**LHD MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS**

The Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH) approved local health department (LHD) clinic medical abbreviations that are acceptable for LHD documentation are located within this document and Marilyn Fuller Delong’s Medical Acronyms, Eponyms & Abbreviations, third Edition or later. The following list was compiled from nationally acceptable sources and documents that are published by such agencies as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, medical references, the MERCK Manual, and medical dictionaries such as Dorland’s Medical Dictionary. **Each LHD should keep a log of non-medical abbreviations used in their agency, such as Tue. for Tuesday, Aug. for August, CBH for Central Baptist Hospital, UK for University of Kentucky, etc.**

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| 2 times a day | BID |
| 3 times a day | t.i.d. |
| 4 times a day | QID |
| 1st heart sound | S1 |
| 2nd heart sound | S2 |
| 3rd heart sound | S3 |
| 4th heart sound | S4 |
| Ask, Advise, Assess, Assist, Arrange | 5 A’s |
| **A** | |
| a drop | gt |
| abdomen, abdominal | Abd |
| **A**bdominal pain, **C**hest pain, **H**eadaches, **E**ye problems, **S**evere leg pain | ACHES |
| abnormal | Abn, ABNL |
| abortion | ab, AB |
| absent without leave | AWOL |
| absent, absence | abs |
| absolute bed rest | ABR |
| acceleration | accel |
| acceptable daily intake | ADI |
| according | acc |

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| accumulation | accum |
| Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin) | ASA |
| Acid Fast Bacilli | AFB |
| Acidophilus and Bifidum | A&B |
| Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome | AIDS |
| Acromioclavicular | AC |
| activated clotting time | ACT |
| activities of daily living | ADL |
| activity | act |
| Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia | ALL |
| Acute Myeloid Leukemia | AML |
| Acute Otitis Media | AOM |
| Acute Respiratory Disease | ARD |
| Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome | ARDS |
| adequate | adeq |
| to be administered | adhib |
| administered, administrator, admission | adm |
| Adrenocorticotropic hormone | ACTH |
| Adult Treatment Panel III | ATP III |
| Advanced Beneficiary Notice | ABN |
| Advanced Life Support | ALS |
| Advanced Practice Registered Nurse | APRN |
| advised | adv |
| Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices | ACIP |
| Advisory Opinion Statement | AOS |
| after *(post)* | post, p |
| after meals (*post cibos*) | pc |
| after surgery | Post-op |
| agglutinate, agglutination | agg, aggl |

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| AIDS-Related Complex | ARC |
| Alanine Aminotransferase | ALT |
| alcohol | alc |
| alcohol like substance on breath | ALSOB |
| alcohol on breath | AOB |
| alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs | ATOD |
| Alcoholics Anonymous | AA |
| alert and oriented | A/O |
| alert and oriented to time, person, place, and date | A+Ox4 |
| alive and well | A&W |
| Alpha-Fetoprotein | AFP |
| alternate | alt |
| Ampoule | amp |
| Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis | ALS |
| anatomy | anat |
| anatomy and physiology | A&P |
| annual family planning | AFP, ANF |
| anterior | ant |
| antibiotics | abx |
| antibody | Ab |
| Antibody to Hepatitis A Virus | anti-HAV |
| Antibody to Hepatitis B Core Antigen | anti-HBc |
| Antibody to Hepatitis B Surface Antigen | anti-HBs |
| Anticipatory Guidance | AG |
| Anticubital | AC |
| antigen, silver | Ag |
| Anti-Rabies Serum | ARS |
| apparent | appar |
| application, applied | appl |

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| appropriate for gestational age | AGA |
| aqua – water | aq, aqu |
| Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living | AAAIL |
| Argininemia | ARG |
| arteriosclerosis | AS |
| artery | art |
| artificial | artif |
| as directed (*modo praescripto*) | emp, mp |
| as much as desired | qp, qv, qu |
| as needed (*pro re nata*) | prn |
| as soon as possible | ASAP |
| as tolerated | as tol |
| ascorbic acid | Vitamin C |
| Ask-Advise plus Refer | 2A’s + R |
| Aspartate Aminotransferase | AST |
| aspirin | ASA |
| aspirin/caffeine | APC |
| asymptomatic | asx |
| at bedtime | hd, hs |
| Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease | ACVD |
| Atrial Septal Defect | ASD |
| Atrioventricular | AV |
| atrophy | atr |
| Attention Deficit Disorder | ADD |
| Atypical Glandular Cells of Undetermined Significance | AGC |
| Atypical Squamous Cells – Cannot Exclude High-Grade Lesion | ASC-H |
| Atypical Squamous Cells of Undetermined Significance | ASC-US |
| auditory | AUD |
| auscultation | ausc, auscul |

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| Auscultation and Palpation | A&P |
| auxillary | aux |
| axillary | Ax, ax |
| **B** | |
| baby teeth | A-T |
| Bacille Calmette-Guerin Vaccine | BCG |
| back up method | BUM |
| backache | B/A |
| bacterial | bact |
| Bacterial Vaginosis | BV |
| bag of waters | BOW |
| balance | bal |
| barbiturates | barbs |
| barium | Ba |
| Bartholins, Urethral & Skenes gland | BUS |
| basal body temperature | BBT |
| basal cell cancer | BCC |
| basal energy expenditure | BEE |
| basal metabolic rate | BMR |
| battered child syndrome | BCS |
| battered woman syndrome | BWS |
| because of | B/O |
| bed rest | BR |
| before | ā |
| before dinner | ap |
| before meals | a.c. |
| before surgery | Pre-op |
| begin, began, beginning | beg |
| benign prostatic hypertrophy | BPH |

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| between | bet |
| Bicarbonate | Bicarb, HCO3 |
| Bi-chloroacetic acid | BCA |
| bilateral | bilat |
| bilateral breath sounds | BBS |
| Bilateral Otitis Media | BOM |
| Bilateral Salpingo-Oophorectomy | BSO |
| Bilateral Serous Otitis Media | BSOM |
| biopsy | Bx, bx |
| Biotinidase Deficiency | BIOT |
| birth control | BC |
| birth control clinic | BCC |
| birth control pills | BCP |
| birthmark | BMK |
| black box warning | BBW |
| blood | Bl, bld |
| blood alcohol | BA |
| blood alcohol level | BAL |
| Blood Assay for Mycobacterium Tuberculosis | BAMT |
| blood brain barrier | BBB |
| blood glucose | BG |
| blood lead level | BLL |
| blood pressure | BP |
| blood sugar | BS |
| blood sugar level | BSL |
| blood urea nitrogen | BUN |
| Blood volume | Q |
| body mass index | BMI |
| body surface area | BSA |

