Medical Terminology

Chapter 10 – Commonly Accepted Medical Abbreviations – These abbreviations are written as they appear most commonly in health care environments. Some may also appear in both capital and lowercase, with or without periods.

**Because there are so many abbreviations you will have a quiz on them separate from the test!**

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| ABE | acute bacterial endocarditis |  | ABGs | arterial blood gases |
| Afib | atrial fibrillation |  | AHD | arterioschlerotic heart disease |
| AMI | acute myocardial infarction |  | ALL | acute lymphocytic leukemia |
| ASD | atrial septal defect |  | ASCVD | arterioschlerotic cardiovascular disease |
| AV | arteriovenous |  | ASHD | arteriosclerotic heart disease |
| BP | Blood Pressure |  | BBB | bundle branch block |
| CAD | coronary artery disease |  | CABG | coronary artery bypass graft |
| CBC | complete blood count |  | cath | catheterization |
| CHB | complete heart block |  | CCU | coronary care unit |
| CHF | congestive heart failure |  | CHD | coronary heart disease |
| CO | carbon monoxide |  | chol | cholesterol |
| CPR | cardiopulmonary resuscitation |  | CO2 | carbon dioxide |
| MVP | mitral valve prolapsed |  | NSR | normal sinus rhythm |
| O2 | oxygen |  | PAC | premature atrial contraction |
| PDA | patent ductus arteriosus |  | PE | pulmonary embolism |
| CVP | central venous pressure |  | CXR | chest x-ray |
| DIC | diffuse intravascular coagulation |  | diff | differential (part of a CBC) |
| DVT | deep vein thrombosis |  | EBL | estimated blood loss |
| EKG/ECG | electrocardiogram |  | ECHO | echocardiogram |
| ESR | erythrocyte sedimentation rate |  | HB | heart block |
| HCVD | hypertensive cardiovascular disease |  | H & H | hematocrit and hemoglobin |
| Hct | hematocrit |  | Hg | mercury |
| HTN | hypertension |  | IHD | ischemic heart disease |
| IV | intravenous |  | K | potassium |
| KCl | potassium chloride |  | MI | myocardial infarction |
| PVC | premature ventricular contractions |  | PVD | peripheral vascular disease |
| RBC | red blood cell count |  | RHD | rheumatic heart disease |
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| AIDS | acquired immune deficiency syndrome |  | C & S | culture and sensitivity |
| MRSA | methicillin-resisitant staphylococcus aureus |  | flu | influenza |
| FUO | fever of undetermined origin |  | HIV | human immunodeficiency virus |
| isol | isolation |  | LE | lupus erythematosus |
| LP | lumbar puncture |  | SBE | subacute bacterial endocarditis |
| SLE | systemic lupus erythematosus |  | staph | staphylococcus |
| strep | streptococcus |  | TSS | toxic shock syndrome |

Words

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| atherosclerosis | bradycardia | cardiomyopathy |
| ischemia | phlebitis | tachycardia |
| thrombophlebitis | angioplasty | hematocrit |
| hematoma | angiospasm | hemostasis |
| endarterectomy | vasodilator | cardiodynia |
| cardiomegaly | phlebotomy | electrocardiogram |
| hypothermia | endocarditis | anemia |
| hemorrhage | hypertension | hypotension |
| myocarditis | arrhythmia | hemoglobin |