

## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS FOR USE IN THE MEDICAL RECORD

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### A

A <sub>2</sub>	aortic second heart sound
AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm
AAROM	active assist range of motion
Ab	abortion
abd.	abdomen
ABD	abduction
ABG	arterial blood gases
abn	abnormal
ABO	Blood Group
a.c.	before meals
accom.	accommodation
ACEI	angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor
ACL	Anterior Cruciate Ligament
ACH	adrenal cortical hormone
AC jt	acromio-clavicular joint
ACLA	anticardiolipin antibody
ACP	acid phosphatase
ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone
A.D.	administrative director
ADA	American Dietetic Association
add	Adduction
ADH	antidiuretic hormone
ADL	activities of daily living
ad lib	as much as desired
adm.	admission
AFB	acid fact bacillus
A.fib.	atrial fibrillation
AFP	alpha-fetoprotein
AFSF	anterior fontanel soft flat
AGA	appropriate for gestational age
A/G Ratio	albumin-globulin ratio
AHG	antihemophilic globulin
AHG/DTT	Antihemophilic Globulin/Dithiothreitol
AI	aortic insufficiency
AICD	automatic implantable cardiac defibrillator
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AKA	above the knee amputation
ALD	alcoholic liver disease
ALDOST	aldosterone

## A (Contd)

ALK-P	alkaline phosphatase
Allo.	Allogenic
ALS	amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
A.M.	morning
AMA	against medical advice
amb.	ambulate
AMI	acute myocardial infarction
AMIO	amiodarone
AMNIO	amniocentesis
amp.	ampule
amt.	amount
ANC	absolute neutrophil count
angio	angiogram
ant.	anterior
AODM	adult onset diabetes mellitus
Ap.	apical
A.P.	anteroposterior
APB	Abductor Pollicis Brevis
APD	Afferent pupillary defect
A/ROM	active range of motion
APL	Abductor Pollicis Longus
approx.	approximate
appt.	appointment
AR	aortic regurgitation
ARC	AIDS Related Complex
ARDS	adult respiratory distress syndrome
ARF	acute renal failure
ARMD	age related macular degeneration
AROM	artificial rupture of membranes
art.	artery, arterial
AS	aortic stenosis
ASA	aspirin
ASAP	as soon as possible
ASA-PS	physical status
ASC	Ambulatory Surgery Center
ASD	atrial septal defect
ASHD	arteriosclerotic heart disease
ASO	antistreptolysin "O" titer
ATG	anti-thymocyte globulin
ATGAM	Horse antihymocyte globulin
ATN	acute tubular necrosis
ATP	adenosine triphosphate
Autol.	Autologous
AV	arteriovenous
AVF	arteriovenous fistula
AVM	arterial venous malformation
AVN	avascular necrosis

## A (Contd)

AVR	aortic valve replacement
AVS	arteriovenous shunt
A & W	alive & well
ax.	axillary
A-Z	Ascheim-Zondek Test

## B

BAERs	brain stem auditory evoked responses
baso.	basophile
B/B	backward bending
BBB	bundle branch block
BCC	basal cell carcinoma
BCG	Bacillus Calmette Guerin vaccine
BCP	birth control pills
BDR	background diabetic retinopathy
BE	base excess
B.E.	barium enema
BEI	butanol-extractable iodide
BIC	burn intensive care
BID or bid	twice daily
Bil.	bilateral
Bili. T & D	bilirubin, total and direct
Bi pap	bilevel positive airway pressure
BiPD	biparietal diameter
BKA	below knee amputation
BLS	basic life support
BM	breast milk
B.M.	bowel movement
BMP	Basic Metabolic Profile
BMR	basal metabolic rate
BMT	bone marrow transplant
BMTU	bone marrow transplant unit
BOOP	Bronchiolitis Oblitrans Organizing Pneumonia
BOW	bag of waters
BP or B/P	blood pressure
BPD	broncho pulmonary dysplasia
Bpd	bipartial diameter
BPH	benign prostatic hypertrophy
BPP	biophysical profile
BR	bathroom
BRBPR	bright red blood per rectum
BRP	bathroom privileges
br. sounds	breath sounds
B.S.	bowel sounds
BSA	body surface area

