

Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital, Inc.

Approved Abbreviations

LOURDES APPROVED ABBREVIATIONS

A		A	
A	assistive	alb	albumin
A/A	active-assistive, usually relates to exercise	ALF	Assisted Living Facility
A/AROM	active-assistive, Range of Motion	Alk. Phos.	alkaline phosphatase
A&O	alert and oriented	ALL	acute lymphocytic leukemia
a.c.	before meals	ALP	Assisted Living Program
A.F.	atrial fibrillation	ALS	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
a.m.	morning (before noon)	ALT (SGPT)	alanine aminotransferase (serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase)
A.P.	ante partum	AM	morning
A/G	albumin globulin ratio	AMA	Against medical Advice
A/P	anterior / posterior (as relates to body location)	Amb	ambulation
A1C	glycosylated hemoglobin	AMI	acute myocardial infarction
A ₂	aortic second sound	amp	Ampule
AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm	AMT	Amount
AB	abortion	ANA	antinuclear antibodies
Abd.	abdominal	Anom	anomalies
ABD	abdominal dressing	AP	apical pulse
ABG	arterial blood gas	APAP	acetaminophen
ABP	arterial blood pressure	APB	atrial premature beat
ABW	Actual Body Weight	APTT	activated partial thromboplastin time
Ace	Acetone	AR	aortic regurgitation
Acid Phos	acid phosphatase	ARA C	cytarabine
ACT D	actinomycin	A/ROM	Active/ range of motion
ACTH	adreno corticotropic hormone	AROM	artificial rupture of membranes
AD	arthritic dose	ARROM	active resistive range of motion
ad	up to	AS	aortic stenosis
ad lib	as desired	ASA	acetylsalicylic acid
Add.	Adduction - moving towards trunk (body)	ASHD	arteriosclerotic heart disease
ADL	activities of daily living	ASO	antistreptolysin O
AE	antiembolic	ASOb	arteriosclerosis obliterans
AF&F	atrial flutter and fibrillation	ASOT	antistreptolysin O titer
AFB	acidfast bacilli	Assmt.	assessment
AFL	atrial flutter	AST (SGOT)	aspartate aminotransferase (serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase)
AFO	Ankle / Foot Orthosis	AT ₃ , ATIII	antithrombin 3
AFP	alpha fetal protein	ATA	antithyroid antibodies
AGA	appropriate weight for gestational age	Audio	audiology
AHF	antihemophilic factor	AV	atrioventricular
AHG	anti-human globulin		
AI	aortic insufficiency	B	
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	Ⓟ	bilateral (B w/circle)
AKA or A/K	above knee amputation	B	breakfast
ALA	delta aminolevulinic acid	BAL	Bronchial alveolar lavage

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B (cont'd)		C (cont'd)	
BAL	British anti lewisite	Ca ⁺⁺	Calcium
Bal	balance	Ca	Cancer
BBB	bundle branch block	CABG	Coronary Artery Bypass Graft
BaE	Barium enema	CaCL ₂	calcium chloride
BE	base excess	CAD	Coronary Artery Disease
BEE	Harris Benedict equation	CAE	complete audio evaluation
BG	blood glucose	cals	calories
beta-HCG	beta subunit of human chorionic gonadotropin	CAN	cord around neck
BID	Twice a day	CASA	Br Co Community Alternative Systems Agency
BIW	twice a week	cath	Catheter
BKA or B/K	below knee amputation	CBC	complete blood count
BLE	both lower extremities (legs)	CBWU	cord blood workup
bm	bone marrow	cc	chief complaint
BM	bowel movement	CCT	cell count
BMI	body mass index	CDE	Certified Diabetes Educator
BMP	Basic metabolic profile	CDN	Certified Dietitian Nutritionist
BMR	basal metabolic rate	CDP	Complete Decongestive Physiotherapy
BNP	Brain natriuretic peptide	CEA	carcino-embryonic antigen
BOW	bag of waters	cg or CG	contact guard (hand on, but no assist) or caregiver
BP	blood pressure	CHHA	Certified Home Health Agency
BPH	benign prostatic hyperplasia (hypertrophy)	CHO	carbohydrate
Br	breech	chol	cholesterol
BR	birthing room	Circ	circumcision
BRP	bathroom privileges	CIS	carcinoma in situ
BSO	bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy	CK	creatine kinase
BSP	bromsulphthalein	Cl ⁻	chloride
BT	bleeding time	CL	clear liquids
BUE	both upper extremities (arms)	CLL	chronic lymphocytic leukemia
Bulg Memb	bulging membranes	CM	Case Manager
BUN	blood urea nitrogen	CMP	Comprehensive Metabolic Profile
BW	birth weight	CMS	Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Bx	biopsy	CMST	Circulation, motion, sensitivity, temperature
		CMV	cytomegalo virus
		CNS	Central Nervous System
C		CO	carbon monoxide
C	Centigrade	CO ₂	carbon dioxide
C1-7 or 8	Cervical, w/ # 1-8 indicating level of lesion/involvement	CON	certificate of need
c	With	Cong	congenital
C&S	culture and sensitivity	Contr	contractions
CS or C/S	cesarean section	Coord	coordination
c/o	complains of	COP	Conditions of participation
C3	complement 3		

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C (cont'd)		D (cont'd)	
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	DES	diethylstilbestrol
COTA	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant	DEP	dependent
CP	cold pack	df	dorsiflexion
CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure	DF	dye free
CPD	cephalo pelvic disproportion	DIC	disseminated intravascular coagulation
CPK	creatine phosphokinase	Diff	differential
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	DIL	daughter-in-law
CR	controlled release	DJD	Degenerative Joint Disease
cr	creatinine	DM	Diabetes Mellitus
C/R	Cardio respiratory	DME	durable medical equipment
CRCL	Creatinine Clearance	DNC	do not call
CRP	C-reactive protein	DNR	do not resuscitate
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid	DOA	dead on arrival
CST	contraction stress test	DOB	date of birth
CTM	chlorthimeton	DOE	dyspnea on exertion
CTX	cytoxan	DPT	diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus
CVA	cerebrovascular accident	DR	doctor
CVAD	Central venous access device	Drsg	dressing
CVC	Central Venous Catether	DS	double strength
CVS	chorionic villus sampling	DSS	Dept of Social Services
CWOCN	Certified Wound,Ostomy,Continance Nurse	DOSS	dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate
Cx	cervix	DT	diphtheria, tetanus
		d/t	Due to
D		DTIC	dacarbazine
DO NOT USE ABBREVIATIONS, See Addendum B		DTM	due to mec
(5% D)(D5)	5% dextrose injection	DTR	deep tendon reflex
D5 1/2 NS	dextrose 5%, 1/2 normal saline	Dtr	daughter
D5 LR	dextrose 5%, lactated ringers	DTV	due to void
D5 NS	dextrose 5%, normal saline	DVT	deep vein thrombosis (VTE)
D	dinner	Dx	diagnosis
D&C	dilation and curettage		
DC	diagonal conjugate	Delivery Abbreviations (W&C) Continued on next page	
Disch	discharge (OASIS)/clinical abbrev		Brow Delivery
DD	day of delivery	LFA	left fronto anterior
DR	Delivery Room	LFP	left fronto posterior
DAT	direct antiglobulin test (Direct Coombs Test)	LFT	left fronto transverse
dB	Decibel (hearing test)	RFA	right fronto anterior
DBW	desired body weight	RFP	right fronto posterior
DDD	Degenerative Disc Disease	RFT	right fronto transverse
DDP	cisplatin		
del	delivery		

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Delivery Abbreviations (W&C)		E (cont'd)	
	Breech Presentation (Delivery)	Elix	elixir
LSA	left sacro anterior	EMS	Emergency Medical Services
LSP	left sacro posterior	ENA	extractable nuclear antigens (Sm & RNp)
LST	left sacro transverse	ENT	ear, nose, throat
RSA	right sacro anterior	EOB	edge of bed
RSP	right sacro posterior	EOS	eosinophil
RST	right sacro transverse	Epis	episiotomy
	Vertex Delivery	Ergot	ergotrate
LOA	left occipito anterior	ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
LOP	left occipito posterior	ET or ETT	endotracheal tube
LOT	left occipito transverse	ETCO ₂	End tidal carbon dioxide
ROA	right occipito anterior	et al.	and others
ROP	right occipito posterior	et.	and
ROT	right occipito transverse	ETH&C	elixir terpin hydrate and codeine
	Face Delivery	ETOH	ethanol (ethyl alcohol)
LMA	left mento anterior	Ex.	exercise
LMP	left mento posterior		
LMT	left mento transverse	F	
RMA	right mento anterior	5FU	fluorouracil
RMP	right mento posterior	F	fahrenheit
RMT	right mento transverse	f	fair (grade of Manual Muscle Test)
		FD	fetal demise
E		FH	fetal heart
EBL	Estimated blood loss	f/u	follow up
EC	emergency contact	FAB	French-American-British (classification of acute leukemia)
ED	Emergency Department	FAD	final autopsy diagnoses
e.g.	for example	FAS	fetal alcohol syndrome
ER	external rotation	FBS	fasting blood sugar
E2	estradiol	FDP	fibrin - degradation products (D Dimer)
E3	estriol	Fe	iron
EC	enteric coated	Fem-pop	Femoral-popliteal bypass surgery
ECG	Electrocardiogram	FeSO ₄	ferrous sulfate
Echo	Echocardiogram	FHR	fetal heart rate
EDC	estimated date of confinement	FL	full liquids
EDTA	calcium disodium edetate	fl	fluid
EEG	electroencephalogram	Flex	flexion
EFM	electronic fetal monitoring	FMC	fine motor coordination
EFN	estimated fluid needs	FOB	father of baby
EIA	enzyme immunoassay	Fr	French
EKG	electrocardiogram	Fr Br	frank breech
ELISA	enzyme linked immunosorbent assay	FSH	follicle-stimulating hormone

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F (cont'd)		H (cont'd)	
FSP	fibrin - split products	HELLP	hemolysis, elevated liver enzymes, and low platelet count syndrome
FT ₄	free thyroxine	HEP	home exercise program
FTA	fluorescent treponemal antibodies	HepA Ab	Hepatitis A Antibody
Ftl.br.	footling breech	HepC Ab	Hepatitis C Antibody
FUO	fever unknown origin	HFct	Hagemann Factor (clotting factor XII)
FWB	full weight bearing, usually relates to ambulation - no restrictions	HF	Heart failure
Fx	fracture	Hgb	hemoglobin
		HGH	human growth hormone
G		HHABN	Home Health Advance Beneficiary Notice
g	good (grade of Manual Muscle Test)	HHQI	Home Health Quality Initiatives
G ₆ PD,(G6PD)	glucose - 6 - phosphate dehydrogenase	HINN	Hospital Issued Notice of Non-coverage
GBS	Group B Strep	HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
gc	gonococcus	HLA	human leukocyte antigen
GGT	gamma glutamyl transpeptidase	HMD	hyaline membrane disease
GI	gastro-intestinal	HMK	homemaker
Glycos Hb or Gf	glycosylated hemoglobin (A1C)	HOB	head of bed
gm	gram	HOH	hard of hearing
GMC	gross motor coordination	HP	Hepatic Panel
gr	grain	HPF	high power field
G	gravida	Hr	hour
gt	Gait Training	HS	hour of sleep/bedtime
GTPAL	gravida, term, preterm, abortions, living	HSV	herpes simplex virus
gtt	drops	ht	height
GTT	glucose tolerance test	HT	Hubbard Tank (whirlpool)
g-tube	gastrostomy tube	HTLV	human T-cell lymphotropic virus
GU	genitourinary	HTN	hypertension
GYN	gynecology	HVA	homovanillic acid
		Hx	history
H		Hyst	hysterectomy
5-HIAA	5 hydroxy indole acetic acid	Hz	Hertz (hearing test)
H&P	history and physical	I	
HP	hot packs	IND	independent
HA	hyperalimentation	I&D	incision and drainage
HAA	hepatitis A Antibody (may also use HepA Ab)	I&O	intake and output
HBP	high blood pressure	i.e.	only these circumstances
HBS Ab	Hepatitis B Surface Antibody	IA	intra-artery
HBV	hepatitis B virus	IADL	instrumental activities of daily living
HCG	human chorionic gonadotropin	IAT	indirect antiglobulin test (indirect Coomb's Test)
HCP	Health care proxy	IBW	ideal body weight
Hct	hematocrit	IC	intracardiac
HEENT	head, ears, eyes, nose, and throat	ICD-10	international classification of diseases (previously ICD-9)

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I		L	
ICN	Intensive Care Nursery	L/S ratio	lecithin/sphingomyelin ratio
ICT	intermittent cervical traction	Lt	left
IDM	infant of diabetic mother	LA	long acting
IHSS	idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis	Lab	laboratory
IM	intramuscular	lac	laceration
IMM	Important Message from Medicare	LAH	Lourdes At Home
INH	isonicotinic acid hydroxide; isoniazid	LAHQIC	Lourdes At Home Quality Improvement Committee
INR	International Normalization Ratio	LAP	leukocyte alkaline phosphatase stain (see NAP)
Int	intact	lax	laxative
IPPB	intermittent positive pressure breathing	lb	pound
IPRO	Island Peer Review Organization	LBBB	left bundle branch block
IPT	intermittent pelvic traction	LBP	low back pain
IR	internal rotation	LBW	low birth weight
IS	Incentive spirometer	LC	living children
ISO	isoenzymes	LD	lethal dose
ITP	idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura	LDH	lactic dehydrogenase
IUFD	intrauterine fetal demise	LE	lupus erythematosus
IUGR	intrauterine growth restriction	LE	lower extremity
IUP	intrauterine pregnancy	LeucoR	leucovorin rescue
IUPC	intrauterine pressure catheter	LF	low forceps
IV	intravenous	LFD	low forceps delivery
IVP	intravenous pyelogram	LGA	large for gestational age
IVPush	intravenous push	LH	luteinizing hormone
IVPB	intravenous piggy back	LHS	Lourdes Health Support
		LIQ	left inner quadrant
J		LLB	long leg brace
Jt	joint	LLE	left lower extremity
j-tube	jejunostomy tube	LLL	left lower lobe
K		LLQ	left lower quadrant
17 Keto	17 ketosteroids	LMA	Laryngeal mask airway
17 KGS	17 ketogenic steroids	LML	left mediolateral (episiotomy)
K	potassium	LMP	last menstrual period
KCL	potassium chloride	LOB	loss of balance
kg	kilogram	LOC	level of consciousness
KUB	supine abdominal radiograph (kidneys, ureters, bladder)	LOQ	left outer quadrant
KVO	keep vein open	LP	Lumbar Puncture
		LR	lactated ringers
L		LS	lumbosacral
L	lumbar	LSK	liver, spleen, kidney
L	Lunch	LTA	Laryngeal tracheal anesthesia
L	liter	LTG	long term goals

