

MOST COMMON MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS


\bar{a} = before

\bar{c} = with

\bar{p} = after

\bar{s} = without

Δ = change q = every

 = approx.

AO x 4 = alert & oriented to person, place, time, event

1 = primary 2 = secondary

♀ = female ♂ = male

A.C = before meals

BM = bowel movement

B.S = blood sugar or breath sounds or bowel sounds

BP = blood pressure

CC = chief complaint

c/o = complains of

CSM = circulation, sensory, motion all extremities.

CP = chest pain

conx = conscious

Dx = diagnosis

EBL = estimated blood loss

ETOH = alcohol

H/A = headache

HPTN = hypertension

GSW = gun shot wound

Hx = history

lac = laceration

LBP = lower back pain

LLQ = left lower quadrant

LMP = last menstrual period

MAE = moves all extremities

MOI = mechanism of injury

NAD = no apparent distress

NPO = nothing by mouth

n/v/d = nausea, vomiting and diarrhea

n/v = nausea vomiting

P.C = after meals

p.o = by mouth pt. = patient

qd = every day qh = every hour

S.O.B = shortness of breath

S/S = signs and symptoms

SX = symptoms

t.i.d = 3 times a day

Tx = treatment

V.S = vital signs

WNL = within normal limits

> = greater than < = less than

U/A = upon arrival

w/d/pink = warm, dry and pink

y/o = years old

\uparrow = increase \downarrow = decrease

\emptyset = none

Truckee Fire District EMS Abbreviations

1*	Primary	DNR	Do Not Resuscitate	NS	Normal Saline	SOB	Short of Breath
2*	Secondary	Epi.	Epinephrine	Ob/Gyn	Obstetrics / Gynecology	deform.	Deformity
a	Before	ETOH	Alcohol	OD	Overdose	disloc.	Dislocation
A&Ox4	Alert and Oriented to Person, Place Time and Situation	FSP	Full Spinal Precautions	P	after	DT's	Delirium, Tremors
abd.	abdomen	Fx	Fracture	PAC	Premature Atrial Contraction	diag.	Diagnosis
admin.	Administration	GI	Gastrointestinal	palp.	Palpable	ECG	Electrocardiogram
A fib	Atrial Fibrillation	H/A	Headache	PAT	Paroxysmal Atrial Tachycardia	NSR	Normal Sinus Rhythm
A LOC	Altered Level of Consciousness	HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus	PCN	Penicillin	NTG	Nitroglycerin
am	Before Noon	HR	Heart Rate	PEA	Pulseless Electrical Activity	NV	Nausea Vomiting
AMA	Against Medical Advice	HTN	Hypertension	PERL	Pupils Equal and Reactive to Light	NVD	Nausea Vomiting Diarrhea
AMI	Acute Myocardial Infarction	Hx	History	peds.	Pediatrics	O2	Oxygen
amt.	Amount	JVD	Jugular Vein Distension	PID	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	SQ	Subcutaneous
approx.	Approximately	IFT	Interfacility Transfer	PJC	Premature Junctional Contraction	STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
ASA	Aspirin	IM	Intramuscular	pm	After Noon	SVT	Supraventricular Tachycardia
ASAP	As Soon As Possible	irreg.	irregular	PMS	Premenstrual Syndrome	Sx	Symptoms
BM	Bowel Movement	IV	Intravenous	Pn	Pain	TB	Tuberculosis
BP	Blood Pressure	IVP	IV Push	P/O	Pulse Ox	Tx	Treatment
BS	Blood Sugar / Breath Sounds	kg	Kilogram	poss.	Possible	U/A	Urine Arrival
c	With	lac.	Laceration	PSVT	Paroxysmal Supraventricular Contraction	VS	Vital Signs
CA	Cancer	LHF	Left Heart Failure	PTA	Prior to Arrival	V fib	Ventricular Fibrillation
CAD	Coronary Artery Disease	LLQ	Lower Left Quadrant	PVC	Premature Ventricular Contraction	V tach	Ventricular Tachycardia
CC	Chief Complaint	LOC	Loss of Consciousness	q	every	W/D/P	Warm Dry Pink
C/E	Clear and Equal	LUQ	Left Upper Quadrant	resp.	Respirations	WNL	Within Normal Limits
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure	MAE	Moves All Extremities	RHF	Right Heart Failure	YOF	Year Old Female
CNS	Central Nervous System	mcg	Microgram	RLQ	Right Lower Quadrant	YOM	Year Old Male
C/O	Complains Of	mg	milligram	RIA	Room Air	>	Greater Than
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	MI	Myocardial Infarction	R/O	Rule Out	<	Less Than
C/P	Chest Pain	ml	Milliliter	ROM	Range Of Motion	-	Negative
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	MOI	Mechanism of Injury	RUQ	Right Upper Quadrant	+	Positive
CSF	Cerebral Spinal Fluid	MVA	Motor Vehicle Accident	Rx	Medication	^	Change
CSM	Circulation Sensory Motor	NA	Not Applicable	s	without		
CVA	Cerebrovascular Accident	neg	Negative	S/B	Seatbelt		
		NMI	No Middle Initial	SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome		