

APPENDIX: 28

TITLE: ABBREVIATIONS

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@	AT	ARDS	Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome
\bar{a}	before	ASA	aspirin
AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm	ASAP	as soon as possible
ABC	airway, breathing, circulation	ASHD	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
ABD, abd	abdomen	AV node	atrial ventricular node
AC	antecubital	BBS	bilateral breath sounds
ACP	Ada County Paramedics	BCP	birth control pills
ACL	anterior cruciate ligament	BFD	Boise Fire Department
ACLS	Advanced Cardiac Life Support	BG	blood glucose
ACS	Acute Coronary Syndrome	BGL	blood glucose level
ACSO	Ada County Sheriff's Office	bicarb	bicarbonate
AED	Automatic External Defibrillator	b.i.d.	twice per day
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder	bilat	bilateral
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder	BiPAP	biphasic positive airway pressure
admin	administration	BLE	bilateral lower extremities
AEMT	Advanced Emergency Medical Technician	BLS	Basic Life Support
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome	BM	bowel movement
ALOC	Altered Level of consciousness	BP	blood pressure
ALS	Advanced Life Support	bpm	beats per minute
am	morning	BPD	Boise Police Department
AMA	against medical advice	brady	bradycardia
AMI	Acute Myocardial Infarct	BS	breath sounds
AMS	Altered Mental Status	Bx	biopsy
amp	ampule	C	Celsius
ant	anterior	C-1 to C-7	cervical vertebrae
A/O	alert and oriented	C section	cesarean section
APAP	acetaminophen	C-spine	cervical spine
approx	approximately	Ca++	calcium
appy	appendectomy	CA	cancer
		CABG	coronary artery bypass graft
		CAD	coronary artery disease
		caps	capsule(s)

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cath	catheter	DOB	date of birth
cc	cubic centimeter	DOE	dyspnea on exertion
C/C	chief complaint	DPOA	Durable Power of Attorney
CCU	Coronary Care Unit	DPOAHC	Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare
CCSO	Canyon County Sheriff's Department	Dr.	doctor
CF	Cystic Fibrosis	DT	delirium tremens
CFD	Caldwell Fire Department	DTP	diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus
chemo	chemotherapy	DUI	driving under the influence
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure	DVT	deep vein thrombosis
chol	cholesterol	Dx	diagnosis
C	circulation	D5W	5% dextrose in sterile water
Cl	chlorine, chloride		
cm	centimeter	E	east
cmH2O	centimeters of water	EBL	estimated blood loss
CMS	circulation, movement sensation	EFD	Eagle Fire Department
CNS	central nervous system	ECG	electrocardiogram
c/o	complains of	ED	emergency department
CO	carbon monoxide	EEG	electroencephalogram
CO2	carbon dioxide	EENT	eyes, ears, nose, throat
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	EMS	Emergency Medical Services
CP	chest pain	EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure	EOM	extra ocular movement
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	Epi	epinephrine
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid	ER	emergency room
CT	computed axial tomography	ET	endotracheal
CTA	clear to auscultation	EtCO2	end tidal carbon dioxide
C-T-L	cervical, thoracic, lumbar spine	ETT	Endotracheal Tube
CVA	cerebrovascular accident, Stroke	CETT	cuffed endotracheal tube
DNR	do not resuscitate	etc	etcetera
DO	Doctor of Osteopathy	ETOH	ethanol alcohol
DOA	dead on arrival	eval	evaluation
		ext	extremities, external

F	Fahrenheit	H ₂ O	water
FBAO	Foreign Body Airway Obstruction	H ₂ O ₂	hydrogen peroxide
Fe ⁺⁺	iron	I & O	intake and output
FHx	Family history	ICP	intracranial pressure
Ft	feet	ICU	Intensive Care Unit
f/u	follow up	ID	identification
Fx	fracture	IDDM	insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
g	gram	IDOC	Idaho Department of Corrections
ga	gauge	IDOC-CO	Idaho Department of Corrections – Correctional Officer
GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale	i.e.	that is, for example
GCPD	Garden City Police Department	IM	intramuscular
gest	gestation, gestational	IN	intranasal
GI	gastrointestinal	in	inches
GLF	ground level fall	inf	inferior
GSW	gunshot wound	ISP	Idaho State Police
Grav (I, II...)	number of pregnancies	IO	intraosseous
gtt(s)	drops	IV	intravenous
GU	genitourinary	JVD	jugular venous distension
GYN	gynecology	K ⁺	potassium
h	hour	kg	kilogram
H ⁺	hydrogen	KFD	Kuna Fire Department
HA	headache	KVO	keep vein open
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials	l	liter
HAZMED	Hazardous Materials Medical Team	L	left
HC03-	bicarbonate	L-1 to L-5	lumbar vertebrae
HEENT	head, eyes, ears, nose, throat	lab	laboratory
Hg	mercury	lac	laceration
HHN	handheld nebulizer		
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act		
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus		
HR	heart rate		
Hx	history		

