



Oakland County Medical Control Authority
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OCMCA Approved Medical Abbreviations

a before
 abd. abdomen
 ACLS Advanced Cardiac Life Support
 AED automated external defibrillator
 AIDS Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
 ALS advanced life support
 A/Ox3 alert and oriented to person, place, time
 a-fib atrial fibrillation
 a-flutter atrial flutter
 AMA against medical advice
 AMI acute myocardial infarction
 ant anterior
 A / P anterior/posterior
 approx. approximate
 ARDS adult respiratory distress syndrome
 ASA aspirin
 ASHD atherosclerotic heart disease
 Atach atrial tachycardia
 ATF Arrived to find
 ATA At time of arrival
 AV atrioventricular
 BC birth control
 BLS basic life support
 BM bowel movement
 BP blood pressure
 BS blood sugar / breath sounds/bowel sounds
 BSA body surface area
 BVM bag-valve-mask
 CA cancer/cardiac arrest
 CAD coronary artery disease
 CBC complete blood count
 CC chief complaint
 CABG coronary artery bypasses graft
 CHF congestive heart failure
 cm centimeter
 CNS central nervous system

c/o complains of
 CO carbon monoxide
 CO₂ carbon dioxide
 COPD chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
 CPR cardiopulmonary resuscitation
 CSF cerebrospinal fluid
 c-spine cervical spine
 CVA cerebrovascular accident
 D₅W 5% dextrose in water
 D/C discontinue
 D & C dilation and curettage
 Defib defibrillation
 DIB difficulty in breathing
 DKA diabetic ketoacidosis
 IDDM Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus
 DNR do not resuscitate
 DOA dead on arrival
 DOE dyspnea on exertion
 DOS dead on scene
 DTs delirium tremens
 Dx diagnosis
 ECG, EKG electrocardiogram
 EC emergency center
 ED emergency department
 EDC Estimated date of confinement
 epi epinephrine
 ET, ETT endotracheal, endotracheal tube
 ETA estimated time of arrival
 ETOH alcohol (ethanol)
 Exp expiratory
 ♀ female
 Fx fracture
 FBAO foreign body airway obstruction
 GI gastrointestinal
 GSW gunshot wound
 gtt drop
 GU gastrourinary
 GYN gynecologic
 G/P pregnancies/births (gravid/para)
 hr. hour



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H/A	headache	neg.	negative
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus	NIDDM	Non-insulin-dependent diabetes
HR	heart rate	mellitus	
HTN	hypertension	NPO	nothing by mouth
Hx	history	NKA	no known allergies
ICP	intracranial pressure	NS	normal saline
ICU	intensive care unit	NSR	normal sinus rhythm
IM	intramuscular	NTG	nitroglycerin
inf.	Inferior	N/V	nausea/vomiting
Insp	inspiratory	O ₂	oxygen
IO	intraosseous	OB	obstetrics
IV	intravenous	OD	overdose
IVP	intravenous push	ð	after
IVPB	intravenous piggyback	P	pulse
JVD	jugular venous distention	Pt	Patient
Kg	kilogram	PAC	premature atrial contraction
KVO	keep vein open	PASG	pneumatic anti-shock garment
L	liter	Palp	palpation
lac	laceration	PAT	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
lbs	pound	P.E.	physical exam, pulmonary
L & D	labor and delivery	embolism	
LLQ	left lower quadrant	PEA	pulseless electrical activity
LOC	level of consciousness	PERRL	pupils equal round reactive to
LPM	liters per minute	light	
LUQ	left upper quadrant	PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
♂	male	PIH	pregnancy induced hypertension
m	meter	PMD	private medical doctor / primary
MCI	mass casualty incident	medical	
mcg.	microgram	PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
meds	medications	p.o.	by mouth
mEq	milliequivalent	post.	posterior
MI	myocardial infarction	POV	privately-owned vehicle
mg	milligram	PSVT	paroxysmal supraventricular
ml	milliliter	tachycardia	
mm	millimeter	psych.	psychiatric
MSDS	manufacturers safety data sheet	pt.	patient
MVA	motor vehicle accident	PTA	prior to arrival
MVC	motor vehicle crash	PVC	premature ventricular contraction
NaCl	sodium chloride	q	every
NAD	no apparent distress	R, RR	respirations, respiratory rate
NaHCO ₃	sodium bicarbonate	Resp	respiratory
NC	nasal cannula	RL	Ringer's lactate



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R/O	rule out	Δ	change
ROM	range of motion		
RUQ	right upper quadrant		
Rx	prescription, treatment, therapy		
S/S	signs/symptoms		
SQ	subcutaneous		
SIDS	sudden infant death syndrome		
subL	sublingual		
SOB	shortness of breath		
stat	immediately		
STD	sexually transmitted disease		
SVT	supraventricular tachycardia		
tach.	tachycardia		
TB	tuberculosis		
TIA	transient ischemic attack		
TKO	to keep open		
temp.	temperature		
TOT	Turned over to		
Tx	treatment, therapy		
uncon.	unconscious		
URI	upper respiratory infection		
UTI	urinary tract infection		
VF	ventricular fibrillation		
VS	vital signs		
VT	ventricular tachycardia		
ĉ	with		
š	without		
WNL	within normal limits		
W/S	watts/second		
wt.	weight		
y/o	year old		
↑	increased, elevated		
↓	decreased, depressed		
∅	none		
(R)	right		
(L)	left		
1°	primary, first degree		
2°	secondary, second degree		
~	approximate		
x	times		
+	positive		
-	negative		