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L (cont'd)		M (cont'd)	
LTHHCP or LT	Long Term Home Health Care Program	mL	milliliter
LTL	Link to Life	mL/hr	milliliters per hour
LTM	long term memory	mm	millimeter
LUD	left uterine displacement	MMR	mumps, measles, rubella vaccine
LUE	left upper extremity	MMT	Manual Muscle Test
LUL	left upper lobe	Mod (A)	moderate - 50% of your effort to do the task.
LUPA	low utilization payment adjustment (4 or less visits)	MOM	milk of magnesia
LUQ	left upper quadrant	Monospot	infectious mononucleosis screen
LVE	left ventricular enlargement	MOW	meals on wheels
LVH	left ventricular hypertrophy	MPF	methylparaben free
		MPR	mid-pelvic rotation
		MPV	mean platelet volume
M		MR	mitral regurgitation
6MP	6 mercaptopurine	M-S	Musculo-Skeletal System
M	meter	MSP	Medicare Secondary Payor
MA	Medicaid	mt	muscle tone
MAE	moves all extremities	Multip	multiparous
Man Rot	manual rotation	MV	multivitamin
MAR	medication administration record	MVI	multiple vitamin infusion
Marg Sep	marginal separation	MVP	mitral valve prolapse
Max.(A)	maximum - 100% of your effort to perform task		
MC	Medicare		
mcg	microgram	N	
MCH	mean corpuscular hemoglobin	1/2 NS	1/2 normal saline
MCHC	mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration	N	normal (grade of Manual Muscel Test)
MCV	mean corpuscular volume	N&V	nausea and vomiting
MD	Manual differential	Na	sodium
ME	mistaken entry	NaCl	sodium chloride
mec	meconium	NaHCO ₃	sodium bicarbonate
Med	medication	NAP	neutrophil alkaline phosphatase stain
Med epis	median episiotomy	NAPA	n-acetyl procainamide
mEq	milliequivalent	NAS	No Added Salt
Mets	Metastasis	NB	newborn
MFD	mid-forcep delivery	NBU	newborn urine
MFR	Myofascial Release	NCS	no concentrated sweets
mg	milligram	NEG	negative
Mg	magnesium	Neuro	neurology
MH	moist heat (or HP)	NG	Nasal-Gastric Tube
MI	myocardial infarction	NH	nursing home
MilkS	milkshake	NH ₃	ammonia
Min (A)	minimum - 25% of your effort to do the task.	NICN	neonatal intensive care nursery
Min	minute	NICU	newborn intensive care nursery
MIT-C	mitomycin C		

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N (cont'd)		P	
NKDA	No known drug allergies	// Bars	Parallel Bars
NPB	nodal premature beat	P	pulse / para (w&c)
NPC	nodal premature contraction	p	after
NPH	neutral protamine Hagedorn (insulin)	pc	after meals
NPN	non-protein nitrogen	PO	by mouth (per os)
NPO	nothing by mouth	PP	post partum
NPUAP	National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel	P ₂	pulmonic second sound
NRBC	nucleated red blood cell	PAB	premature atrial beat
NS, .9%NaCl	normal saline	PAC	premature atrial contraction
NSA	normal serum albumin	PAD	provisional anatomic diagnoses
NSD	normal spontaneous delivery	PAP	Papanicolaou smear
Nsg.	nursing	PAR	post-anesthesia room
NSR	normal sinus rhythm	PAT	parozysmal atrial tachycardia
NST	non stress test	Path	pathology
NSVD	normal spontaneous vaginal delivery	PB	phenobarbital
NTG	nitroglycerin	PC	after meals
NTP	Nitroglycerin paste/oint.	PCG	primary caregiver
nutr	nutrition	PCN	Penicillin
NWB	nonweight bearing	PCO ₂	carbon dioxide tension
O		PCP	Primary Care Physician
11 OXY	11 oxysteroids	PhE	physical examination
17 OH	17 hydroycorticosteroids	PE	pulmonary emboli
O	eye	Peds	pediatrics
O & P	ova and parasites	PEG	tube percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy tube
O.R.	operating room	peri	perineum
O ₂	oxygen	PERL	pupils equal and react to light
OA	Osteo Arthritis	PERLA	pupils equal and react to light and accommodation
OB	obstetrics	PERRLA	pupils equal, round, react to light, and accommodation
Obs N	observation nursery	PERS	personal emergency response unit
OCT	oxytocin challenge test	PETN	pentaerythritol tetranitrate (Peritrate)
oint.	ointment	PG	phosphatidylglycerol
OLV	One lung ventilation	pH	hydrogen ion concentration i.e. degree of acidity or alkalinity
OM	oral motor	PHN	Public Health Nurse
OOB	out of bed	Phos	phosphorus
OOBcS5	out of bed with shower/shampoo	PI	pulmonic insufficiency
OOHCA	out of hospital cardiac arrest	PICC	peripheral inserted central catheter
OR	Operating Room	PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
Os	mouth	PIH	pregnancy induced hypertension
os	left eye	Pit	pitocin
OT	Occupational Therapy	PKU	phenylketonuria
ou	both eyes	PLSO	posterior leaf splint orthosis
oz	ounce		