## B (contd)

BSO	bilateral salpinge oophrectomy
BTB	beat to beat
B.U.	Bodansky unit(s)
BUN	blood urea nitrogen
BUS	bartholin-urethral-skene's glands
BW	birth weight
Bx	biopsy

## C

c	with
C	centigrade
C <sub>1</sub> - C <sub>7</sub>	cervical Vertebrae #1-#7 or Cervical nerve C1
Ca <sup>+</sup>	calcium
CA	carcinoma
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft
CAD	coronary artery disease
C&DB	cough and deep breathe
cal.	calorie
CAN	cord around neck
CAPD	continous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis
cap(s)	capsule(s)
CAT or CT	computerized axial tomography
cath.	catheter
CBC	complete blood count
CBD	common bile duct
CBF	cerebral blood flow
CBG	capillary blood gas
CBI	continuous bladder irrigations
CBR	complete bed rest
cc	cubic centimeter
CC	chief complaint
CCPD	continous cycle periotoneal dialysis
CCU	coronary care unit
c/d/i	(clean, dry, intact)
CD2	cluster of differention #2(Pan T-Cell Marker)
CD3	cluster of differention #3(T-Cell Marker)
CE	Cataract extraction
CFT	complement-fixation test
CG	contact guarding
CHD	congenital heart disease
Chem	chemical
Chemo.	chemotherapy
CHF	congestive heart failure
CHI	closed head injury
CHO	carbohydrate

## C (contd)

chol.	cholesterol
chol. est.	cholesterol esters
circ.	circumcision
circum.	circumference
CIS	carcinoma in situ
Cl	chloride
CKMB	creatine kinase MB
cl.	clear
CL	contact lenses
cldy.	Cloudy
cl. void	clean voided specimen
cm.	centimeter
CME	Cystoid macular edema
CMC	carpometacarpal
CMP	cardiomyopathy
CMS	circulation motion sensation
CMT	cardiac monitor technician
CMV	cytomegalivirus
CNG	continuous nasogastric
CNJ	continuous nasojejunal
CNS	central nervous system
COAG	Chronic open angle glaucoma
COG	continuous orogastric
Comm. Diseases	communicable diseases
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CPM	continuous passive motion
CO	cardiac output
c/o	complains of
conc.	concentrated
cont.	continued
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CP	chest pain
CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure
CP Bypass (CPB)	cardiopulmonary bypass
CPD	cephalopelvic disproportion
CPK	creatinine phosphokinase
CPM	continue present management
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CPT	chest physiotherapy
C/R	cardiorespiratory (as is monitor)
Cr	creatine
CREP	chest respiratory exercise program
CRF	chronic renal failure
C.R.T.T.	Certified Respiratory Therapy Technician
C&S	culture and sensitivity
CsA	cyclosporine
Csection or C/S	caesarean section

## C (contd)

CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
CSM	circulation sensation motion
C-Spine	cervical spine
CST	contraction stress test
CSW	certified social worker
CT	cat scan
CTS	Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
Ctxn	contractions
CV	cardiovascular
CVA	costo-vertebral angle
CVP	central venous pressure
CVVH	continuous veno-venous hemofiltration
CVVHD	continuous veno-venous hemodialysis
Cx	culture
CXR	chest x-ray
cysto.	Cystoscopy

## D

DBP	Diastolic Blood Pressure
D.C.	direct current
D/C	discontinue or discharge
D & C	dilation and curettage
DCA	directional coronary atherectomy
DCFS	Department of Children and Family Services
DCM	dilated cardiomyopathy
DDH	Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip
decel.	decelerations
DERM	dermatology
DES	dry eye syndrome
D.F.	dorsi-flexion
DI	diabetes insipidus
DIC	disseminated intravascular coagulation
Diff.	differential
dil.	dilatation
DIP	distal interphalangeal joint
dist.	distal
DJD	degenerative joint disease
DKA	diabetic ketoacidosis
DLB	direct laryngoscopy and bronchoscopy
DM	diabetes mellitus
DME	durable medical equipment
DNR	do not resuscitate
D.O.	doctor of osteopathy
DOA	dead on arrival
DOB	date of birth

