

**APPENDIX: 28**

**TITLE: ABBREVIATIONS**

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@	AT	BCP	birth control pills
ā	before	BFD	Boise Fire Department
AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm	BG	blood glucose
ABC circulation	airway, breathing,	BGL	blood glucose level
ABD, abd	abdomen	bicarb	bicarbonate
AC	antecubital	b.i.d.	twice per day
ACP	Ada County Paramedics	bilat	bilateral
ACL	anterior cruciate ligament	BiPAP	biphasic positive airway pressure
ACLS	Advanced Cardiac Life Support	BLE	bilateral lower extremities
ACS	Acute Coronary Syndrome	BLS	Basice Life Support
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder	BM	bowel movement
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder	BP	blood pressure
admin	administration	bpm	beats per minute
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome	brady	bradycardia
ALS	Advanced Life Support	BS	breath sounds
am	morning	Bx	biopsy
AMA	against medical advice	C	Celsius
AMI	Acute Myocardial Infarct	C-1 to C-7	cervical vertebrae
amp	ampule	C section	cesarean section
ant	anterior	C-spine	cervical spine
A/O	alert and oriented	Ca++	calcium
APAP	acetaminophen	CA	cancer
approx	approximately	CABG	coronary artery bypass graph
appy	appendectomy	CAD	coronary artery disease
ARDS	Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome	caps	capsule(s)
ASA	aspirin	cath	catheter
ASAP	as soon as possible	cc	cubic centimeter
ASHD	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease	C/C	chief complaint
AV node	atrial ventricular node	CCU	Coronary Care Unit
BBS	bilateral breath sounds	CF	Cystic Fibrosis
		chemo	chemotherapy
		CHF	Congestive Heart Failure

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chol	cholesterol	E	east
C	circulation	EBL	estimated blood loss
Cl	chlorine, chloride	EFD	Eagle Fire Department
cm	centimeter	ECG	electrocardiogram
CMS	circulation, movement sensation	ED	emergency department
CNS	central nervous system	EEG	electroencephalogram
c/o	complains of	EENT	eyes, ears, nose, throat
CO	carbon monoxide	EOM	extra ocular movement
CO <sub>2</sub>	carbon dioxide	Epi	epinephrine
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	ER	emergency room
CP	chest pain	ET	endotracheal
CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure	EtCO <sub>2</sub>	end tidal carbon dioxide
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	CETT	cuffed endotracheal tube
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid	etc	etcetera
CT	computed axial tomography	ETOH	ethanol alcohol
CTA	clear to auscultation	eval	evaluation
C-T-L	cervical, thoracic, lumbar spine	ext	extremities, external
CVA	cerebrovascular accident	F	Fahrenheit
DNR	do not resuscitate	Fe <sup>++</sup>	iron
DO	Doctor of Osteopathy	FHx	Family history
DOA	dead on arrival	Ft	feet
DOB	date of birth	f/u	follow up
DOE	dyspnea on exertion	Fx	fracture
Dr.	doctor	g	gram
DT	delirium tremens	ga	gauge
DTP	diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus	GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale
DUI	driving under the influence	gest	gestation, gestational
DVT	deep vein thrombosis	GI	gastrointestinal
Dx	diagnosis	GLF	ground level fall
D5W	5% dextrose in sterile water	GSW	gun shot wound
		Grav (I, II...)	number of pregnancies
		gtt(s)	drops
		GU	genitourinary

GYN	gynecology		
h	hour		
H+	hydrogen	l	liter
HA	headache	L	left
HC03-	bicarbonate	L-1 to L-5	lumbar vertebrae
HEENT	head, eyes, ears, nose, throat		
Hg	mercury	lab	laboratory
HHN	handheld nebulizer	lac	laceration
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act	LAD	left anterior descending coronary artery
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus	lap	laparotomy
HR	heart rate	lat	lateral
Hx	history	lb(s)	pounds
H <sub>2</sub> O	water	LCA	left coronary artery
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	hydrogen peroxide	lg	large
		LLE	left lower extremity
		LLL	left lower lobe
		LLQ	left lower quadrant
ICP	intracranial pressure		
ICU	Intensive Care Unit		
ID	identification	m	meter
IDDM	insulin dependent diabetes mellitus	MAE	moves all extremities
		MAX	maximum
i.e.	that is, for example	mcg	microgram
IM	intramuscular	MD	Medical Doctor
IN	intranasal	med	medicine
in	inches	mEq	milliequivalent
inf	inferior	mg	milligrams
IO	intraosseous	Mg++	Magnesium
I & O	intake and output	Mg/dL	milligrams per deciliter
IV	intravenous	MI	Myocardial Infarct
		MICU	Mobile Intensive Care Unit
JVD	jugular venous distension	min	minute
		ml	milliliter
		mm	millimeter
K+	potassium	mmHg	millimeters mercury
kg	kilogram	mod	moderate
KFD	Kuna Fire Department	MFD	Meridian Fire Department
KVO	keep vein open	MOI	mechanism of injury