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P		P	
plt	platelets	PVB	premature ventricular beat
p.m.	afternoon/evening	PVC	Pre-ventricular contraction, relates to cardiac status
PMH	past medical history	PWB	Partial Weight-Bearing
PMI	point maximal impulse	Px	prognosis
PNB	premature nodal beat	PZI	protamine zinc insulin
PNC	premature nodal contraction		
PNF	Proprioceptive Neuromuscular Facilitation	Q	
PNP	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea	q	every
PNS	Peripheral nerve stimulator	q a.m.	every morning
Post-Op	postoperative	qhr	every hour
PO	by mouth	qt	quart
PO ₂	(O ₂) oxygen tension		
PO ₄	phosphate	R	
POA	power of attorney	rt	right, as relates to side of the body
port	portable	R.A.	Rheumatoid Arthritis
PP	post partum	R/O	rule out
PPC	Professional practice Committee	RAD	Radiation Therapy
PPD	purified protein derivative	RBBB	right bundle branch block
PPF	plasma protein fraction	RBC	red blood count
PPI	patient package insert	RD	registered dietitian
PPN	peripheral parenteral nutrition	RDS	respiratory distress syndrome
PRE	Progressive Resistive Exercise	RDW	red cell distribution width
PREC.	precautions	RECERT	recertification
preg	pregnancy	Rep	repetition
prem	premature	Resp	respiratory
PRI	patient review instrument (Hospital & Community)	Retic	reticulocyte count
Prim Uter In	primary uterine inertia	RF	rheumatoid factor
Primip	primiparous	RHD	rheumatic heart disease
PRN	whenever necessary (as needed)	RIA	radioimmunoassay
Pro	protein	RLL	right lower lobe
P/ROM	Passive/passive range of motion	rt	right
PROM	premature rupture of membranes	RLE	right lower extremity
Prop	proprioception	RLQ	right lower quadrant
Prox.	proximal	RML	right mediolateral (episiotomy)
PTT	prothrombin time (PT/INR)	ROC	resumption of care (OASIS)
PT	Physical Therapy	ROM	range of motion
pt	patient	RPR	rapid plasma regain (VDRL)
PT/INR	prothrombin time/international normalized ratio	RSI	Rapid sequence induction
PTA	plasma thromboplastin antecedent (clotting factor IX)	RSR	regular sinus rhythm
PTC	plasma thromboplastin component (clotting factor IX)	RUE	right upper extremity
PTH	parathyroid hormone	RUL	right upper lobe

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R (cont'd)		S (cont'd)	
Rupt mem	ruptured membranes	Sp.	speech
RUQ	right upper quadrant	Sp. gr.	specific gravity
RVE	right ventricular enlargement	SPA	stand by assist
RVH	right ventricular hypertrophy	spec.	specimen
RW	rolling walker	SPK	single parent keeping
Rx	prescription	SPO2	oxygen saturation
RX	treatment	Subcut.	subcutaneous
		SR	sustained release
S		SROM	spontaneous rupture of membranes
s	without	SSE	soap suds enema
S	supervision, relates to ambulation, ADL, etc.	SSI	Supplemental Security Income
S(w)	sterile (whirlpool)	SSKI	saturated solution of potassium iodide
SO	significant other	ST	Speech Therapy
S/C	self correct	Stat	immediately
S/P	status post	std.	standard
SS	sign and symptoms	Sterog.	stereognosis
S ₁ , S ₂ , S ₃ , S ₄	heart sounds	STG	short term goals
SA	sino-atrial	STM	short term memory
SAQ	short arc quad	SVT	supraventricular tachycardia
SB	stillborn	Sx.	symptoms
SBA	stand by assist	Symph	symphysis
SBE	subacute bacterial endocarditis	syst.	systolic
SBQC	small based quad cane		
SE	side effect	T	
Sec Uter In	secondary uterine inertia	Temp	temperature
Sed rate (ESR)	sedimentation rate	T	trace (grade of Manual Muscle Test)
SF	sugar free	T&A	tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
SGA	small for gestational age	T.O.P.	termination of pregnancy
SGOT	serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase	T ₃	triiodothyronine
SGOT (AST)	serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase (aspartate aminotransferase)	T ₄	thyroxine
SGPT	serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase	Tab	tablet
SGPT (ALT)	serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase (alanine aminotransferase)	TAH	total abdominal hysterectomy
Shld. or Sh.	shoulder	TAt	tetanus antitoxin
SI	system international (units)	TBG	thyroxine binding globulin
SLB	short leg brace	tbsp	tablespoon
SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus	TC	telephone call
SLR	straight leg raising	Temp	temperature
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility	TF	tube feeding
SOB	short of breath	TGT	thromboplastin generation time
SOC	start of care (OASIS)	Ther Ex	therapy exercise
Sol	solution	THOR.	Thoracic, indicates vertebral or nerve root level