## D (contd)

DOE	dyspnea on exertion
DP	Dorsalis Pedis
DPAHC	durable power of attorney for health care
D.P.M.	doctor of podiatric medicine
DPL	diagnostic peritoneal lavage
DPT	triple booster (diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus)
DT	diphtheria, tetanus
DTs	delirium tremens
DTRs	deep tendon reflexes
DUB	dysfunctional uterine bleeding
DVT	Deep Venous Thrombosis
DW	daily wear contact lens
D/W	discussed with
Dx	diagnosis

## E

E3	estriol
EAC	external auditory canal
EAP	Employee Assistance Program
EBL	estimated blood loss
EBV	Epstein Barr Virus
ECF	extended care facility
ECG or EKG	electrocardiogram
echo.	echocardiogram
ECMO	extra-corporeal membranous oxygenation
ECRB	Extensor Carpi Radialis Brevis
ECRL	Extensor Carpi Radialis Longus
ECT or EST	electroshock therapy
ECU	Extensor Carpi Ulnaris
ED	Emergency Department
EDC	estimated date of confinement
EDH	epidural hematoma
EDP	end diastolic pressure
EDQ	Extensor Digitorum Quiuti
EEG	electroencephalogram
EFM	electronic fetal monitor
EFW	estimated fetal weight
EHL	Extensor hallicus longus
EMG	electromyography
ENT	ear (or ears) nose and throat
EO	ethyline oxide
EOM	extraocular movement
EOMI	extraocular movement intact
eos.	Eosinophile
EPB	Extensor Pollicis Brevis

## E (contd)

epis.	episiotomy
epith.	epithelial or epithelium
EPL	Extensor Pollicis Longus
EPS	extra pyramical symptoms
E.P.S.	electrophysiology studies
ER	emergency room
ERCP	endoscopic retrograde cholangipancreatography
ERE	External Rotation in Extension
ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
et.	end tidal
ETA	estimated time of arrival
et CO <sub>2</sub>	end tidal carbondioxide
ET	endotracheal tube
ETOH	ethyl alcohol
<i>EUA</i>	examine under anesthesia
Ev	eversion
EVD	External Ventricular Device
EW	extended wear contact lens
Ex Fix	external fixation
exp.	expire
EXT	extremity
ext.	external

## F

F	fahrenheit
FAS	fetal alcohol syndrome
fb	Foreign body
F/B	forward bending
FBM	fetal breathing motion
FBS	fasting blood sugar
FCE	functional capacity evaluation
fdg.	feeding
FDA	Food & Drug Administration
FDP	flexor digitorum profundus
FDS	flexor digitorum superficialis
FES	functional electrical stimulation
Fetal Position and Presentation	
LOA	left occiput anterior
LOT	left occiput transverse
LOP	left occiput posterior
ROA	right occiput anterior
ROT	right occiput posterior
LSA (RSA)	left sacrum anterior (right)
LST (RST)	left sacrum transverse (right)
LSP (RSP)	left sacrum posterior (right)
LMA (RMA)	left mentoanterior (right)

## F (contd)

LMT (RMT)	left mentotransverse (right)
LMP (RMP)	left mentoposterior (right)
FFP	fresh frozen plasma
FGMH/FMH	Foster G. McGaw Hospital
FH	family history
FHR	fetal heart rate
FHT	fetal heart tones
FLACC	Face, Legs, Activity, Cry, Consolability
FLR	full leather restrains
FM	fetal movements
FNF	finger-nose-finger
FPL	flexor pollicis longus
FOB	foot of bed
FR	fluid restriction
fr.	french
FSE	fetal scalp electrode
FSH	follicle stimulating hormone
FSP	fibrin split products
FT	fingertip
ft.	feet
FTN	finger to nose test
FTSG	full thickness skin graft
5-FU	5-fluorouracil
FUO	fever of undetermined origin
FWB	full weight bearing
FWW	front-wheeled walker
Fx	fracture

## G

G. 1,2, etc.	gravida, indicating number of pregnancies
GC	gonorrhoea
GCS	glasgow coma scale
GE	gastroesophageal
GERD	gastroesophageal reflux disease
gest age	gestational age
GH	growth hormone
GI	gastrointestinal
gm	Gram
Gm%	grams/100 m. of serum or blood
GSR	galvanic skin resistance
GSW	gunshot wound
GT	gastrostomy tube
GTT	glucose tolerance test
GU	genitourinary
GVHD	Graft vs host disease

