Medical Terminology

Chapter 8 – 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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| AROM | artificial rupture of membranes |  | BSO | bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy  |
| CPD | cephalopelvic disproportion |  | C/S, c-sect | cesarean section |
| Cx | cervix |  | D&C | dilatation and curettage |
| del | delivery |  | EDC | estimated day of confinement |
| ERT | estrogen replacement therapy |  | FHT | fetal heart tones |
| Gyn | gynecology |  | HRT | hormone replacement therapy |
| IUD | intrauterine device |  | IVP | intravenous pyelogram |
| L&D | labor and delivery |  | LMP | last menstrual period |
| NB | newborn |  | NICU | neonatal intensive care |
| OB | obstetrics |  | PID | pelvic inflammatory disease |
| PMS | premenstrual syndrome |  | PP | post partum |
| SBE | self breast exam |  | SIDS | sudden infant death syndrome |
| SO | salpingo-oopherectomy |  | SVD | spontaneous vaginal delivery |
| TAH | total abdominal hysterectomy |  | TSH | thyroid stimulating hormone |
| TVH | total vaginal hysterectomy |  | US | ultrasound |
| vag | vaginal |  | VBAC | vaginal birth after cesarean section |

Words

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| amenorrhea | mammoplasty | colposcopy |
| speculum | leucorrhea | menarche |
| cervicitis | endometriosis | laparoscopy |
| mastectomy | mammography |  |