

Oakland County Medical Control Authority
System Protocols
 OCMCA APPROVED MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS

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Section 8.12.1

OCMCA Approved Medical Abbreviations

a	before	IDDM	Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus
abd.	abdomen	DNR	do not resuscitate
ACLS	Advanced Cardiac Life Support	DOA	dead on arrival
AED	automated external defibrillator	DOE	dyspnea on exertion
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	DOS	dead on scene
ALS	advanced life support	DTs	delirium tremens
A/Ox3	alert and oriented to person, place, time	Dx	diagnosis
a-fib	atrial fibrillation	ECG, EKG	electrocardiogram
a-flutter	atrial flutter	EC	emergency center
AMA	against medical advice	ED	emergency department
AMI	acute myocardial infarction	EDC	Estimated date of confinement
ant	anterior	epi	epinephrine
A / P	anterior/posterior	ET, ETT	endotracheal, endotracheal tube
approx.	approximate	ETA	estimated time of arrival
ARDS	adult respiratory distress syndrome	ETOH	alcohol (ethanol)
ASA	aspirin	Exp	expiratory
ASHD	atherosclerotic heart disease	♀	female
Atach	atrial tachycardia	Fx	fracture
ATF	Arrived to find	FBAO	foreign body airway obstruction
ATA	At time of arrival	GI	gastrointestinal
AV	atrioventricular	GSW	gunshot wound
BC	birth control	gtt	drop
BLS	basic life support	GU	gastrourinary
BM	bowel movement	GYN	gynecologic
BP	blood pressure	G/P	pregnancies/births (gravid/para)
BS	blood sugar / breath sounds/bowel sounds	hr.	hour
BSA	body surface area	H/A	headache
BVM	bag-valve-mask	HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
CA	cancer/cardiac arrest	HR	heart rate
CAD	coronary artery disease	HTN	hypertension
CBC	complete blood count	Hx	history
CC	chief complaint	ICP	intracranial pressure
CABG	coronary artery bypasses graft	ICU	intensive care unit
CHF	congestive heart failure	IM	intramuscular
cm	centimeter	inf.	Inferior
CNS	central nervous system	Insp	inspiratory
c/o	complains of	IO	intraosseous
CO	carbon monoxide	IV	intravenous
CO ₂	carbon dioxide	IVP	intravenous push
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	IVPB	intravenous piggyback
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	JVD	jugular venous distention
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid	Kg	kilogram
c-spine	cervical spine	KVO	keep vein open
CVA	cerebrovascular accident	L	liter
D ₅ W	5% dextrose in water	lac	laceration
D/C	discontinue	lbs	pound
D & C	dilation and curettage		
Defib	defibrillation		
DIB	difficulty in breathing		
DKA	diabetic ketoacidosis		

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L & D	labor and delivery	pt.	patient
LLQ	left lower quadrant	PTA	prior to arrival
LOC	level of consciousness	PVC	premature ventricular contraction
LPM	liters per minute	q	every
LUQ	left upper quadrant	R, RR	respirations, respiratory rate
♂	male	Resp	respiratory
m	meter	RL	Ringer's lactate
MCI	mass casualty incident	R/O	rule out
mcg.	microgram	ROM	range of motion
meds	medications	RUQ	right upper quadrant
mEq	milliequivalent	Rx	prescription, treatment, therapy
MI	myocardial infarction	S/S	signs/symptoms
mg	milligram	SQ	subcutaneous
ml	milliliter	SIDS	sudden infant death syndrome
mm	millimeter	subL	sublingual
MSDS	manufacturers safety data sheet	SOB	shortness of breath
MVA	motor vehicle accident	stat	immediately
MVC	motor vehicle crash	STD	sexually transmitted disease
NaCl	sodium chloride	SVT	supraventricular tachycardia
NAD	no apparent distress	tach.	tachycardia
NaHCO ₃	sodium bicarbonate	TB	tuberculosis
NC	nasal cannula	TIA	transient ischemic attack
neg.	negative	TKO	to keep open
NIDDM	Non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus	temp.	temperature
NPO	nothing by mouth	TOT	Turned over to
NKA	no known allergies	Tx	treatment, therapy
NS	normal saline	uncon.	unconscious
NSR	normal sinus rhythm	URI	upper respiratory infection
NTG	nitroglycerin	UTI	urinary tract infection
N/V	nausea/vomiting	VF	ventricular fibrillation
O ₂	oxygen	VS	vital signs
OB	obstetrics	VT	ventricular tachycardia
OD	overdose	ç	with
ð	after	§	without
P	pulse	WNL	within normal limits
Pt	Patient	W/S	watts/second
PAC	premature atrial contraction	wt.	weight
PASG	pneumatic anti-shock garment	y/o	year old
Palp	palpation		
PAT	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia	↑	increased, elevated
P.E.	physical exam, pulmonary embolism	↓	decreased, depressed
PEA	pulseless electrical activity	∅	none
PERRL	pupils equal round reactive to light	(R)	right
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease	(L)	left
PIH	pregnancy induced hypertension	1°	primary, first degree
PMD	private medical doctor / primary medical	2°	secondary, second degree
PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea	~	approximate
p.o.	by mouth	x	times
post.	posterior	+	positive
POV	privately-owned vehicle	-	negative
PSVT	paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia	Δ	change
psych.	psychiatric		