## G (contd)

GYN gynecology

## H

HA	Headache
HAL	Hyperalumination
HBO	HBO hyperbaric oxygenation
HBP	high blood pressure
HC	head circumference
HCG	Human chorionic gonadotropin
HDN	hemolytic disease of the newborn
Hct.	hematocrit
HEENT	head, ears, eyes, nose and throat
HFJV	high frequency jet ventilation
HEM/ONC	hematology/Oncology
Hemo	blood
HFOV	high frequency oscillating ventilation
HEP	home exercise program
HFOV	high frequency oscillating ventilation
Hgb	Hemoglobin
Hg.	mercury
HGH	human growth hormone
HH	home health
HHA	home health agency
5HIAA	5 hydroxyindole acetic acid
Hi cal.	high calorie
HIE	hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy
HIPA	heparin induced platelet antibodies
HIV	human immunodeficiency syndrome
HL	heplock
HLA	human leukocyte antigen
HMD	hyaline membrane disease
HMF	human milk fortifier
HMO	health maintenance organization
HN	head nurse
HO	house officer
H/O	history of
HOB	head of bed
HOH	hard of hearing
H & P	history & physical
HPI	history of present illness
HPL	human placental lactogen
Hr. or h.	hour
HR	heart rate
h.s.	hour of sleep
HSV	herpes simplex virus
HT	hubbard tank

## H (contd)

ht.	height
HTVD	hypertensive vascular disease
HTN	hypertension
HTS	heel to shin
HTU	heart transplant unit
HVF	Humphrey visual fields
Hx	history

## I

IABP	intra aortic balloon pump
IBW	ideal body weight
IBT	ivy bleeding time
ICBG	iliac/crest bone graft
ICP	intracranial pressure
ICS	intercostal space
ICU	intensive care unit
I & D	incision and drainage
IDCM	idiopathic dilated cardiomyopathy
IDM	infant of diabetic mother
IDDM	insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
IFC	interferential current
IHD	ischemic heart disease
IHSS	idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis
IM	intramuscular
IMC	intermediate care unit
Immob	immobilization
in	inch
ing.	Inguinal
INR	International Normalized Ration
I & O	intake and output
insp.	inspiration or inspiratory
Intramuscular Injection Site	
LD	left mid deltoid
RD	right mid deltoid
LGM	left gluteus medius
RGM	right gluteus medius
LVG	left ventrogluteal
RVG	right ventrogluteal
LVL	left vastus lateralis
RVL	right vastus lateralis
IOL	Intraocular lens
IOP	intraocular pressure
IP	intraoperative
IPPB	intermittent positive pressure breathing
IQ	intelligent quotient

## I (contd)

IR	internal rotation
IRB	Institutional Review Board
irreg.	irregular
ITP	idopathic thrombocytopenic purpura

## F

IUD	intrauterine device (contraceptive)
IUDE	intrauterine drug exposure
IUFD	intrauterine fetal demise
IUGR	intrauterine growth retardation
IUP	intrauterine pregnancy
IUPC	intrauterine pressure catheter
IV	intravenous
IVDA	IV drug abuse
IV GTT	intravenous glucose tolerance test
IVH	intraventricular hemorrhage
IVP	intravenous pyelogram
IVPB	intravenous piggyback

## J

JM	joint mobilization
JP	Jackson Pratt
JVD	jugular vein distention

## K

17 KS	17 ketosteroids
KED	Kendrick extrication device
Kg.	kilogram
KGS	ketogenic steroids
KLP	Krypton laser photocoagulation
KTC	knee to chest
KUB	kidney, ureter, bladder (x-ray)
KVO	keep vein open

## L

L	liter
L	left
L <sub>1</sub> -L <sub>5</sub>	lumbar vertebrae #1 - #5 (or nerves)
lab.	laboratory
LAD	left anterior descending
lat.	lateral
lb.	pound
LBBB	left bundle branch block

