last menstrual period
LOC	loss of consciousness
LR	lactated ringers
LS	lung sounds
LUE	left upper extremity
LUL	left upper lobe
LUQ	left upper quadrant



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Ug	microgram
m	meter
UTMC	University of Toledo medical center
meds	medications
mEq	Milli-equivalent
mEq/L	Milli-equivalent per liter
MF	multifocal
Mg	milligram
Mg/dl	milligram per deciliter
MI	myocardial infarction
mid	middle
Min	minutes
ML	milliliter
Mm	millimeter
mmHg	millimeters of mercury
mod	moderate
MS	morphine sulfate
MVA	motor vehicle accident
NA+	sodium
NaHCO ³	sodium bicarbonate
NC	nasal cannula
NA	not applicable
neg	negative
NGT	nasogastric tube
NPO	nothing by mouth
NRB	Non-rebreathing (mask)
NS	normal saline
NSR	normal sinus rhythm
NTG	nitroglycerin
o	none, no
O ²	oxygen
OB	obstetric
occ	occasional
OIC	officer in charge
Oz	ounce
p	after
P	pulse
PAC	premature atrial contraction
pacer	pacemaker
Palp	palpitation
PAT	premature atrial tachycardia
PALS	pediatric advanced life support
PCN	penicillin
PCO ²	partial pressure of carbon dioxide



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PE	physical exam
pe	pulmonary embolism
Ped	pediatric
per	by or through
perc	percussion
PERL	pupils equal and reactive to light
PH	past history
pH	hydrogen ion concentration
pig	piggyback IV
PJC	premature junctional contraction
PMS	pulse, motor, sensory
PMH	past medical history
p.o.	by mouth
PO ²	partial pressure of oxygen
PPD	tuberculosis test (purified protein derivative)
p.r.n.	as needed
Pt	patient
PSVT	paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia
PTOA	prior to our arrival
PVC	premature ventricular contraction
Px	physical exam
q.	every
q.d.	every day
q.h.	every hour
q.2h, q.3h, etc.	every two hours, three hours, etc.
q.i.d.	four times a day
R	respiration
R or RT	right
rad	radical
RBC	red blood cells
RL	ringer's lactate
RLL	right lower lobe
RLQ	right lower quadrant
RML	right middle lobe
ROM	range of motion
RR	respiratory rate
RUE	right upper extremity
RUL	right upper lobe
RUO	right upper quadrant
Rx	take
□	without
s brady	sinus bradycardia
SIDS	sudden infant death syndrome



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SL	sublingual
SLH	St. Lukes Hospital
SOB	shortness of breath
Sol	solution
SQ	subcutaneous
S/S	signs and symptoms
s tach	sinus tachycardia
STEMI	ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction
subcu	subcutaneous
SVT	supraventricular tachycardia
SVMCM	St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center
Sx	symptoms
Sz	seizure
T	temperature
tach	tachycardia
TB	tuberculosis
TIA	transient ischemic attack
t.i.d.	three times a day
TKO	to keep open
TTH	The Toledo Hospital
U/A	upon arrival
UF	unifocal
URI	upper respiratory infection
UTI	urinary tract infection
v fib	ventricular fibrillation
VO	verbal order
VS	vital signs
v tach	ventricular tachycardia
VT	ventricular tachycardia
w/	with
w/o	without
WNL	within normal limits
X	times
<	less than
>	more than
=	equal to
°	degree
@	At
BS	bystander
POS	physician on scene
MC	medical control
P	protocol
DR	driver
I	EMT-P



Common EMS Abbreviations



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III
IV

EMT-B
EMT-Advanced
Other