Medical Terminolgoy

Chapter 1 – 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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| @ | at |  | BR | bed rest |
| c | with |  | DC | discontinued |
| DOA | dead on arrival |  | DOB | date of birth |
| Dx | diagnosis |  | ED | Emergency department |
| h | hour |  | H2O | water |
| HOB | head of bed |  | H & P | history and physical |
| ht | height |  | Hx | history |
| PRN | whenever necessary |  | pt | patient |
| Px | prognosis |  | q | every |
| q\_h  | Every (number) hour |  | qid | four times a day |
| ICU | intensive care unit |   | I & O | input and output |
| kg | kilograms |  | L | liter |
| LPN | licensed practical nurse |  | lt | left |
| mcg | microgram |  | mEq | millequivalent |
| mg | milligram |  | mL | milliliter |
| NA | nursing assistant |  | neg | negative |
| oz | ounce |  | p | after |
| PA | physician’s assistant |  | PDR | *Physician’s Desk Reference* |
| per | by |  | s | without |
| ss | one-half |  | stat | immediately |