

AUBMC List of Approved Abbreviations - 2007

1. Drug names should **NEVER** be abbreviated.
2. The use of abbreviations, symbols, or dose designations is **inadmissible** in/on the **order sheets, consent forms, pre/post-operative diagnoses in operative reports, and the final diagnosis section of the discharge/decease summary.**
3. **Chemical symbols** are approved abbreviations **EXCEPT** when used in drug names.
4. Abbreviations are accepted if it is included in the AUBMC List of Approved Abbreviations, and is **clearly written in brackets at the point of use after fully spelling out the abbreviated word.**

Abbreviation	Phrase
AUBMC	American University of Beirut Medical Center
ENT	Otolaryngology
GYN	Gynecology
Med	Internal Medicine
OBS	Obstetrics
Onc	Oncology
Oph	Ophthalmology
Path	Pathology
Ped	Pediatrics
Surg	Surgery
4N	Four North
4S	Four South
5S	Five South
6N	Six North
6S	Six South
7N	Seven North
7S	Seven South
8N	Eight North
8S	Eight South (SSU)
9N	Nine North
9S	Nine South
10N	Ten North
10S	Ten South

Abbreviation	Phrase
BMT	Bone marrow transplantation unit
CCU	Coronary care unit
CSU	Cardiac surgery unit
CCCL	Children's Cancer Center of Lebanon
DS	Delivery suite
EMU	Epilepsy monitoring unit
EU	Emergency unit
ICU	Intensive care unit
ICN	Intensive care nursery
KU	Kidney unit
Nurs	Nursery
OPD	Out patient department
OR	Operating room
PAU	Pre-admission Unit
PACU	Post anesthesia care unit
PC	Private clinic
PICU	Pediatrics intensive care unit
RCU	Respiratory care unit
SDC	Sleep disorder center
SDU	Step down unit
SSU	Short stay unit

Abbreviation	Phrase
°C	Degrees centigrade
1°	Primary
2°	Secondary
3°	Tertiary
3D	Three dimensional

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A

Abbreviation	Phrase
AAA	Abdominal aortic aneurysm
A.M.	Ante meridian (before noon)
A/G	Albumin/Globulin
AAA	Abdominal aortic aneurysm
ABG	Arterial blood gases
ACTH	Adreno-corticotrophic hormone
ADH	Antidiuretic hormone. Vasopressin
adlib	As much as needed
AFB	Acid fast bacillus
AHR	Apical heart rate
AIDS	Auto immune deficiency syndrome
ALL	Acute lymphocytic leukemia
AML	Acute myelocytic leukemia
AP	Antero-posterior
APB	Atrial premature beats
AP-repair	Anterior-posterior repair (vagina)
ARDS	Acute respiratory distress syndrome
ARF	Acute renal failure
ASD	Atrial septal defect
ASO	Antistreptolysin-O
ATP	Adenosine triphosphate
A-V block	Atrio-ventricular block
AVR	Aortic valve replacement

B

BA	Barium
bid	Twice daily
BI-RADS (classification)	Breast imaging reporting and data system
BP	Blood pressure
BPH	Benign prostatic hypertrophy
BSO	Bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy
B-T shunt	Blalock-Taussig shunt
BUN	Blood urea nitrogen
Bx	Biopsy

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C

Abbreviation	Phrase
Card Cath	Cardiac catheterization
C/O	Complaining of
CA	Carcinoma
CA	Cancer
CABG	Coronary artery bypass graft
CAD	Coronary artery disease
CBC	Complete blood count
CBD	Common bile duct
CBR	Complete bed rest
CC	Chief complaint
CF	Clear fluids
CHD	Congenital heart disease <u>or</u> Congenital hip dislocation
CHF	Congestive heart failure
Chol	Cholesterol
CMV	Continuous mandatory ventilation <u>or</u> Cytomegalovirus
CNS	Central nervous system
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
C-PAP	Continuous positive airway pressure
CPK	Creatinine phosphokinase
Cr	Creatinine
CRF	Chronic renal failure
C-section	Cesarean section
CSF	Cerebro-spinal fluid
CT	Computed tomography
CTA	Computerized tomography angiography
CV	Cardio vascular
CVP	Central venous pressure
Cx	Culture
CXR	Chest X-ray

D

D&C	Dilatation and curettage
D/W	Dextrose in water
DDT	Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane
DIC	Disseminated intravascular coagulation
DM	Diabetes mellitus
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
DOA	Dead on arrival
DPT	Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus
DSA	Digital subtraction angiography
DTA	Deep tracheal aspirate
DVT	Deep vein thrombosis
Dx	Diagnosis

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E

Abbreviation	Phrase
e ⁻	Electrolytes
EDTA	Ethylene diamine tetra acetic acid
EEG	Electro-encephalogram
EKG or ECG	Electro-cardiogram
EMG	Electro-myogram
EPS	Electro-physiological series
ERCP	Endoscopic retrograde cholangio-pancreatography
ESR	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate
ET tube	Endo tracheal tube
EUA	Examination under anesthesia

F

F/U	Follow up
FBS	Fasting blood sugar
FDG	Fluro-deoxy-glucose
FESS	Functional endoscopic sinus surgery
FF	Full fluids
FFP	Fresh frozen plasma
FNA	Fine needle aspirate
FSH	Follicle stimulating hormone
FTSG	Full thickness skin graft
FUO	Fever of unknown origin
Fx	Fracture