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T (cont'd)		U (cont'd)	
THR	total hip replacement	UPJ	ureteropelvic junction
TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack	URI	upper respiratory infection
TIBC	total iron binding capacity	US or US/ES	ultra sound / electrical stimulation
t.i.d.	three times daily	USG	ultra sound guided
TKE	terminal knee extension	USA	unstable angina
TKR	total knee replacement	UTI	urinary track infection
TLC	triple lumen catheter	UVJ	ureterovesical junction
TMP-SMX	trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole		
TNS	TENS - Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation	V	
TO	telephone order		VACCINE ABBREVIATIONS (ACIP) - See Addendum A
TORRCH	toxoplasmosis, rubella, cytomegalovirus and herpes simplex	vag	vaginal
TP	total protein	VBAC	vaginal birth after cesarean
TPA	tissue plasminogen activator	vc	verbal cue
TPN	total parenteral nutrition	VD	venereal disease
TPR	temperature, pulse, respiration	VDRL	veneral disease research laboratory test
Tinc	tincture	VF	ventricular fibrillation
TR	triscuspid regurgitation	VideoFluro	Video Fluoroscopic Swallow Study
Trach	tracheostomy	VM	voice mail
TRN	Transfer (OASIS)	VMA	vanillylmandelic acid
TS	Thoracic Spine	VO	verbal order
TSH	thyroid stimulating hormone	VPB	ventricular premature beat
tsp.	teaspoon	VPC	ventricular premature contraction
TSR	total shoulder replacement	VS	vital signs
TT	tilt table	VSS	vital signs stable
TTN	Transient Tachypnea of newborn	VT	ventricular tachycardia
TTWB	Toe-Touch Weight-Bearing	Vtx	vertex
TUR	transurethral resection	VWF	von Willebrand's factor
TURP	transurethral resection of prostate		
Tx	treatment	W, X, Y & Z	
		w/	with
U		w/c	wheelchair
U/C's	uterine contractions	W/E	weekend
UA	Urinalysis	w/o	without
UA Reflex	Urinalysis with reflexive culture	wag.	wangansteen
UCHD	usual childhood diseases	WB	weight bearing, as relates to ambulation
UE	upper extremity	WBAT / WBTT	weight bearing as tolerated
UF	ultra fine	WBC	white blood count
UGI	upper gastrointestinal series	WBQC	wide based quad cane
UIQ	upper inner quadrant	WBQC	wide base quad cane
UOQ	upper outer quadrant	WFL	within functional limits
UP-16	Etoposide	Wm's. Flex. Ex.	William's Flexion Exercises

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W, X, Y & Z		CREDENTIALS, FOLLOWING NAME	
WNL	within normal limits	CLT	Clinical Laboratory Scientist
WOCN	Wound, Ostomy, Continenence Nurses Society	CNL	Clinical Nurse Leader
WP, W/p, Whp.	whirlpool	COTA	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
WPW	Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome	CRNA	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
wt	weight	FNP	Family Nurse Practitioner
		GPT	Graduate Physical Therapist
Symbols		HHA	Home Health Aide
↓	decreased / lower	LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
↑	increased / elevate	MLT	Medical Laboratory Technician
Δ	change	MOA	Medical Office Assistant
@	approximate	MSCCCSLP	Masters of Science w/Cert of Clinical Comp/Speech & Language Path
1°	primary	MSPT	Masters of Science in Physical Therapy
2°	secondary	MSW	Masters of Social Work
//	parallel	MT	Medical Technologist
>	greater than	NP	Nurse Practitioner
<	less than	OT	Occupational Therapist
→	to	OTAS / OTS	OT Assistant Student / OT Student
=	to and from	OTRL	Occupational Therapist Registered Licensed
a	before	PCA	Patient Care Assistant
p	after	PT	Physical Therapist
+	positive	PTA	Physical Therapist Assistant
-	negative	RN	Registered Nurse
O	No	RT	Respiratory Therapist
/	flexion	SLP	Speech and Language Pathologist
/	extension	SPT	Student Physical Therapist
x	for	SPTA	Student Physical Therapist Assistant
♂	male	ST	Speech Therapist
♀	female		

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices

VACCINE ACRONYMS

Vaccines Included in the Immunization Schedules for Children, Adolescents, and Adults

Following is a table of standardized vaccine acronyms, which was developed jointly by staff of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, ACIP Work Groups, the editor of the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)*, the editor of *Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases* (the “Pink Book”), ACIP members, and liaison organizations to the ACIP.