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MOM	Milk of Magnesia	OR	operation room
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging	ortho	orthopedics
MS	Multiple Sclerosis	OTC	over the counter
MVA	Motor Vehicle Accident	oz	ounce
MVC	Motor Vehicle Collision		
		$\bar{p}$	after
N	north	PA	Physician's Assistance
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	PAD	peripheral artery disease
		palp	palpation, palpated
NIDDM	Non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus	para (I, II...)	prior births
		path	pathology
NKA	no known allergies	PASG	pneumatic anti-shock garment
NKDA	no known drug allergies	p.c.	after meals
noct	nocturnal	PCL	posterior cruciate ligament
NP	Nurse Practitioner	PCN	penicillin
NPO	nothing by mouth	PCP	Primary Care Physician
NRB	non-rebreather mask	PDR	Physician's Desk Reference
NSAID	non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug	PE	pulmonary embolism
		ped(s)	pediatrics
NTG	nitroglycerine	PEEP	Positive End Expiratory Pressure
N/V	nausea & vomiting		
Na+	sodium	PERL	pupils equal reactive to light
NaCl	sodium chloride	pH	hydrogen ion concentration (acidity)
NAD	no apparent distress	PICU	Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
n/c	nasal cannula	PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
Neb	nebulizer	PMHx	past medical history
neg	negative	PMD	Primary Medical Doctor
neuro	neurology	PMS	pulses, movement, sensation
NG	nasogastric tube	PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
		p.o.	by mouth
O <sub>2</sub>	oxygen	postop	post-operative
O <sub>2</sub> sat	oxygen saturation	preop	pre-operative
OB	Obstetrics	p.r.n., PRN	as needed
OB/GYN	Obstetrics & Gynecology	prox	proximal
OD	overdose		
OLMC	On-Line Medical Control		

psi	pounds per square inch	s	without
psych	psychiatry	S	South
Pt, pt	patient	SARMC	St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center
P.T.	Physical Therapist or therapy		
PVD	peripheral vascular disease	sat	staturtion
PX, px	physical examination	sec	second
		SID	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
q	every	SL	sublingual
QA	quality assurance	SLMMC	St. Luke's Meridian Medical Center
q.d.	every day	SLRMC	St. Luke Regional Medical Center
q.h.	every hour		
q2h, ...	every 2 hours	SpO2	pulse oximetry
q.i.d.	four times a day	SOB	shortness of breath
q.o.d.	every other day	S/P, s/p	status post
QRU	quick response unit	SQ, sq	subcutaneous
quad	quadriplegic	staph	staphylococcus
		SFD	Star Fire Department
R	right	STAT	immediately
RBC	red blood cell	STD	sexually transmitted disease
RCA	right coronary artery	STEMI	ST Elevation Myocardial Infarct
re:	regarding		
rehab	rehabilitation	strep	streptococcus
resp	respiration(s)	SW	stab wound
RLE	right lower extremity	Sx, sx	symptom
RLL	right lower lobe	Sz, sz	seizure
RLQ	right lower quadrant	S1 – S5	sacral vertebrae
RML	right middle lobe	s/s	signs & symptoms
RN	registered nurse		
R/O, r/o	rule out	tab (s)	tablet
ROM	range of motion	TB	tuberculosis
RR	respiration rate	tbsp	tablespoon
RT	respiratory therapist	TCA	Tricyclic antidepressant
RUE	right upper extremity	temp	temperature
RUL	right upper lobe	TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack
RUQ	right upper quadrant	t.i.d.	three times a day
Rx	prescription	TKO	to keep open
		TMJ	temporomandibular joint

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tsp	teaspoon
TV	tidal volume
Tx, tx	treatment
T1 – T12	thoracic vertebrae
U	unit
UA	urinary analysis
Unilat	unilateral
U/O	urine output
URI	upper respiratory infection
UTI	urinary tract infection
vag	vvaginal
vent	ventilator
vert	vertical
VO	voice order
VS	vital signs
W	west
w/	with
w/o	without
w/p/d	warm, pink, dry
wk (s)	week (s)
WNL	within normal limits
WPW	Wolf-Parkinson-White
wt	weight
X	time
y/o	year old
yrs	years

# CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS

A-fib	atrial fibrillation	↑	increase
AT, A-tach	atrial tachycardia	↓	decrease
AV	atrial ventricular	≅	approximately equal to
		~	approximately
BBB	bundle branch block	△	change
		♀	female
1 HB	first degree heart block	♂	male
2 HB	second degree heart block	∅	no or none
3 HB	third degree heart block		
LBBB	left bundle branch block		
MAT	multi-focal atrial tachycardia		
NSR	normal sinus rhythm		
PAC	premature atrial contraction		
PAT	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia		
PEA	pulseless electrical activity		
PJC	premature ventricular contraction		
VF, V-fib	ventricular fibrillation		
VT, V-tach	ventricular tachycardia		
WAP	wandering atrial pacemaker		
<	less than		
>	greater than		
=	equals		
+	positive		
-	negative		
"	inches		
'	feet		
%	percent		
1	primary		
2	secondary		
3	tertiary		
→	leads to		
✓	check		

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