G

G	Gravida
GA	General anesthesia
GA-67	Gallium 67
GB	Gall bladder
GI	Gastro intestinal
GIFT	Gamete intrafallopian transfer
gst	Gram stain
GU	Genito urinary

H

HSG	Hystero salpingogram
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I

I-131	Iodine 131
I/O	Intake output
IM	Intramuscular
IMV	Intermittent mandatory ventilation
In-111	Indium 111
IQ	Intelligence quotient
IR	Inversion recovery
ITP	Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura
IUD	Intra uterine device
IUFD	Intra-uterine fetus death
IUGR	Intra-uterine growth retardation
IV	Intravenous
IVC	Inferior vena cava
IV drip	Intravenous drip
IV push	Intravenous push
IVF	In vitro fertilization
IVP	Intravenous pyelography
IVU	Interavenous urography

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K	KUB	Kidneys, ureters, bladder
L	LA	Local anesthesia
	Lab	Laboratory
	LAF	Low animal fat
	LDL	Low density lipoprotein
	LLE	Left lower extremity
	LLL	Left lower lobe
	LLQ	Left lower quadrant
	LMP	Last menstrual period
	LP	Lumbar puncture
	LSTCS	Lower segment transverse caesarean section
	LUE	Left upper extremity
	LUL	Left upper lobe
	LUQ	Left upper quadrant
	LVH	Left ventricle hypertrophy
M	Mci	Mill curie
	MAO	Monoamine oxidaze
	MCHC	Mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration
	MCV	Mean corpuscular volume
	MD	Medical Doctor
	MI	Myocardial infarction
	MIBG	Metaiodobenzylguanidine
	MIBI	Sestamibi
	MRA	Magnetic resonance angiography
	MRCP	Magnetic resonance cholangio-pancreatography
	MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
	MRV	Magnetic resonance venography
	MTP joint	Metatarso-phalangeal joint
	MVR	Mitral valve replacement
N	NA	Not available <u>or</u> Not applicable
	NG	Nasogastric
	NHL	Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
	NPO	Nothing per os (mouth)
	NSF	Neurosurgical formula
	NSS	Normal saline solution
	NVD	Normal vaginal delivery

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P

Abbreviation	Phrase
P	Pulse
P cells	Packed cells
PA	Postero anterior
P.A. banding	Pulmonary artery banding
PCP	Pneumocystic carinii pneumonia
PD	Proton density
PDA	Patent ductus arteriosus
PE	Physical examination
PEEP	Positive end expiratory pressure
PET	Positron emission tomography
PFT	Pulmonary function test
PID	Pelvic inflammatory disease
PML	Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy
POMR	Problem oriented medical records
Post-op	Post operation
Pre-op	Pre operation
PSA	Prostatic specific antigen
PT	Prothrombin time
PTA	Prior to admission
PTC	Percutaneous trans-hepatic cholangiography
PTT	Partial thromboplastic tissue

R

R/O	Rule out
RA	Regional anesthesia
RBBB	Right bundle branch block
RBC	Red blood cell
RBR	Relative bed rest
RDS	Respiratory distress syndrome
Rh	Rhesus factor
RHD	Rheumatic heart disease
RLE	Right lower extremity
RLL	Right lower lobe
RLQ	Right lower quadrant
RUL	Right upper lobe
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
ROM	Range of motion <u>or</u> Rapture of membrane
RR	Respiratory rate
RUE	Right upper extremity
RUL	Right upper lobe
Rx	Treatment

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S

Abbreviation	Phrase
S/P	Status post
SBE	Sub acute bacterial endocarditis
SGOT	Serum glutamic oxalacetic transaminase
SGPT	Serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase
SIMV	Synchronized intermittent mandatory ventilation
SIS	Small intestinal series
SLE	Systemic lupus erythematosus
SML	Suspension microlaryngoscopy
SMR	Submucous reconstruction
SOS	When necessary only once in a period of 12 hours
S-P shunt	Systemic pulmonary shunt
SPECT	Single photon emission computed tomography
Stat	At once / Immediately
STSG	Split thickness skin graft
SVC	Superior vena cava
SVT	Supra ventricular tachycardia

T

T&A	Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
TAH	Total abdominal hysterectomy
Tb	Tuberculosis
Tc-99m	Technetium 99m
TCPBP	Total cardio pulmonary by pass
THR	Total hip replacement
TIA	Transient ischemic attack
TM	Tympanic membrane
TMJ	Temporo-mandibular joint
TOF	Tetralogy of fallot
TORP	Total ossicular reconstruction prosthesis
TPN	Total parental nutrition
TPR	Temperature, pulse, respiration
TSP	Total serum protein
TURB	Trans-urethral resection of bladder
TURP	Trans-urethral resection of prostate
TVH	Total vaginal hysterectomy

U

U/A	Urine analysis
U/O	Urine output
UA	Uric acid
UGI	Upper gastrointestinal
UPPP	Uvulopalato pharyngo plasty
URTI	Upper respiratory tract infection
US	Ultrasound
UTI	Urinary tract infection

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V

Abbreviation	Phrase
VA Shunt	Ventriculo-arterial shunt
VCUG	Voiding cysto-urethrography
VDRL	Venereal disease research laboratory
VF	Ventricular fibrillation
VHD	Valvular heart disease
VMA	Vanillylmandelic acid
VP Shunt	Ventriculo-peritoneal shunt
VPB	Ventricular premature beats
VSD	Ventricular septal defect
VT	Ventricular tachycardia

W

WBC	White blood cells
Wt	Weight

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