These acronyms are intended to provide a uniform approach to vaccine references used in ACIP Recommendations that are published in the *MMWR*, the *Pink Book*, the American Academy of Pediatrics *Red Book*; and in the United States, immunization schedules for children, adolescents, and adults.

Vaccine	Acronym*	Trade Name
Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis-containing vaccines		
	P=Pediatric A=Adult	
• Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids adsorbed (P)	DT	several mfrs [†]
• Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis vaccine adsorbed (P)	DTaP	Daptacel, Infanrix
• Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids adsorbed (A)	Td	Tenivac, Decavac generic
• Tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis vaccine, adsorbed (A)	Tdap	Adacel, Boostrix
• Tetanus toxoid (P,A)	TT	generic
• Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis adsorbed, hepatitis B and inactivated poliovirus vaccine (P)	DTaP-HepB-IPV	Pediarix
• Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis adsorbed and inactivated poliovirus vaccine (P)	DTaP-IPV	Kinrix Quadracel
• Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis adsorbed, inactivated poliovirus and <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b conjugate vaccine (P)	DTaP-IPV/Hib	Pentacel
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b-containing vaccines[§]		
• <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b conjugate vaccine	Hib	PedvaxHIB Hiberix ActHIB
• <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b conjugate and hepatitis B vaccine	Hib-HepB	Comvax

* In descriptions of combination vaccines, dash (-) indicates: products in which the active components are supplied in their final (combined) form by the manufacturer; slash (/) indicates: products in which active components must be mixed by the user.

[†] several manufacturers; for complete listing, see <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/appendices/B/us-vaccines.pdf> and <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/about/terms/USVaccines.html>

[§] For additional Hib vaccine acronyms, see [Haemophilus influenzae type b Vaccines](#)

Vaccine	Acronym*	Trade Name
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis adsorbed, inactivated poliovirus and <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b conjugate vaccine 	DTaP-IPV/Hib	Pentacel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine and <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b conjugate vaccine 	Hib-MenCY	MenHibrix
Hepatitis-containing vaccines		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hepatitis A vaccine 	HepA	Havrix Vaqta
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hepatitis B vaccine 	HepB	Engerix-B Recombivax HB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hepatitis A and hepatitis B vaccines 	HepA-HepB	Twinrix
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis adsorbed, hepatitis B and inactivated poliovirus vaccine 	DTaP-HepB-IPV	Pediarix
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b conjugate and hepatitis B vaccine 	Hib-HepB	Comvax
Herpes zoster (shingles) vaccine	HZV	Zostavax
Human papillomavirus vaccines		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human papillomavirus vaccine (nonavalent) 	9vHPV	Gardasil 9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human papillomavirus vaccine (quadrivalent) 	4vHPV	Gardasil
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human papillomavirus vaccine (bivalent) 	2vHPV	Cervarix
Influenza vaccines		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inactivated influenza vaccine 	IIV	several mfrs**
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine 	IIV3	several mfrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine 	IIV4	several mfrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trivalent recombinant influenza vaccine 	RIV3	FluBlok
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trivalent cell culture based inactivated influenza vaccine 	ccIIV3	Flucelvax
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live attenuated influenza vaccine 	LAIV4	FluMist Quadrivalent
Measles, mumps and rubella-containing vaccines		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine 	MMR	M-M-R II
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella vaccine 	MMRV	ProQuad
Meningococcal-containing vaccines[†]		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meningococcal conjugate vaccines 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine 	MenACWY or MCV4	Menactra Menveo

[†] For additional meningococcal vaccine acronyms, see [Meningococcal Vaccines](#)

** For more information on IIV flu vaccines, see the [flu vaccines table](#).

Vaccine	Acronym*	Trade Name
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine and <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b conjugate vaccine 	Hib-MenCY	MenHibrix
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (quadrivalent) 	MPSV4	Menomune
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serogroup B meningococcal vaccines 	MenB	Bexsero Trumenba
Pneumococcal vaccines		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (7-valent) 	PCV7	Prevnar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (13-valent) 	PCV13	Prevnar 13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (23-valent) 	PPSV23	Pneumovax 23
Poliovirus-containing vaccines		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inactivated poliovirus vaccine 	IPV	Ipol
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis adsorbed and inactivated poliovirus vaccine 	DTaP-IPV	Kinrix Quadracel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis adsorbed, hepatitis B and inactivated poliovirus vaccine 	DTaP-HepB-IPV	Pediarix
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis adsorbed and inactivated poliovirus vaccine and <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b conjugate vaccine 	DTaP-IPV/Hib	Pentacel
Rotavirus vaccines		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotavirus vaccine (monovalent) 	RV1	Rotarix
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotavirus vaccine (pentavalent) 	RV5	RotaTeq
Varicella-containing vaccines		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varicella vaccine 	VAR	Varivax
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella vaccine 	MMRV	ProQuad
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herpes zoster (shingles) vaccine 	HZV	Zostavax

