Medical Terminology

Chapter 11 – 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.

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| BE | barium enema |  | BM | bowel movement |
| BS | blood sugar, bowel sounds, breath sounds |  | cal | calorie |
| CHO | carbohydrate |  | cl liq | clear liquid |
| D/W | dextrose in water |  | FBS | fasting blood sugar |
| Fe | iron |  | FOB | fecal occult blood |
| FTT | failure to thrive |  | GERD | gastroesophogeal reflux disease |
| GI | gastrointestinal |  | GTT | glucose tolerance test |
| HCl | hydrochloric acid |  | N&V | nausea and vomiting |
| Na | sodium |  | NaCl | sodium chloride (salt) |
| NG | nasogastric |  | NS | normal saline |
| PKU | phenylketonuria |  | PP | post-prandial (after meals) |
| TPN | total parental nutrition |  | TWE | tap water enema |
| UGI | upper gastrointestinal |  |  |  |

Words

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| cholecystitis | esophagitis | esophagogastroplasty |
| sigmoidoscopy | peritoneal | diverticulitis |
| gastrostomy | pyloroplasty | colonoscopy |
| gastroscopy | gastritis | hepatitis |
| laparotomy | anorexia nervosa | bulimia nervosa |
| celiac disease | cirrhosis | hemorrhoid |
| obesity | polyp | ulcerative colitis |