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| body weight | BW |
| bone | os |
| bone mineral density | BMD |
| born | b |
| both ears, each ear | AU |
| bottle | bot |
| bowel movement | BM |
| bowel sounds normal | BSN |
| breakthrough bleeding | BB, BTB |
| Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program | BCCTP |
| Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System | BI-RADSTM |
| breast self exam | BSE |
| Breastfeeding Woman | BF |
| breath | br |
| breath sounds bilateral | BSB |
| bright red blood | BRB |
| brought in by | BIB |
| buccal | B |
| By mouth (*per os*) | po |
| **C** | |
| “cut down”, “annoyed”, “guilty”, and “eye-opener” | CAGE |
| calcium | Ca |
| calorie | cal |
| cancelled | canc |
| cancer, carcinoma | Ca, CA |
| Cancer Screening Education Materials | CSEM |
| capillary | cap |
| Capillary Blood Lead Level | CBLL |
| capsule | cap |

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| carbohydrate | CH20, CHO, COH |
| carcinoma-in-situ | CIS |
| cardiopulmonary resuscitation | CPR |
| cardiovascular disease | CV, CVD, CD |
| cardiovascular heart disease | CHD |
| cardiovascular system | CVS |
| Carnitine acylcarnitine translocase deficiency | CACT |
| Carnitine palmitoyl II deficiency | CPT-II |
| Carnitine Uptake Defect | CUD |
| case unknown | CU |
| Casual Blood Sugar | CBS |
| catheter | cath |
| caucasian | cauc |
| cavity | cav |
| centigrade | cent |
| Centigrade/Celsius | C |
| centigram | cg, Cgm |
| central nervous system | CNS |
| cephalopelvic disproportion | CPD |
| Cerebral Palsy | CP |
| Cerebral Spinal Fluid | CSF |
| Cerebrovascular Accident | CVA |
| Certificate of Need | CON |
| Certified Diabetes Educator | CDE |
| Certified Medical Assistant | CMA |
| Certified Nurse Midwife | CNM |
| certified, certificate | cert, crt |
| cervical | cerv, C |
| Cervical Intraepithelial Neoplasm | CIN |

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| cervical motion tenderness | cmt |
| cervical spine | C-spine |
| cervix | cerv, Cx |
| Cesarean Delivery | CD |
| Cesarean Section | CS, C-section |
| chemical, chemistry | chem |
| chest | ch |
| chest pain | CP |
| chest x-ray | CXR |
| chest-back | C-B |
| chicken pox | ch px |
| chief complaint | C.C., CC |
| child | ch |
| Child Advocacy Centers | CAC |
| child fatality review | CFR |
| Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Nurse | CLPPP |
| Chlamydia Trachomatis/Neisseria Gonorrhea | CT/GC |
| Chlamydia Test | CT |
| chlorine | Cl |
| cholesterol | CH, chol |
| cholesterol/triglyceride ratio | C/TG |
| Chorionic Gonadotropin | CG |
| chromium | Cr |
| chronic | chr |
| Chronic Disease Self-Management Program | CDSMP |
| chronic liver disease | CLD |
| chronic obstructive pulmonary disease | COPD |
| chronic serous otitis media | CSOM |
| chronic tuberculosis | CTB |

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| circulate, circumference | circ |
| circumcision | circ, circum |
| Citrullinemia type I | CIT-I |
| Citrullinemia type II | CIT-II |
| clear to auscultation | CTA |
| clear to auscultation bilaterally | CTA(B) |
| clinic, clinical | clin |
| Clinical Assessment Software Application | CASA |
| clinical breast exam | CBE |
| Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act | CLIA |
| Clinical Nurse Specialist | CNS |
| clue cells | CC |
| coagulation | coag |
| cold knife conization | CKC |
| combined oral contraceptives (estrogen & progestin) | COCs |
| communicable disease | commun dis, CD |
| Community Health Nurse | CHN |
| compare, compound | comp |
| complains of | C/O, ℅ |
| complete | compl |
| complete blood count | CBC |
| complication | complic |
| compound | compd |
| Compressions-Airway-Breathing | CAB |
| computer-aided detection | CAD |
| computerized axial tomography | CAT scan |
| concentrated, concentration | conc |
| condition | cond |
| confirmed & compatible | C&C |

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| congenital | cong |
| Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia | CAH |
| congenital heart disease | CHD |
| Congenital Hypothyroidism | CH |
| Congenital Polycystic Disease | CPD |
| Congenital Rubella Syndrome | CRS |
| congestive heart failure | CHF |
| conjugated | conjug |
| Consistent with | C/w |
| constant | const |
| contact | C |
| Continue with | C/W |
| continuing education | CE |
| continuing education unit | CEU |
| Contraceptive Technology | CT |
| Contraction Stress Test | CST |
| contractions | contrx |
| control | ctr |
| copper | Cu |
| coronary care unit | CCU |
| correct, correction | corr |
| counterclockwise | CCW |
| cryosurgery, cryotherapy | cryo |
| cubic micron | CU |
| culture | cult |
| Culture Filtrate Protein-10 | CFP-10 |
| culture & sensitivity | C&S |
| current | cur |
| current diagnosis | cd |

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| current procedural terminology | CPT-4 |
| cutting in to | -otomy |
| Cystic Fibrosis | CF |
| cystoscopy | cysto |
| Cytomegalovirus | CMV |
| **D** | |
| date of admission | D/A |
| date of birth | D/B, DOB |
| date of death | DOD |
| date of service | DOS |
| date | D |
| daughter | dau |
| decameter | dkm |
| deceased | Dec, dec’d |
| deceleration | decel |
| decibal | dB |
| decigram | dg, dgm |
| deciliter | dL |
| decimeter | dm |
| decrease, decreased | decr |
| deep tendon reflex | DTR |
| deep vein thrombosis | DVT |
| deficiency | def |
| deformity | deform |
| degeneration | degen |
| degree | Deg, deg |
| delayed-type hypersensitivity | DTH |
| delivery, delivered | del |
| Denver Articulation Screening Examination | DASE |