## L (contd)

LCA or LMCA	left (main) coronary artery
LCS	low continuous suction
LCSW	licensed clinical social worker
LDH	lactic dehydrogenase
LE	lower extremity
lg.	large
LGA	large for gestational age
LGI	lower gastrointestinal
LH	leutotropic hormone
liq.	liquid
LLC	long leg cast
LLE	left lower extremity
LLL	left lower lobe - lung
LLQ	left lower quadrant - abdomen
LML	left mediolateral - episiotomy
LMN	lower motor neuron
LMP	last menstrual period
LOA	leave of absence
LOC	loss of consciousness
lower GI	lower gastrointestinal
LP	lumbar puncture
LPI	Lazar peripheral iridectomy
LQR	locked quiet room
LR	lactated ringers
LS	lumbar spine
L/S ratio	Lecithin Sphingomyelins ratio
LTC	long, thick, closed
LTG	Long Term Goals
LTR	lower turn rotation
LTV	long term variability
LUCHCH	Loyola University Center for Home Care & Hospice
LUE	left upper extremity
LUHS	Loyola University Health System
LUL	Left upper lobe - lung
LUMC	Loyola University Medical Center
LUMOC	Loyola University Mulcahy Outpatient Center
LUOC	Loyola University Outpatient Center
LUQ	left upper quadrant - abdomen
LV	left ventricle
LVAD	left ventricular assist device
LVEF	left ventricular ejection fraction
LVF	left ventricular function
LVH	left ventricular hypertrophy
lymphs.	lymphocytes
lytes.	Electrolytes

## M

MAC	monitored anesthesia care
MAP	mean airway pressure
Mass Spec	mass spectrometry
MAST	military anti-shock trousers
MCA	middle cerebral artery
mcg	microgram
MCH, MCV, MCHC	red cell constants or indices - mean corpuscular hemoglobin mean corpuscular volume mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration
MCT	medium chain triglycerides
M.D.	doctor of medicine
MEC	meconium
med.	medium
mEq	milliequivalent
met	metabolic
MFM	maternal-fetal medicine
MFR	mid forceps rotation
mg	milligrams
mg %	milligrams per 100 milliliters
MI	myocardial infarction
MICU	medical intensive care unit
MIDCAB	minimally invasive direct coronary artery bypass (inserted direct)
min.	minute
ML	milliliter
MLC	mixed lymphocyte culture
mm	millimeter
MMF	mycophenolate mofetil
MMT	manual muscle test
mo.(s)	month(s)
mod.	moderate
mono.	monocytes
mOsm	milliosmols
MP	metacarpalphalangeal joint
mr	medial rectus
MR	mitral regurgitation
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
MRN	medical record number
MS	mitral stenosis
MSH	melanocyte stimulating hormone
MUD	matched unrelated donor
MUGA	multigated acquisition scan
MUGA-X	multigated acquisition scan with drugs
MVA	motor vehicle accident
MVC	motor vehicle collision

## M (contd)

MVO <sub>2</sub> sat	mixed venous oxygen saturation
MVP	mitral valve prolapse
MVR	mitral valve replacement
myelo.	myelogram

## N

N <sub>2</sub> O	nitrous oxide
Na	sodium
N/A	non applicable
NaCL	sodium chloride
NAD	no apparent distress
NB	newborn
NBS	newborn screening
nc	nasal cannula
NCV	nerve conduction velocity
ND	neutral density
NDT	neurodevelopmental technique
NEC	necrotizing enterocolitis
NFC	neonatal follow-up clinic
neg.	negative
NEURO	Neurology
NG	nasogastric
ng	nanograms
Nitro.	nitroglycerin
NIPS	non-invasive physiology studies
NJ	nasojejunal
NKA	no known allergies
nl	normal
noc.	nocturnal
N <sub>2</sub> O	nitrous oxide
NP	nasopharyngeal
N.P.	nurse practitioner
NP-CPAP	nasal prong-continuous positive airway pressure
NPH	neutral protein insulin
NPN	nonprotein nitrogen
NPO	nothing by mouth
N/R	non reactive
N/RATG	Nashville rabbit antihymocyte globulin
NRATS	nashville rabbitt anti-thrombin serum
NS	normal saline
NSR	normal sinus rhythm
NSS	nursing systems secretary
NST	non stress test
N.Stim	nerve stimulator
NSVD	normal spontaneous vaginal delivery
NT	nasotracheal intubation