***Haemophilus influenzae* type b Vaccines**

Three monovalent *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) conjugate vaccines are available in the U.S.:

- **ActHIB®** (Sanofi Pasteur)
- **PedvaxHIB®** (Merck)
- **Hiberix®** (GlaxoSmithKline)

Alternative acronyms for these products are explained in this table:

Acronym	Product Name	Additional Information
PRP-T	ActHIB or Hiberix	May be used to designate ActHIB or Hiberix in scientific publications, or on schedules when the brand name is not used. Indicates the Hib polysaccharide PRP (polyribosyl-ribitol-phosphate) and includes the extension “T” to indicate the protein carrier (tetanus toxoid). (PRP-T is the Hib component in the combination vaccines Pentacel® and MenHiberix®.)
PRP-OMP	PedvaxHIB	May be used to designate PedvaxHIB in scientific publications or on schedules when the brand name is not used. Indicates the Hib polysaccharide PRP (polyribosyl-ribitol-phosphate) and includes the extension “OMP” to indicate the protein carrier (meningococcal group B outer membrane protein). (PRP-OMP is the Hib component in the combination vaccine Comvax®.)

Meningococcal Vaccines

Six licensed products containing meningococcal antigen are available in the U.S.:

- **Menomune**® (Sanofi Pasteur): a quadrivalent (serogroups A, C, W & Y), polysaccharide vaccine,
- **Menactra**® (Sanofi Pasteur) and **Menveo**® (Novartis): quadrivalent (serogroups A, C, W & Y) conjugate vaccines, and
- **MenHibrix**® (GlaxoSmithKline): a *Haemophilus influenzae* type b/bivalent (serogroups C & Y) meningococcal conjugate combination vaccine.
- **Trumenba**® (Pfizer) and **Bexsero**® (Novartis): serogroup B meningococcal vaccines

Alternative acronyms for these products are explained in this table:

Vaccine Type	Acronym	Product Name	Additional Information
Meningococcal (Quadrivalent) Conjugate	MenACWY or MCV4	Menactra or Menveo	These two acronyms may be used for either or both quadrivalent conjugate vaccines, on vaccination records, schedules, or other documents when it is unnecessary to distinguish between the two products. MenACWY should be used when it is desirable to identify the 4 vaccine serogroups.
	MenACWY-D	Menactra	May be used to designate Menactra in scientific publications, or when it is necessary to distinguish between the two quadrivalent vaccines. Includes the extension “D” to indicate the protein carrier (diphtheria toxoid).
	MenACWY-CRM or MenACWY-CRM ₁₉₇	Menveo	May be used to designate Menveo in scientific publications, or when it is necessary to distinguish between the two quadrivalent vaccines. Includes the extension “CRM” or “CRM ₁₉₇ ” to indicate the protein carrier (a non-toxic mutant of diphtheria toxin).
Hib-Meningococcal (Bivalent) Combination	Hib-MenCY	MenHibrix	The standard acronym for MenHibrix, used in most situations.
	Hib-MenCY-TT	MenHibrix	This alternative acronym identifies the protein carrier (tetanus toxoid).
Meningococcal (Quadrivalent) Polysaccharide	MPSV4 or MPSV	Menomune	Either acronym identifies the quadrivalent polysaccharide vaccine.
Serogroup B Meningococcal	MenB	Trumenba or Bexsero	This acronym may be used for either or both serogroup B meningococcal vaccines on vaccination records, schedules, or other documents when it is unnecessary to distinguish between the two products.
	MenB-FHbp	Trumenba	May be used to designation Trumenba in scientific publications or when it is necessary to distinguish between the two serogroup B meningococcal vaccines. Includes the extension “FHbp” to indicate the vaccine is composed of two recombinant lipidated Factor H binding protein variants.
	MenB-4C	Bexsero	May be used to designate Bexsero in scientific publications or when it is necessary to distinguish between the two serogroup B meningococcal vaccines. Includes the extension “4C” to indicate the vaccine is composed of 4 components (NHBA, NadA, FHbp, and OMV containing PorA P1.4).

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IU
qd
qod
Trailing zeros
Omission of leading zeros
Abbreviated drug name

Acceptable

Units
International unit
daily
every other day
2mg; NOT 2.0mg
0.125mg; NOT .125mg
Always use full drug name
Examples:
Magnesium sulfate NOT MgSO₄ **OR**
Morphine sulfate NOT MSO₄ or MS

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prevent medication errors &
contribute to the safe care of
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