Medical Terminology

Chapter 14 – 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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| AKA | above-knee amputation |  | ALS | amyotrophic lateral sclerosis |
| CP | cerebral palsy |  | EMG | electromyogram |
| GSW | gunshot wound |  | I & D | incision and drainage |
| L1-L5 | lumbar vertebrae |  | MD | muscular dystrophy |
| MG | myasthenia gravis |  | Ortho | orthopedics |
| OT | occupational therapy |  | RA | rheumatoid arthritis |
| surg | surgical |  | T1-T12 | thoracic vertebrae |
| THA | total hip arthroplasty |  | TKA | total knee arthroplasty |
| XRT | radiotherapy, radiation therapy |  |

Words

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| kyphosis | arthroscopy | hypertrophy |
| bursitis | scoliosis | dyskinesia |
| arthroplasty | subscapular | osteoporosis |
| orthopedics | fibromyalgia | intervertebral |
| sacral | osteocyte | atrophy |
| meniscus |  |  |