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| Denver Development Screening Tool | DDST |
| Deoxyribonucleic Acid | DNA |
| Department for Community Based Services | DCBS |
| Department for Public Health | DPH |
| dependent | dep |
| Depot-medroxyprogesterone acetate | DMPA |
| derive, derivative | deriv |
| descent, descending | desc |
| development | Dev, devel |
| developmental age | DA |
| developmental disability | DD |
| developmental quotient | DQ |
| Devereux Early Childhood Assessment | DECA |
| deviated nasal septum | DNS |
| diabetes | diab |
| Diabetes Prevention Program | DPP |
| Diabetes Mellitus | DM |
| Diabetes Self-Management Education & Support Training | DSMES/T |
| Diabetic Ketoacidosis | DKA |
| diagnosis | Dx, diag |
| diagram | diagm |
| diameter | diam |
| diarrhea and vomiting | D & V |
| diastolic blood pressure | DBP |
| did not keep appointment | DNKA |
| diet as tolerated | DAT |
| dietary reference intakes | DRI |
| Diethylstilbestrol | DES |
| differential blood count | dif |

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| dilation and curettage | D & C |
| dilation and evacuation | D & E |
| diminish, dimension | dim |
| Diphtheria | diph |
| direct, direction, director | dir |
| direct fluorescent antibody | DFA |
| directly observed preventative therapy | DOPT |
| directly observed therapy | DOT |
| disabled | dis |
| discharge | disch, D/C, DC, dc |
| discontinue | disc, D/C, d/c |
| Discussed with | D/W |
| disease | dis |
| Disease Intervention Specialist | DIS |
| dislocate, dislocation | disloc |
| dispense | disp |
| disseminated | dissem |
| Disseminated Gonococcal Infection | DGI |
| dissolved | dissd |
| distal | D |
| distal pulses | DP |
| distance | dis |
| distribute, disturbance | dist |
| divide, division | div |
| Division of Administration & Financial Management | AFM |
| Division of Laboratory Services | DLS |
| Division of Maternal & Child Health | MCH |
| Division of Prevention & Quality Improvement | PQI |
| Doctor’s orders | DO |

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| domestic violence | DV |
| domestic violence/sexual assault | DV/SA |
| dominant | dom |
| Dorsalis pedis pulse | DP |
| dose, dosage | D,dos |
| double vision | dv |
| Down’s Syndrome | DS |
| dram | dr |
| dressing | Drsg, dsg |
| drink | bib |
| driving under influence | DUI |
| drop by drop | guttat |
| drops | gtt |
| drug history | D/H |
| drug of choice | DOC |
| dry dressing | DD |
| duck embryo vaccine | DEV |
| Ductal Carcinoma in situ – type of breast cancer | DCIS |
| duplication, duplicate | dup |
| durable medical equipment | DME |
| dysfunctional uterine bleeding | DUB |
| **E** | |
| each eye | OU |
| ear, nose, (and) throat | ENT |
| early periodic screening diagnosis and treatment | EPSDT |
| ears, eyes, nose, throat | EENT |
| ectopic pregnancy | EP |
| educate, education | educ |
| effect, effective | eff |

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| effective dose | ED |
| egg, ovary | ov |
| elbow | elb |
| elect, elective | el, elect |
| elective termination of pregnancy | ETP |
| electrocardiogram | ECG, EKG |
| electroencephalogram | EEG |
| Electronic Disease Notification | EDN |
| electronic fetal monitor | EFM |
| elevated blood lead level | EBLL |
| eligible | elig. |
| embryo | Emb |
| emergency | emer |
| emergency contraception | EC |
| emergency contraceptive pills | ECP |
| emergency operations plan | EOP |
| emergency room | ER |
| emotional | emot |
| EndoCervical Curretage | ECC |
| Endometrial Biopsy | EMB |
| enhanced-potency Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine | eIPV |
| enlarged | enl |
| environment | environ |
| Environmental Smoke Exposure | ETS |
| Enzyme Immunoassay | EIA |
| Enzyme-linked Immunoadsorbent Assay | ELISA |
| eosinophil | eos |
| epidemiology | epi |
| episiotomy | epis |

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| epithelial | EPITH |
| Epstein-Barr Virus | EBV |
| equal | eq |
| equal bilateral breath sounds | EBBS |
| equipment | equip |
| equivalent | equiv |
| erectile dysfunction | ED |
| erythrocytes per deciliters | ery/dL |
| Erythromycin | EES |
| Escherichia coli | E coli |
| essential | ess |
| estimated blood loss | EBL |
| estimated date of confinement | EDC |
| estimated fetal weight | EFW |
| estimated gestational age | EGA |
| estradiol | E2 |
| estrogen | E, ESG |
| estrogen replacement therapy | ERT |
| Ethanol or Ethyl alcohol | EtOH, EOH |
| Ethinyl estradiol | EE |
| Ethmbutol | EMB |
| evacuate, evacuation | evac |
| evaluate and advise | E&A |
| every 2 hours | q2h |
| every 3 hours | q3h |
| every 4 hours | q4h |
| every 5 hours | q5h |
| every 8 hours | q8h |
| every day | qd |

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| every four hours | qqh |
| every hour, each hour | qh |
| every morning | qam, qm |
| every night | qn, qpm |
| every other day | qod |
| every other hour | qoh |
| every other night | qon |
| examination | Ex, exam |
| except, excision | exc |
| Expanded Role Registered Nurse | ERRN |
| expected date of delivery | EDD |
| expected, expired | exp |
| expire, expiration | expir |
| expressed breast milk | EBM |
| exterior, external | ext |
| extremity | ext |
| eye | E |
| **F** | |
| face-to-face | En face |
| failure to thrive | FTT |
| family | fam |
| family support worker | FSW |
| Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act | FERPA |
| family goal sheet | FGS |
| family history | F/H, FH, FHx |
| family nurse practitioner | FNP |
| family planning | FP |
| family planning education materials | FPEM |
| family resource youth services center | FRYSC |

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| fasting blood glucose | FBG |
| fasting blood sugar | FBS |
| fasting lipid panel | FLP |
| fasting plasma glucose | FPG |
| fat free | FF |
| father | F |
| fecal occult blood test | FOBT |
| Federal Trade Commission | FTC |
| feeding | fdg |
| fee-for-service | FFS |
| female | Fe |
| female genital tract | FGT |
| fertility awareness methods | FAM |
| fetal alcohol syndrome | FAS |
| fetal heart rate | FHR |
| fetal heart sounds | FHS |
| fetal heart tones | FHT |
| fetal movements | FM |
| fever of unknown origin | FUO |
| fibrocystic breast | FCB |
| Fibromyalgia Syndrome | FMS |
| fine needle aspiration (cytology) | FNA(c) |
| finger stick blood glucose/sugar | FSBG or FSBS |
| first menstrual period | FMP |
| flexion | flex |
| fluid | Fl, fld |
| fluorescent treponemal antibody absorption test | FTA-ABS |
| Fluoroquinolone | FQN |
| foam and condoms | F&C |