## N (contd)

NT AICD	non-thoracotomy automatic internal cardiac defibrillator
NTG	nitroglycerin
N/V	nausea/vomiting
NVA	Near visual acuity
NVI	Neovascularization of the iris
NWB	non-weight bearing

## O

O <sub>2</sub> cap.	oxygen capacity
O <sub>2</sub> sat.	oxygen saturation
OA	occipital-atlanto joint
O.B.	occult blood
OBS	organic brain syndrome
OCP=s	oral contraceptive pills
11 ocs	11 oxycorticosteroid
OCT	oxytocin challenge test
OD	right eye
OG	oral gastric
OGTT	oral glucose tolerance test
17 OH	17 hydroxysteroids
17 OHCS	17 hydroxycorticosteroids
OHS	occupational health services
OHT	orthotopic heart transplant
OKT3	anti CD3 monoclonal antibody
ONC	oncology
OOB	out of bed
Op.	operation
OPHTH	ophthalmology
o r	overrefraction
OR	operating room
ORTHO	orthopaedic
OS	left eye
OSH	outside hospital
O.T.	occupational therapy
OU	each eye or both eyes
ox	oximeter

## P

P	pulse
P. 1, 2, etc.	para, indicating number of viable children born
P <sub>2</sub>	pulmonic second heart sound
PA	posteroanterior
PA&Lat	posterior-anterior & lateral
P & A	percussion and auscultation
PAL	peripheral arterial line

PAC	premature atrial contraction
PAHR	pre-anesthesia holding room
PAO	pulmonary artery occlusion
PAP	pulmonary artery pressure
Pap	Papanicolaov smear
PAHR	pre-anesthesia holding room
PAR	post-anesthesia recovery room
PAT	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia

**P (contd)**

P.A.T.	pre-admitting testing department
path.	pathology
PAWP	Pulmonary Artery Wedge Pressure
PBI	protein bound iodine
PBSCT	peripheral blood stem cell transplant
p.c.	after meals
PC	primary care
PCA	patient controlled analgesia
PCE	particulate-coated erythromycin
PCO2	partial pressure of carbon dioxide
PCP	primary care physician
PCT	patient care tech
PCVC	percutaneous central venous catheter
PCXR	portable chest x-ray
PCWP	pulmonary capillary wedge pressure
PD	peritoneal dialysis
PDA	patent ductus arteriosus
PDR	proliferative diabetic retinopathy
PE	physical examination
P.E.	pulmonary emboli
PEA	pulseless electrical activity (EMD)
Ped.	pediatrics
PEEP	positive end expiratory pressure
P.E.G	percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy
PFC	persistent fetal circulation
PERL	pupils equal react to light
PERLA	pupils, equal, react to light and accommodation
PERRLA	pupils equal, round, react to light and accommodation
PF	plantar flexion
PFG	persistent fetal circulation
pg.	pregnancy
pH	hydrogen ion concentration
PH	past history
Pharm.D	Doctor of Pharmacy
PHAS	physiological assessment
PHP	partial Hospital Program
PI	peripheral iridectomy
PIC	peripherally inserted catheter
PICC	peripherally inserted central catheter

PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
P.I.E.	pulmonary intersitial emphysema
PIP	peak inspiratory pressure
PIV	peripheral IV
PKU	phenylketonuria
plt	platelets
P.M.	afternoon
PMB	postmenopausal bleeding
PMD	private medical doctor
PMH	past medical history
P.M.I.	point of maximum impulse
PNC	prenatal care
P.N.D.	pelvic node dissection
PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
PNF	proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation
po	per os, (by mouth)
PO2	partial pressure of oxygen
Polys.	polymorphonuclears
post.	Posterior
post-op.	post-operative
PPD	tuberculin skin test
PPHN	persistent pulmonary hypertension
PPO	preferred provider organization
preg	pregnancy
P/ROM	passive range of motion
PPROM	prolonged premature rupture of membranes
PROM	positive range of motion
PPS	post pericardiotomy syndrome
PRBCs	packed red blood cells
PRE	progressive resistive exercises
Prec	precipitous
pre-op	pre-operative
PREP	physical respiratory exercise program
prep.	prepare for
PRN	as needed
PRO	Peer Review Organization
procto.	proctoscopy
pro. time	prothrombin time
prox.	proximal
PSI	pounds per square inch
PSP	phenosulfonphthalein
PSYCH	psychiatry
pt	patient
P.T.	physical therapy
PTA	prior to admission
PTCA	percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
PTCRA	percutaneous transluminal coronary rotacatheter abalation
PTH	parathyroid hormone
PTL	pre-term labor

