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## Approved Medical EMS Abbreviations

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Abbreviation.....Definition

#### [Aa]

- @..... at
- AAA..... abdominal aortic aneurysm
- ABD..... abdomen
- ABC..... airway, breathing, circulation
- AC..... antecubital
- ACLS..... advanced cardiac life support
- A&D..... admission and discharge
- AED..... automatic external defibrillator
- A-fib..... atrial fibrillation
- AIDS..... acquired immune deficiency syndrome
- ALS..... advanced life support
- AKA..... also known as/ above the knee amputation
- A.M.A., AMA..... against medical advice
- AMI..... acute myocardial infarction
- AMT..... amount
- AOS..... arrived on scene
- APAP..... acetaminophen
- APGAR..... infant assessment scale
- APPROX..... approximately
- ASA..... aspirin
- ASHD..... arteriosclerotic heart disease

#### [Bb]

- BB..... backboard/ bundle branch
- BBB..... bundle branch block
- BBS..... bilateral breath sounds
- bilat..... bilateral
- BKA ..... below knee amputation

BLS..... basic life support  
 BM..... bowel movement  
 BP..... blood pressure  
 BG..... blood glucose  
 BVM..... bag valve mask

**[Cc]**

CABG..... coronary artery bypass graft  
 CAD..... coronary artery disease  
 CAOx3..... conscious, alert, oriented to person, place and time  
 CA..... cancer  
 Cath..... catheterization  
 CC..... chief complain  
 CCU..... coronary care unit/critical care unit  
 CHF..... congestive heart failure  
 CNS..... central nervous system  
 C/O..... complains of  
 CO<sub>2</sub>..... carbon dioxide  
 COD..... cause of death  
 COPD..... chronic obstructive pulmonary disease  
 CP..... chest pain  
 CPR..... cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
 CQI..... continuous quality improvement  
 CSF..... cerebral spinal fluid  
 CT scan..... computerized axial tomography  
 CVA..... cerebral vascular accident

**[Dd]**

DA..... drug abuse  
 D/C..... discontinue or discharge  
 DCAP-BTLS..... deformities, contusions, punctures & penetrations,  
 burns, tenderness, lacerations.  
 DNR ..... do not resuscitate  
 DOA..... dead on arrival  
 DOS..... dead on scene  
 DT's..... delirium tremens  
 DVT..... deep vein thrombosis  
 D5W..... dextrose 5% in water  
 DX..... diagnosis

**[Ee]**

ECG..... electrocardiogram  
 EEG..... electroencephalogram  
 EENT..... eyes, ears, nose, throat

EJ..... external jugular  
 EMS..... Emergency Medical Services  
 EMT..... Emergency Medical Technician  
 EOA ..... esophageal obturator airway  
 EPS..... extra pyramidal symptoms  
 ETA..... estimated time of arrival  
 ETOH..... ethyl alcohol  
 ET..... endotracheal tube  
 EXT..... external (extension)

**[Ff]**

F..... female  
 FB..... foreign body  
 FOB..... foreign object/ body  
 FLEX..... flexion  
 FROM..... full range of motion  
 FX..... fracture

**[Gg]**

g..... gram(s)  
 GCS..... Glasgow Coma Scale  
 GI..... gastrointestinal  
 GOA ..... gone on arrival  
 GSW..... gunshot wound  
 gtts..... drops  
 GU..... genitourinary  
 GYN..... gynecology

**[Hh]**

H/A..... headache  
 HEENT..... head, ears, eyes, nose, throat  
 HIV..... human immune deficiency virus  
 HR..... heart rate  
 HTN..... hypertension  
 Hx..... history  
 hyper..... above or high  
 hypo..... below or low

**[Ii]**

ICF..... intracellular fluid  
 ICP..... intracranial pressure  
 ICS..... intercostals space  
 ICU..... intensive care unit

IM..... intramuscular  
 IO..... intraosseous  
 IV..... intravenous  
 IVP..... intravenous push  
 IVPB..... intravenous piggy back

**[Jj]**

J..... joules  
 JVD..... jugular vein distension

**[Kk]**

Kg..... kilogram  
 KO..... keep open  
 KVO..... keep vein open

**[Ll]**

L&D..... labor and delivery  
 LAT..... lateral  
 LBBB..... left bundle branch block  
 lb..... pound  
 LLQ..... left lower quadrant  
 LMP..... last menstrual period  
 LOC..... loss of consciousness  
 LR..... lactated ringers  
 L-Spine..... lumbar spine  
 LSB..... long spine board  
 LUQ..... left upper quadrant