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| folic acid | FA, B9 |
| follicle-stimulating hormone | FSH |
| force fluids | ff |
| follow-up | F/U, FU |
| follow-up nutrition education by kiosk | FNEK |
| follow-up nutrition education per protocols  (wic abbreviation) | FNEPP |
| foot, feet | ft |
| for further appointment | FFA |
| for your information | FYI |
| forearm | FA |
| four times a day | qid |
| fracture | frac, fx |
| fragment | frag |
| from | fr |
| full mouth series | FMS |
| full range of motion | FROM |
| full strength | FS |
| full term | FT |
| full term normal delivery | FTND |
| function | func |
| fungal elements | FE |
| **G** | |
| Galactosemia | GAL |
| gallbladder | GB |
| Gamma Globulin | GG |
| Gastroesophageal Reflux | GER |
| Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease | GERD |
| gastrointestinal | GI |

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| genitourinary | GU |
| genitourinary system | GUS |
| gestational diabetes mellitus | GDM |
| gland | gl |
| Glaxo Smith Kline | GSK |
| glomerular filtration rate | GFR |
| glucose | glu |
| glucose challenge test | GCT |
| glucose insulin tolerance test | GITT |
| glucose tolerance test | GT, GTT |
| Glutaric academia type II | GA-II |
| gluteus maximus | glut max, GM |
| gold | Au |
| Gonadotropin-releasing hormone | GnRH |
| Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project | GISP |
| Gonococcal Urethritis | GU |
| gonococcus/gonorrhea | gc, GC |
| government | govt |
| gradual, gradually | grad |
| grain | gr |
| gram | g, gm |
| gram negative | GN |
| gram negative bacillus | GNB |
| gram negative cocci | GNC |
| gram negative diplococci | GND |
| gram per deciliter | g/dL |
| gram positive | GP |
| gram positive cocci | GPC |
| grandfather | GF |

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| grandmother | GM |
| Gravida | G |
| gravity | grav |
| Group A streptococcus | GAS |
| Group B beta-hemolytic streptococcus | GBBS |
| Group B streptococcus | GBS |
| Growing Great Families | GGF |
| Growing Great Kids | GGK |
| growth hormone | GH |
| guide, guidance | guid |
| Guillain-Barré Syndrome | GBS |
| gynecologist, gynecology | Gyn, GYN |
| **H** | |
| half | Hf |
| half gallon | HG |
| hard of hearing | HOH |
| head and neck | H&N |
| head, eyes, ears, nose, and throat | HEENT |
| headache | HA, h/a |
| Health Access, Nurturing Development Services | HANDS |
| Health Care Provider | HCP |
| health care worker | HCW |
| Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act | HIPAA |
| health maintenance organization | HMO |
| health risk assessment | HRA |
| Healthy Living with Diabetes, Kentucky Department for Public Health | HLWD |
| healthy balance | HB |
| heart disease | HD |
| heart rate, heart risk | HR |

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| heart sounds | HS |
| Hemagglutination Inhibitor | HI |
| Hemagglutinin | H |
| Hematocrit | crit, Hct, HCT |
| Hemoglobin | HB, Hb, Hgb, Hg |
| Hemoglobin A | HbA |
| Hemoglobin A and Hemoglobin S (Sickle cell trait) | HbAS |
| Hemoglobin B | HbB |
| Hemoglobin C; a variant/abnormal hemoglobin | HbC |
| Hemoglobin F | HbF |
| Hemoglobin S | HbS |
| Hemoglobin S-C | HbS-C |
| Hepatitis A antibody | Anti-HAV |
| Hepatitis A virus | HAV |
| Hepatitis B core antigen | HBcAg |
| Hepatitis B eantibody (Antibody to HBeAg) | Anti-HBe |
| Hepatitis B e Antigen | HBeAg |
| Hepatitis B immune globulin | HBIG |
| Hepatitis B surface antibody (Antibody to HBsAg) | Anti-HBs |
| Hepatitis B surface antigen | HbsAg |
| Hepatitis B virus | HBV |
| Hepatitis C Virus | HCV |
| Hepatitis D virus | HDV |
| Hepatitis E virus | HEV |
| Herpes Simplex | HS |
| Herpes Simplex Virus | HSV |
| Herpes Simplex, Genitalis | HSG |
| Herpes zoster virus | HZV |
| hertz | Hz |

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| high | hyper |
| high blood pressure | HBP |
| high density lipoprotein | HDL, HDLP |
| high density lipoprotein cholesterol | HDL-C |
| high efficiency particulate air filtration | HEPA |
| high grade squamous intraepithelial lesion | HSIL |
| history | Hx |
| history and physical | H&P |
| history of | h/o, H/O |
| history of present illness | HPI |
| HIV – post-exposure prophylaxis | HIV-PEP |
| HIV Counseling and Testing | HIVCT |
| home blood glucose monitoring | HBGM |
| home visitor | HV |
| Homocystinuria | HCY |
| horizontal bitewings | BW |
| hormone replacement therapy | HRT |
| hospital | hosp |
| Home Visit | HV |
| Human Chorionic Gonadotropin | HCG |
| Human Delta Virus | HDV |
| Human diploid cell rabies vaccine | HDCV |
| Human Immunodeficiency Virus | HIV |
| Human Papillomavirus | HPV |
| Human Rabies Immune Globulin | HRIG |
| Human T-cell Leukemia Virus, Type 1 | HTLV-1 |
| husband | husb. |
| hydrogen | H |
| hygiene | hyg |

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| Hypermethioninemia | MET |
| Hyperphenylalaninemia | H-PHE |
| hypertension | Hpn, HPN, HTN |
| hypertensive cardiovascular disease | HCVD |
| hypodermic injection | hypo |
| hysterectomy | hyst |
| **I** | |
| ideal body weight | IBW |
| immediate, immediately (at once) | immed, stat |
| Immune Globulin | IG |
| Immune Serum Globulin | ISG |
| immunization | imm |
| Immunization Action Coalition | IAC |
| Immunofluorescence Assay | IFA |
| Immunoglobulin | Ig |
| Immunoglobulin A | IgA |
| Immunoglobulin G | IgG |
| Immunoglobulin M | IgM |
| impaired fasting glucose | IFG (pre-diabetes) |
| impaired glucose tolerance | IGT (pre-diabetes) |
| impaired, impairment | impair |
| important | import |
| impression | imp |
| Inborn error of metabolism | IEM |
| inch | in |
| Incisal | I |
| incision and drainage | I&D |
| incompatible | incompat |
| incomplete | incompl |

