

9.02 Common Abbreviations

a	before	GI	gastrointestinal
AAOx3	awake, alert & oriented	Gm	gram
AB	abortion	GOA	gone on arrival
ABD	abdomen or abdominal	GPA	Gravida, Para, Abortions
ADM	administered	GSW	gunshot wound
ALS	advanced life support	gtt	drip
A.M.	morning	gtts	drops
AMA	against medical advice	GYN	gynecological
AMS	alerted mental status	HA	headache
AMT	amount	HPI	History of Present Illness
ANT	anterior	HTN	hypertension
AOS	arrival on scene	Hx	history
ASA	aspirin	H2O	water
BBS	bilateral breath sounds	ID	infectious disease
BBS/CE	bilateral breath sounds/ clear equal	IDDM	insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
BG	blood glucose	IV	intravenous
BLS	basic life support	KED	Kendrick's extrication device
BP	blood pressure	LAC	laceration
BVM	bag valve mask	LLQ	left lower quadrant
c	with	LMP	last monthly period
CA	cancer	LOC	loss of consciousness
CC	chief complaint	LOSNI	left on scene no injury
CHF	congestive heart failure	LT	left
c/o	complaining of	LUQ	left upper quadrant
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	MAE	moves all extremities
CP	chest pain	mg	milligram
CT	Computed Tomography Scan (Cat Scan)	MI	myocardial infarction
CVA	cerebro vascular accident	MVA	motor vehicle accident
DC	discontinue	NAD	no acute distress
DM	diabetes mellitus	NC	nasal cannula
DOA	dead on arrival	NDM	no daily medications
DOB	date of birth	NKA	no known allergies
DOS	dead on scene	NRB	nonrebreather mask
Dx	diagnosis	NTG	nitroglycerin
DZ	disease	N/V	nausea/vomiting
ED	Emergency Department	N/V/D	nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
EDC	expected date of confinement (due date)	OB	obstetrical
EOE	engineer/operator EMT	OIP	oral airway in place
EOP	engineer/operator paramedic	o.d.	right eye
ETCO ₂	end-tidal carbon dioxide	o.s.	left eye
ETOH	ethyl alcohol	o.u.	both eyes
FFE	firefighter EMT	O ₂	oxygen
FFP	firefighter paramedic	P	Para (living children)
Fx	fracture	p	after
G	Gravida (no. of pregnancies)	PCN	penicillin
GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale	PEDI	pediatric
		PERL	pupils equal/reactive to light

P Hx	past history
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
PMH	past medical history
PMS	pulse, mobility, sensation
POST	posterior
PPE	personal protective equipment
Pt	patient
PTA	prior to arrival
q	every
QD	every day
QH	every hour
QID	4 times a day
QOD	every other day
RLQ	right lower quadrant
RUQ	right upper quadrant
RT	right
Rx	prescription
s	without
SOB	shortness of breath
S/P	status post
S & S	signs/symptoms
SWD	skin warm & dry
Sx	symptoms
SZ	seizure
TDSHS	Texas Department of State Health Services
TID	3 times a day
TPR	temp, pulse, resp
TXD	transported
VAG	vaginal
VS	vital signs
WNL	within normal limits
w/	with
w/o	without
+	positive
Ø	none, no or negative
-	negative
<	less than
>	greater than