**[Mm]**

MAE..... moves all extremities  
 MAST..... military anti-shock trousers  
 mcg..... microgram  
 MCI..... mass casualty incident  
 MDI..... metered dose inhaler  
 ME..... medical examiner  
 mEq..... millequivalent  
 MED..... medication/ medium  
 mg..... milligram  
 MICU..... medical intensive care unit  
 MI..... myocardial infarction  
 MOI..... mechanism of injury  
 MRI..... magnetic resonance imaging

MS..... morphine sulfate/ multiple sclerosis  
 MVA..... motor vehicle accident

**[Nn]**

NaCl..... sodium chloride  
 NAD..... no acute distress  
 NC..... nasal cannula  
 NEB..... nebulizer  
 NKA, NKDA..... no known allergies, no known drug allergies  
 NRM, NRB..... non-rebreather mask  
 NS..... normal saline  
 NSR..... normal sinus rhythm  
 NT..... non-tender  
 NTI..... nasotracheal intubation  
 NTG..... nitro- nitroglycerine  
 N/V..... nausea and vomiting  
 N/V/D..... nausea, vomiting and diarrhea

**[Oo]**

O2..... oxygen  
 O2Sat..... oxygen saturation by pulse oximeter  
 OB..... obstetrics  
 OD..... overdose  
 OPA..... oropharyngeal airway  
 OPQRST.....onset, provoking factors, quality, radiation,  
 severity, time.  
 OTC..... over the counter  
 (OU)..... both eyes

**[Pp]**

P..... pulse  
 PAC..... premature atrial contraction  
 PALP..... palpation  
 PALS..... pediatric advanced life support  
 PASG..... pneumatic antishock garment  
 PCN..... penicillin  
 PE..... physical examination/ pulmonary embolism/  
 pulmonary edema.  
 PEA..... pulseless electrical activity  
 PEEP..... positive end expiratory pressure  
 PEARL..... pupils equal and reactive to light  
 PJC..... premature junctional contraction  
 PMHx..... past medical history  
 PO..... orally

POV..... privately owned vehicle  
 PRN, prn..... as needed  
 PSVT..... paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia  
 PT..... patient  
 PTA ..... prior to arrival  
 PVC..... premature ventricular contraction

**[Qq]**

q..... every  
 QAM, qam..... every morning  
 qd..... every day  
 qh..... every hour  
 q2h..... every two hours  
 q3h ..... every three hours  
 q4h ..... every four hours  
 QHS, qhs..... every night at bedtime  
 qid or QID..... four times a day  
 qod, QOD..... every other day

**[Rr]**

R/O..... rule out  
 ROM..... range of motion/movement  
 (R)..... right  
 RLQ..... right lower quadrant  
 RUQ..... right upper quadrant  
 Rx..... prescription therapy

**[Ss]**

SaO2..... systemic arterial oxygen saturation (%)  
 SIDS..... sudden infant death syndrome  
 SL..... sublingual  
 SOB..... short of breath  
 SpO2..... oxygen saturation by pulse oximeter  
 ST..... sinus tachycardia  
 STAT..... at once  
 STD.....sexually transmitted disease  
 SQ..... subcutaneous  
 SR..... sinus rhythm  
 START..... simple triage & rapid treatment  
 SVT..... supraventricular tachycardia  
 SZ..... seizure  
 SX..... symptom

**[Tt]**

T..... temperature  
 TCP..... transcutaneous pacing  
 TIA..... transient ischemic attack  
 TKO..... to keep open  
 Tx..... treatment

**[Uu]**

UOA..... upon our arrival  
 URI..... upper respiratory infection  
 UTI..... urinary tract infection  
 UTL..... unable to locate

**[Vv]**

V-fib.....ventricular fibrillation  
 VS.....vital signs  
 VT.....ventricular tachycardia

**[Ww]**

W&D..... warm and dry  
 WNL..... within normal limits  
 WPW..... Parkinson-White Syndrome

**[Xx]****None****[Yy]**

YO (YOA)..... years of age/ years old  
 YTD..... year to date

**Symbols**

M or ♂ ..... male  
 F or ♀ ..... female  
 + ..... positive  
 - ..... negative  
 ? ..... questionable  
 Ψ ..... psychiatric  
 ~ ..... approximately  
 > ..... greater than  
 < ..... less than  
 = ..... equal  
 s ..... without  
 Δ ..... change

ā ..... before

L ..... left

R ..... right

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