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| increase | inc, incr |
| increment | incre |
| independent | ind |
| indicate, indication | indic |
| infant | Inf, I |
| Infant of diabetic mother | IDM |
| infect, infection | infect, infx |
| inflammation | inflam |
| influence | infl |
| Influenza A | H1N1 |
| information | info |
| ingestion | ingest |
| inguinial | ing |
| inhalation | inh, inhal |
| inhibit, inhibitor | inhib |
| initial family planning | IFP, INF |
| initial office visit | IOV |
| Initial Preventive Physical Exam | IPPE |
| injecting drug user | IDU |
| injection | inject, inj |
| injury | inj |
| inspection, palpation, percussion and auscultation | IPPA |
| inspiration | insp |
| Inspiratory/expiratory | I/E |
| instructor, instructed | instr |
| instrument | inst |
| insufficient | insuff |
| intake and output | I&O |
| Intensive Care Unit | ICU |

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| Interferon Gamma Release Assay | IGRA |
| Interferon-gamma | INF-γ |
| Intermittent positive pressure | IPP |
| Intermittent positive pressure breathing | IPPB |
| International Board Certified Lactation Consultant | IBCLC |
| Interproximal | Interprox. |
| intestine | intest |
| intoxication | Intox |
| Intra Uterine Fetal Demise | IUFD |
| intra-amniotic | IA |
| intra-arterial | IA |
| intradermal, intradermally | ID |
| intramuscular, intramuscularly | IM |
| intrauterine device | IUD |
| intrauterine growth retardation | IGR, IUGR |
| intrauterine system | IUS |
| intravenous | IV |
| Intravenous pyelography | IVP |
| iodine | I |
| iron | Fe |
| Iron-deficiency anemia | IDA |
| irrigate, irrigation | irrig |
| Irritable Bowel Syndrome | IBS |
| isolation | isol |
| Isoniazid | INH |
| Isovaleric Acidemia | IVA |
| **J** | |
| jaundice | jaund |
| joint | jnt, jt |

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| juvenile | juv |
| Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis | JRA |
| **K** | |
| Kentucky AIDS Drug Assistance Program | KADAP |
| Kentucky Children’s Health Insurance Program | KCHIP |
| Kentucky Colon Cancer Program | KCCP |
| Kentucky Department of Education | KDE |
| Kentucky Diabetes Prevention and Control Program | KDPCP |
| Kentucky Domestic Violence Association | KDVA |
| Kentucky Early Intervention System | KEIS |
| Kentucky Health Insurance Assistance Program | KHIAP |
| Kentucky HIV Care Coordinator Program | KHCCP |
| Kentucky Revised Statutes | KRS |
| Kentucky Vaccines Program | KVP |
| Kentucky Women’s Cancer Screening Program | KWCSP |
| Ketoacidosis | KA |
| Ketone bodies | KB |
| kilocalorie | kcal |
| Kosher | K |
| Kosher-Dairy | K-D |
| Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs | KASAP |
| Kentucky Association of Child Advocacy Centers | KACAC |
| Kentucky Department of Aging and Independent Living | DAIL |
| **L** | |
| laboratory procedure | lab proc |
| lactating | lact |
| lactation amenorrhea method | LAM |
| lactic acid | LA |
| Lactic dehydrogenase | LDH |

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| large | lg, mag |
| large-for-gestational-age | LGA |
| Laryngotracheo bronchitis | LTB |
| last (normal) menstrual period | LNMP |
| last menstrual period | LMP |
| latent TB infection | LTBI |
| lateral | lat |
| lead | Pb |
| left arm | LA |
| left deltoid | LD |
| left eye | LE |
| left forearm | LFA |
| left leg | LL |
| left lower lobe | LLL |
| left lower quadrant | LLQ |
| left lung | LL |
| Left Otitis Media, Suppurative, Acute | LOMSA |
| Left Otitis Media, Suppurative, Chronic | LOMSCH |
| Left quadrant | LQ |
| left to right | L-R, L/R |
| Left upper lobe | LUL |
| left upper quadrant | LUQ |
| left, length | L, lt |
| lethal dose | LD |
| Levodopa | L-dopa |
| Levovogestrel IUD | LNG IUD |
| Licensed Practical Nurse | LPN |
| Light and Accommodation | L&A |
| limited | Lmtd |

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| Limited English Proficiency (Title VI) | LEP |
| lithium | Li |
| Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine | LAIV |
| live birth | LB |
| live vaccine | LV |
| liver function test | LFT |
| Local Health Operations Branch | LHO |
| Long Acting | LA |
| Long-acting thyroid stimulator | LATS |
| Long-acting thyroid stimulator protector | LATS-P |
| Long-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency | LCAD |
| Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedure | LEEP, LOOP, LETZ |
| loss of consciousness | LOC |
| loss of motion | LOM |
| Lost to Follow-up | LTF |
| low birth weight | LBW |
| low blood pressure | LBP |
| low carbohydrate | LoCHO |
| low cholesterol | LoChol |
| low density lipoprotein | LDL, LDLP |
| low density lipoprotein cholesterol | LDL-C |
| low fat diet | LFD |
| low grade squamous intraepithelial lesion | LSIL |
| low or below | hypo |
| low sodium | LoNa |
| lower arch of the jaw | MAND |
| lower extremity | LE |
| Lunelle | MPA/E2C |
| lung | L |

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| Lupus Erythematosus | LE |
| Luteinizing Hormone | LH |
| Lymphogranuloma venerum | LGV |
| **M** | |
| magnesium | Mag, Mg |
| Magnetic Resonance Imaging | MRI |
| Make Yours A Fresh Start Family | MYFSF |
| mammogram | Mammo |
| mandibular | md. |
| manifest | manif |
| Maple Syrup Urine Disease (WIC abbreviation) | MSUD |
| Marginal, margin | Marg. |
| marijuana | MJ |
| mastectomy | mast |
| Master Patient Index | MPI |
| Master’s Degree in Nursing | MSN |
| Masters of Public Health | MPH |
| Material Safety Data Sheets | MSDS |
| Maternal and Child Health Services | MCH |
| maternal grandfather/grandmother | MGF, MGM |
| Maxillary | mx. |
| median | md |
| medical history | M/Hx |
| medical nutrition therapy | MNT |
| medical record | MR |
| medical technologist | MT |
| Medium-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency | MCAD |
| Medroxyprogesterone acetate and estradiol cypionate | MPA/E2C |
| megahertz | mHz |