## P (contd)

PTMR	Percutaneous Transluminal Myocardial Revascularization
PTT	partial thromboplastin time
PTX	pneumothorax
PUBS	percutaneous umbilical blood sampling
PULM	pulmonary
PVB	premature ventricular beat
PVC	premature ventricular contraction
PVE	prosthetic valve endocarditis
PVH	periventricular hemorrhage
PVR	Post Void Residual
PWB	partial weight bearing

## Q

Q or q	every
q AM	every morning
QD or qd	every day
q 2 h or q 2	every 2 hours
q hs	every night
QID or qid	four times a day
q shift	every shift

## R

R	respirations
7	right
R.A.	rheumatoid arthritis
RAIU	radioactive iodine uptake
RBBB	right bundle branch block
RBC	red blood cell
R/C	repeated contractions
RCA	right coronary artery
R.D.	registered dietitian
RDS	respiratory distress syndrome
RE	right eye
re:	regarding
Rehab	rehabilitation
Resp.	respiratory
resp.	respirations
Rh	rhesus blood factor
RHD	rheumatic heart disease
RhoGam	Rh immune globulin
RLE	right lower extremity
RLL	right lower lobe - lung
RLQ	right lower quadrant - abdomen
RML	right middle lobe - lung
R.N.	registered nurse

## N (contd)

R.N./Lic. Pend.	registered nurse/license pending
R/O	rule out
ROM	range of motion
ROP	retinopathy of prematurity
ROS	review of systems
RP	retinitis pigmentosa
RPH	Registered Pharmacist
RPR	rapid plasma reagent
RR	respiration rate
R.R.T.	Registered Respiratory Therapist
R/S	rhythmic stabilization
R.T.	Respiratory Therapy
RTC	return to clinic
R.T.S.	Respiratory Therapy Student
Rtx	Radiation Therapy
RUE	right upper extremity
RUL	right upper lobe - lung
RUQ	right upper quadrant - abdomen
RV	right ventricle
RVAD	right ventricular assist device
RVH	right ventricular hypertrophy
RW	radiant warmer
Rx	prescription

## S

s	without
S <sub>1</sub> - S <sub>5</sub>	sacral vertebrae #1 - #5 (or nerves)
SA	service associate
SAH	subarachnoid hemorrhage
sang.	sanguineous
sat.	saturated
SB	sinus bradycardia
S/B	side bending
SBA	stand-by assist
SBE	subacute bacterial endocarditis
SBN	stillborn
SBP	Systolic Blood Pressure
SC	service coordinator
SCC	squamous cell carcinoma
sc	subcutaneous
s.c.	without correction
SCD	sequential compression device
SCF	special care formula
SCUF	slow continuous ultra filtration
SDH	subdural hematoma
sec.	second

## S (contd)

SEMI	sub-endocardial myocardial infarction
S/G	Swan Ganz Catheter
SGA	small for gestational age
SGOT	serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase
SGPT	serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase
SH	social history
SIADH	syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone
SICU	surgical intensive care unit
SIJ	sacro liliac joint
SIMV	synchronized intermittent mandatory ventilation
SL	sublingual, under the tongue
SLC	short leg cast
SLE	systemic lupus erythematou
SLED	sustained low efficiency dialysis
SLL	service line liaison
SLR	straight leg raise
SLT	single lung transplant
SMR	submucous resection (of nasal septum)
SN	skilled nurse
SNF	skilled nursing facility
SOB	shortness of breath
SOC	start of care
soln	solution
SOP	standard operating procedure
S/P	status post
SP I, II, III	special precautions I, II, III
spec.	specimen
SpG.	specific gravity
SPO2	saturation pulse oximetry
spont.	spontaneous
SQ	subcutaneous
SR	systems review
S.R.	siderails
SRA	Seratonin release assay
SROM	spontaneous rupture of membranes
s & s	signs and symptoms
SSEP	soma sensory evoked potential
ST	sinus tachycardia
STA	superficial temporal artery
staph.	staphylococcus
stat	immediately and once only
STG	Short Term Goals
STM	soft tissue mobilization
strep.	streptococcus
STSG	split thickness skin grafts
STV	short-term variability
Subcutaneous Injection Sites	