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| member | mem |
| membrane | memb |
| Memorandum of Agreement | MOA |
| menstrual | menst |
| menstrual history | MH |
| menstrual period | MP |
| mental age | MA |
| mental health | MH |
| Mercury | Hg |
| metabolic, metabolism | metab |
| metastasis, metastasize | M, metas |
| Methotrexate | MTX |
| Methylmalonyl-CoA mutase deficiency | MUT |
| Microgram | mcg |
| microgram – 0.000001 gram | ug |
| Microhemagglutination assay for antibody to Treponema pallidum | MHA-TP |
| midline | mid |
| Milk of Magnesia | MOM |
| milliequivalent | mEq, meq |
| milliequivalent per liter | mEq/l |
| milligrams per deciliter | mg/dL |
| milligrams per kilogram | mg/kg |
| millimeters of mercury | mm Hg, mmttg |
| millimicron | m |
| minim | min |
| minimal effective dose | MED |
| minimum inhibitory concentration | MIDC |
| misoprotol | MIS |
| missed opportunity | MO |

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| mitral valve | MV |
| mitral valve prolapse | MVP |
| mixture | mixt |
| Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partners | MAPP |
| monoamine oxidase | MAO |
| monocytes | monos |
| Mononucleosis | mono |
| Monosodium glutamate | MSG |
| Monozygotic | MZ |
| months old | MO |
| mother | M |
| mother & father | M&F |
| mouth | os |
| moves all extremities | MAE |
| moves all extremities well | MAEW |
| Mucopurulent cervicitis | MPC |
| Mucous Membrane | MM |
| Multi-drug resistant | MDR |
| Multi-drug resistant TB | MDR TB |
| Multipara | multip |
| multiple | mult |
| Multiple carboxylase deficiency | MCD |
| Multiple Sclerosis | MS |
| Multi-Vitamin | MVI |
| murmur | mm |
| muscle | musc |
| musculoskeletal | MS |
| Mycobacteria other than TB | MOTT |
| Mycobacterium avium complex | MAC |

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| Mycobacterium Tuberculosis | MTB |
| Myocardial infarction | MI |
| **N** | |
| nanogram | ng |
| nanoliter | nl |
| nanometer | nm |
| nanosecond | ns |
| natural family planning | NFP |
| nausea and vomiting | N&V |
| nausea, vomiting, diarrhea | NVD |
| Necrotizing enterocolitis | NEC |
| Negative Intraepithelial Lesion | NIL |
| Neonatal Intensive Care Unit | NICU |
| nervous | nerv |
| nervous system | NS |
| Neural Tube Defect | NTD |
| New tuberculin (tuberculin residue) | TR |
| newborn | NB |
| Newborn, Term, Normal, Female/Male | NBTNF/M |
| nickel | Ni |
| Nicotine Replacement Therapy | NRT |
| nitrogen | N |
| nitroglycerin | NTG |
| no acute distress or no apparent distress | NAD |
| no complaints | N/C |
| no evidence of disease | NED |
| no known drug allergies | NKA, NKDA |
| no previous complaints | NPC |
| no previous history | NPH |

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| nocturnal, night | Noc, noct |
| non stress test | NST |
| nondistended | ND |
| Nongonococcal urethritis | NGU |
| Nonketotic Hyperglycinemia | NKHG |
| Non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors | NNRTI |
| Nonspecific urethritis | NSU |
| Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory analgesic | NSAIA |
| Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug | NSAID |
| non-tender | NT |
| Non-tender/Nondistended | NT/ND |
| Nontuberculosis mycobacteria | NTM |
| normal | N, n, NL, norm |
| normal full term delivery | NFTD |
| normal record | NR |
| normal shape, size & consistency | nssc |
| normal sinus rhythm | NSR |
| normal spontaneous (full term) delivery | NSD, NSFTD |
| normal spontaneous vaginal delivery | NSVD |
| normal vaginal delivery | NVD |
| not elsewhere classified | NEC |
| not known | NK |
| not significant | ns |
| not yet diagnosed | NYD |
| nothing by mouth | NPO |
| nothing per mouth (at night) | npo, npo/hs |
| Nucleic Acid Amplification | NAA |
| Nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors | NRTI |
| nulliparous | Nullip |

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| Nurse Case Manager | NCM |
| Nurse Practitioner | NP |
| nursing | nsg |
| Nutrition Education Per Protocols (WIC abbreviation) | NEPP |
| Nutritional Risk Criteria Code | NRCC |
| **O** | |
| observation and examination | O&E |
| observed | obsd |
| obstruct, obstruction | obst |
| occasional | occ, occas |
| occlusal | O |
| occlusal radiograph | OR |
| oculus dexter – right eye | OD |
| oculus sinister – left eye | OS |
| office visit | OV |
| ointment | oint, ung |
| Old Tuberculin | OT |
| once a day | id |
| on examination | O/E |
| one-half | ss |
| opening | opg |
| ophthalmology, ophthalmoscope | Oph, Ophth |
| opposite | opp |
| optimal | opt |
| oral contraceptive | OC |
| oral contraceptive pills | OCP |
| Oral Glucose Tolerance Test | OGTT |
| Oral Poliovirus vaccine, live, trivalent | OPV |
| organization | org |

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| oriented | Orx |
| Orthodox Union | OU |
| osteo myelitis | osteo |
| other | O, o |
| Otitis Externa | OE |
| Otitis Media | OM |
| otoscope | oto |
| ova and parasites | O&P |
| oxygen | O, O2 |
| Oxytocin Challenge Test | OCT |
| **P** | |
| pack per day | ppd |
| pair | pr |
| palatal | P |
| palpable | palp |
| panoramics | PAN |
| Papanicolaou smear | pap |
| Papillary | Pap. |
| Para-aminobenzoid acid | PABA |
| Para-aminosalicyclic acid | PAS |
| Parathyroid hormone | PH |
| parent visitor | PV |
| parity | PARA |
| partial thromboplastin time | PTT, ptt |
| parts per million | ppm |
| past family and social history | PFSH |
| past history | PH |
| past medical history | PMH |
| paternal grandfather/grandmother | PGF, PGM |

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| pathologist | path |
| patient complains of | pt ℅ |
| patient, patients | Pat, pt, pts |
| pediatrician | PED |
| pediatrics | Peds |
| Pelvic Inflammatory Disease | PID |
| penicillin | PCN, pen |
| per high density field | /hdf |
| per low density field | /ldf |
| percussion and auscultation | P&A |
| perforation | perf |
| periapicals | PA |
| perimeter | perim |
| **P**eriod late, abnormal bleeding; **A**bdominal pains, pain with intercourse; **I**nfection, STD, abnormal discharge; **N**ot feeling well, fever, chills; **S**tring missing, shorter or longer | PAINS |
| periodic | per |
| peripheral | periph |
| permanent | perm |
| permanent teeth | 1-32 |
| Pertussis vaccine | P |
| Pervasive Development Disorder | PDD |
| pharmacy | pharm |
| Phenylketonuria | PKU |
| phone order | PO |
| phosphate | phos, HPO4 |
| phosphorus | P |
| Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia | PCP |
| pneumothorax | Pnx |
| point of entry | POE |