## S (contd)

LA	left arm
RA	right arm
LL	left leg
RL	right leg
L abd.	left abdomen
R abd.	right abdomen
supp.	suppository
SVE	sterile vaginal exam
SVT	supraventricular tachycardia
Swan	Swan-Ganz catheter
SX	symptoms

## T

T	temperature
T <sub>3</sub>	triiodothyronine
T <sub>4</sub>	thyroxine
ta	tension appplanation
TA	tracheal aspirate
T & A	tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
TAM	total active motion
T & C or T & X	type and cross
TCM	transcutaneous monitor
T & H	type and hold
tab.	tablet
TAH	total abdominal hysterectomy
TB	tuberculosis
TBG	thyroxine binding globulin
TBPA	thyroxine binding prealbumin
TBSA	total body surface area
Tbsp.	tablespoon
Td	tetanus vaccine
TEC	transluminal extraction catheterization
TED (stockings)	thromboembolitic disease (stockings)
TEE	transesophageal echocardiography
tele	telemetry
TENS	toxic epidermal necrolysis syndrome
TIA	transient ischemic attack
TIBC	total iron binding capacity
TID or tid	three times a day
TKE	terminal knee extension
TKO	to keep open
TLC	tender loving care
TMJ	temporomandibular joint
T.O.	telephone order
Toco	tocodynameter
TOD	tension, right eye

## T (contd)

TOS	tension, left eye
TP	tension by pneumotometry
TPI	treponema pallidum immobilization
TPN	total parenteral nutrition
TPR	temperature, pulse, respiration
trach.	tracheostomy
TSH	thyroid stimulating hormone
tsp.	teaspoon
TTN	transient tachypnea of the newborn
TTWB	toe-touch weight bearing
TURP	transurethral resection prostate
TV	tidal volume
TVH	total vaginal hysterectomy
Txs	treatments

## U

U/A	urine for analysis
UAC	umbilical artery catheter
UAL	up ad lib
UCG	urinary chorionic gonadotropin
ue	upper extremity
UGI	upper gastrointestinal
ULQR	unlocked quiet room
ULTT	upper limb tension test
UMN	upper motor neuron
u/o	urine output
URI	upper respiratory infection
UROL	urology
US or u/s	ultrasound
USA	unstable angina
UTI	urinary tract infection
UVC	umbilical vein catheter

## V

VA	visual acuity
VAD	ventricular access device
vag.	vagina or vaginal
vag hyst	vaginal hysterectomy
VAS	visual analog scale
VATS	video assisted thoroscopic surgery
VBAC	vaginal birth after caesarean
VBB	vertebral basilar bypass
VC	vital capacity
VD	venereal disease

## V (contd)

VDRL	Veneral Disease Research Laboratories (flocculation procedure)
vent	ventilator
VEN	venous, vein
VER	visual evoked response
VF	visual field
V. fib	ventricular fibrillation
VMA	vandilmandelic acid test
V.N.A.	Visiting Nurses Association
V.O.	verbal order
VP & circ. time	venous pressure and circulation time
VS	vital signs
VSD	ventricular septal defect
VSS	Vital signs stable
VT	ventricular tachycardia
Vtx.	vertex presentation

## W

WB	weight bear
WBAT	weight bearing as tolerated
WBC	white blood count
W/C	wheelchair
W/D	wet-to-dry dressings
WD, WN	well-developed, well-nourished
WFL	within functional limits
W.H.O.	World Health Organization
wks	weeks
WMP	warm, moist pack (unsterile)
WNL	within normal limits
w/o	without
WP	whirlpool
WPRBC	washed PRBCs
wt.	weight

## Y

YNSA	Yamamoto New Scalp Acupuncture
y/o	years old