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| Poliomyelitis | polio |
| Polycystic kidney disease | PKD |
| Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome | PCOS |
| Polymerase chain reaction | PCR |
| Polysaccharide-ribitol-phosphate vaccine | PRP |
| Positive Pregnancy Test | PPT |
| positive pressure breathing | PPB |
| possible | poss |
| post-exposure prophylaxis | PEP |
| post nasal drip | PND |
| posterior | post |
| posterior/anterior | P/A |
| postpartum | P.P., PP |
| postprandial | PP |
| Postprandial Blood Sugar | PPBS |
| potassium | K, K+ |
| potassium chloride | KCL |
| Potassium hydroxide | KOH |
| Prausnitz-kűstner test | PK test |
| Pregnancy Induced Hypertension | PIH |
| pregnancy, pregnant | Pg, preg |
| Pregnancy Test Education Materials | PTEM |
| Premature Rupture of Membranes | PROM |
| premenstrual tension | PMT |
| prenatal | PN |
| pre-pregnancy weight | PPW |
| prescription | Rx |
| present illness | PI |
| Presumptive Eligibility | PE |

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| Preventative Medicine | PM |
| prevention, preventive, previous | prev |
| previous menstrual period | PMP |
| Primary Care Physician | PCP |
| primipara | primip |
| private medical doctor | PMD |
| probable, problem | prob |
| Progestin-only contraceptive pills | POPs |
| prognosis | Px |
| progress | progr |
| Propionic Acidemia | PA |
| Prostrate specific antigen | PSA |
| Protease inhibitors | PI |
| protein | Prot |
| Protein bound iodine | PBI |
| Protein Energy Malnutrition | PEM |
| Prothrombin time | proTime, PT |
| proximal | prox |
| psychiatry, psychology | psy, psych |
| Public Health Nurse | PHN |
| pulmonary | pul, pulm |
| pulmonary embolism | PE |
| pulse | P |
| pulse and respiration | P & R |
| pupils equal and react to light | PERL |
| pupils equal, round, reactive to light and accommodation | PERRLA |
| pupils equally round and reactive to light | PERRL |
| purified chick embryo cell | PCEC |
| purified protein derivative (tuberculin) | PPD |

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| Pyrazinamide | PZA |
| Pyridoxine | Vitamin B6, B6 |
| **Q** | |
| quadrant | quad |
| quality control | QC |
| Quality Improvement Section | QIS |
| QuantiFERON-TB Gold In-Tube test® | QFT-GIT |
| quantitative | quant |
| quantity not sufficient | QNS |
| quantity sufficient | qs |
| Quinolone-resistant Neisseria gonorrhoeae | QRNG |
| **R** | |
| Rabies Immune globulin | RIG |
| Rabies vaccine, adsorbed | RVA |
| radium | Ra |
| range of motion, rupture of membranes | ROM |
| rapid eye movement | REM |
| Rapid plasma reagent (test), Rapid Plasma Regain | RPR |
| rate | R, r |
| rate and rhythm | R&R |
| reaction | react |
| ready to feed | RTF |
| recommendation | recc |
| recommended dietary allowance | RDA |
| Recurrent vulvovaginal candidiasis | RVVC |
| red blood cells | RBC |
| reflex | refl |
| refuse(s) medical assistance | RMA |
| Registered Dietician | RD |

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| Registered Nurse | RN |
| Registered Therapist | RT |
| regular rate and rhythm | RRR |
| respiratory rate | RR |
| related, relative | rel |
| related to | r/t |
| release of information | ROI |
| Report of Verified Case Tuberculosis | RVCT |
| residue | res |
| Respiration | R |
| Respiratory Distress Syndrome | RDS |
| resuscitation | resc |
| return to clinic | rtc, RTC |
| reverse, review | rev |
| review of systems | ROS |
| Rhesus (blood factor) | Rh |
| riboflavin | Vitamin B2, B2 |
| Ribonucleic acid | RNA |
| rifabutin | RFB |
| rifampin | RIF |
| Rifapentine | RPT |
| right | D, R, rt |
| right arm | RA |
| right deltoid | RD |
| right eye | RE |
| right leg | RL |
| right lower lobe | RLL |
| right to left | R-L, R/L |
| right upper leg | RUL |

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| right upper lobe | RUL |
| risk management | RM |
| Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever | RMSF |
| roentgenogram | X-ray |
| rule out | R/O, r/o |
| rupture | rupt |
| **S** | |
| Salicylic acid | SA |
| Sanofi Pasteur | SP |
| Saquinavir | SAQ |
| science | sci |
| screen, ask, validate, evaluate/educate | SAVE |
| second, secondary | sec, 2˚ |
| second hand smoke | SHS |
| seizure | Sz |
| self breast examination | SBE |
| self monitoring blood glucose | SMBG |
| self testicular exam | STE |
| sensitivity | sens |
| sequence | seq |
| Serologic Test for Syphilis | STS |
| Serous Otitis Media | SOM |
| Serum glutamicoxaloacetic transaminase | SGOT |
| Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome | SARS |
| Severe Combined Immunodeficiency | SCID |
| sexual assault | SA |
| Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Exam | SAFE |
| Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner | SANE |
| Sexual Maturity Rating | SMR |

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| Sexually Transmissible Infection | STI |
| Sexually Transmitted Disease | STD |
| Short-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency | SCAD |
| shortness of breath | SOB |
| shortness of breath on exertion | SOBE |
| shoulder | shld |
| sibling | sib |
| sickle cell trait | AS, A/S |
| sickle-cell hemoglobin | HbS |
| side effects | S/E |
| signal | sig |
| signature | sign. |
| signs and symptoms | S/S |
| Silver Nitrate | AgNO3 |
| simultaneously | simul |
| slight | sl |
| small | sm |
| small for dates | SFD |
| small for gestational age | SGA |
| social history | SH |
| social worker | SW |
| sodium | Na |
| Sodium Bicarbonate | NaHCO3 |
| Sodium chloride | NaCl |
| son | S |
| South Eastern National Tuberculosis Center | SNTC |
| space | sp |
| specific gravity | sp gr |
| specimen | spec |

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| spontaneous | spont |
| Spontaneous abortion | SAB, spon AB |
| Squamous Intraepithelial Lesions | SIL |
| standard of care | SOC |
| standard operating procedures | SOP |
| staphylococcus | staph |
| status post | s/p |
| Stavudine | d4t |
| Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs | SAID |
| stillborn | stb |
| stimulation | stim |
| straight | st |
| Strategic National Stockpike | SNS |
| *streptococcus* | strep |
| streptomycin | SM |
| structure | struct |
| Study of Tamixofen and Raloxifene | STAR |
| subcutaneous, subcutaneously | SQ, subcu, SC |
| Subjective, Objective, Assessment and Plan | SOAP |
| substance | subst |
| Sudden Infant Death Syndrome | SIDS |
| sulfate | SO4 |
| sulfur | S |
| sulfuric acid | H2SO4 |
| sunlight protection factor | SPF |
| superior, supervision | supr |
| surgery | surg, Sx |
| symmetrical | sym |
| symptoms | Sx, symp |

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| syndrome | syn |
| synthetic | synth |
| syphilis | syph |
| syringe | syr |
| **T** | |
| tablet | tab |
| Tachycardia | tachy |
| TB skin test | TST |
| telephone call | t.c. |
| telephone order | TO |
| temperature | T |
| temperature, Pulse, Respiration | TPR |
| term birth, live child | TBLC |
| terminal | term |
| Tetanus antitoxin | TAT |
| Tetanus immune globulin | TIG |
| Tetanus toxoid | TT |
| Tetracycline | TC |
| the same | id |
| therapeutic abortion | TAB |
| therapeutic lifestyle changes | TLC |
| therapeutic, therapy | ther |
| Thiamin | Vitamin B1, B1 |
| thigh | Fem, T |
| three times a day | tid |
| three times a night | tin |
| three times a week | tiwk |
| through | per |
| Thyroid Stimulating Hormone | TSH |

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| Thyroxine | T4 |
| to be taken 3x a day | tds |
| tolerance, tolerate | tol |
| too numerous to count | TNTC |
| Toxic Shock Syndrome | TSS |
| toxic, toxicity, toxicology | tox |
| Toxoplasmic encephalitis | TE |
| **T**oxoplasmosis, **O**ther, **R**ubella, **C**ytomeglovirus, **H**erpes simplex (titer) | TORCH |
| trachea, tracheotomy | trach |
| Transformation Zone | TZ |
| Transient Ischemic Attack | TIA |
| transverse | trans |
| treatment | tr, Tr, Treat, Tx |
| Trichloroacetic acid | TCA |
| Trichomonas | Trich |
| Triglycerides | Trig |
| tubal ligation | TL |
| Tubercle Bacillus | TB |
| Tuberculin Units | TU |
| Tuberculosis | TB |
| twice | b |
| twice a day | bd, bid |
| twice a week | bi-wk |
| Tympanic Membrane | TM |
| Tyrosinemia type-III | TYR-3 |
| **U** | |
| ultimate | ult |
| ultrasound | U/S, US |
| ultraviolet germicidal irradiation | UVGI |

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| umbilical, umbilicus | umb |
| unchanged | UC |
| unilateral | unilat. |
| unknown | unk |
| up to date | UTD |
| upper and lower | U/L |
| upper arch of the jaw | MAX |
| upper gastrointestinal | UGI |
| upper respiratory | UR |
| upper respiratory infection | URI |
| upper respiratory tract infection | URTI |
| upper right quadrant | URQ |
| urinalysis | UA, U/A |
| urinary chorionic gonadotropin | UCG |
| urinary output | UOP |
| urinary tract infection | UTI |
| urine | U, ur |
| urogenital | UG |
| **V** | |
| vaccine administrator | VA |
| Vaccine Adverse Reporting System | VAERS |
| Vaccines for Children | VFC |
| Vaccine Information Sheet or Statements | VIS |
| Vaccinia Immune Glogulin | VIG |
| vagina, vaginal | vag |
| vaginal birth after delivery | VBAC |
| vaginal contraceptive film | VCF |
| vaginal hysterectomy | Vag Hyst |
| valve | val |

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| variation, variety | var |
| Varicella zoster Virus | VZV |
| Varicella-zoster Immune Globulin | VZIG |
| vascular | Vasc |
| Vastus Lateralis | VL |
| Venereal Disease Research Laboratory Non-treponemal test for Syphilis | VDRL |
| venipuncture | VP |
| Venous Thromboembolism | VTE |
| Ventricular Septal defect | VSD |
| Verbal Lead Risk Assessment | VLRA |
| verbal order | VO |
| verification of certification | VOC |
| vertical bitewings | VBW |
| very high density lipoprotein | VHDL |
| Very Long-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency | VLCAD |
| very low birth weight | VLBW |
| very low density lipoprotein | VLDL |
| Victims Identification and Notification Everyday | VINE |
| vision | vis |
| vital signs | VS, V/S, v/s |
| Voucher Pick-up | VP |
| Vulvovaginal candidiasis | VVC |
| **W** | |
| warm and dry | w/d |
| warm, pink, dry (skin signs) | WPD |
| well developed | WD |
| well developed, well nourished | WD/WN |
| well nourished | WN, w/n |
| Western blot | WB |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| wet mount | WM |
| white | wh |
| white blood cells, white blood count | WBC |
| white female | W/F, wf |
| white male | W/M, wm |
| WIC Food Instruments (WIC abbreviation) | WICFI |
| with | c, w, w/ |
| within normal limits | WNL or wnl |
| within the uterus | in utero |
| without | ŝ, w/o |
| woman who has given birth | para |
| Women, Infants, & Children | WIC |
| Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner | WHNP |
| work up | w/u |
| wound | wd |
| **Z** | |
| zero | Z |
| Zidovudine | ZDV |
| zinc | Zn |

**Symbols**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| birth | \* |
| change | ∆ |
| death | † |
| difference between | ~ |
| female | ♀, O |
| male | ♂ |
| microgram | µg |
| microliter | µl |
| micrometer | µm |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| micromicro- | µµ |
| mu, micro- | µ |
| once a day | i/d |
| one | I |
| one half | ss |
| pending | (p) |
| primary | 1° |
| secondary | 2° |

**Vaccine Manufacturers**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Glaxo Smith Kline | GSK |
| AstraZeneca/Med Immune | AZN/MED |
| Merck | MRK |
| DYNAVAX | DVAX |
| Pfizer | PFZ |
| Sanofi Pasteur | SP |
| Seqirus | WYE |