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LAD	left anterior descending coronary artery	MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
lap	laparotomy	MS	Multiple Sclerosis
lat	lateral	MVA	Motor Vehicle Accident
lb(s)	pounds	MVC	Motor Vehicle Collision
LCA	left coronary artery	N	north
LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	NFD	Nampa Fire Department
lg	large	NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
LLE	left lower extremity	NIDDM	Non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
LLL	left lower lobe	NKA	no known allergies
LLQ	left lower quadrant	NKDA	no known drug allergies
LOC	<u>Loss</u> of consciousness	noct	nocturnal
m	meter	NP	Nurse Practitioner
MAE	moves all extremities	NPA	Nasal Pharyngeal Airway
MAX	maximum	NPD	Nampa Police Department
mcg	microgram	NPO	nothing by mouth
MD	Medical Doctor	NRB	non-rebreather mask
med	medicine	NSAID	non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
mEq	milliequivalent	NTG	nitroglycerine
mg	milligrams	N/V	nausea & vomiting
Mg++	Magnesium	Na+	sodium
Mg/dL	milligrams per deciliter	NaCl	sodium chloride
MI	Myocardial Infarct	NaHCO ₃	Sodium Bicarbonate
MICU	Mobile Intensive Care Unit	NAD	no apparent distress
min	minute	n/c	nasal cannula
ml	milliliter	Neb	nebulizer
mm	millimeter	neg	negative
mmHg	millimeters mercury	neuro	neurology
mod	moderate	NG	nasogastric tube
MFD	Meridian Fire Department	O ₂	oxygen
MOI	mechanism of injury	O ₂ sat	oxygen saturation
MOM	Milk of Magnesia	OB	Obstetrics
MP	Military Police	OB/GYN	Obstetrics & Gynecology
MPD	Meridian Police Department		
Mph	Miles per hour		

OCTC	Orchard Combat training Center Fire Department	PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
OD	overdose	p.o.	by mouth
OLMC	On-Line Medical Control	POC	Position of comfort
OPA	Oral Pharyngeal Airway	postop	post-operative
OR	operation room	preop	pre-operative
ORA	On Room Air	p.r.n., PRN	as needed
ortho	orthopedics	prox	proximal
OTC	over the counter	psi	pounds per square inch
oz	ounce	psych	psychiatry
\bar{p}	after	Pt, pt	patient
PA	Physician's Assistance	P.T.	Physical Therapist or therapy
PAD	peripheral artery disease	PTA	Prior to arrival
palp	palpation, palpated	PVD	peripheral vascular disease
para (I, II...)	prior births	PX, px	physical examination
path	pathology	q	every
PASG	pneumatic anti-shock garment	QA	quality assurance
p.c.	after meals	q.d.	every day
PCL	posterior cruciate ligament	q.h.	every hour
PCN	penicillin	q2h	every 2 hours
PCP	Primary Care Physician	q.i.d.	four times a day
PDR	Physician's Desk Reference	q.o.d.	every other day
PE	pulmonary embolism	QRU	quick response unit
ped(s)	pediatrics	quad	quadriplegic
PEEP	Positive End Expiratory Pressure	R	right
PERRL	Pupils equal, round, reactive to light	RA	Rheumatoid Arthritis
PERRLA	Pupils equal, round, reactive to light <i>with accommodation</i>	RBC	red blood cell
pH	hydrogen ion concentration (acidity)	RCA	right coronary artery
PICU	Pediatric Intensive Care Unit	re:	regarding
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease	rehab	rehabilitation
PMHx	past medical history	resp	respiration(s)
PMD	Primary Medical Doctor	RLE	right lower extremity
PMS	pulses, movement, sensation	RLL	right lower lobe
		RLQ	right lower quadrant
		RML	right middle lobe
		RN	registered nurse
		R/O, r/o	rule out

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ROM	range of motion	SpCO	CO-oximetry
RR	respiration rate	SOB	shortness of breath
RT	respiratory therapist	SOT	Special Operations Team
RUE	right upper extremity	S/P, s/p	status post
RUL	right upper lobe	SQ, sq	subcutaneous
RUQ	right upper quadrant	SRO	School Resource Officer
Rx	prescription	staph	staphylococcus
		SFD	Star Fire Department
s	without	STAT	immediately
S	South	STD	sexually transmitted disease
SARMC	St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center	STEMI	ST Elevation Myocardial Infarct
SAEMP	St. Alphonsus Eagle Medical Plaza	strep	streptococcus
SAGMC	St. Alphonsus Garrity Medical Center	SW	stab wound
SANMC	St. Alphonsus Nampa Medical Center	Sx, sx	symptom
sat	saturation	Sz, sz	seizure
sec	second	S1 – S5	sacral vertebrae
SERT	Special Emergency Response Teams	s/s	signs & symptoms
SID	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	tab (s)	tablet
SL	sublingual	TACMED	Tactical Medical Team
SLMMC	St. Luke's Meridian Medical Center	TB	tuberculosis
SLNMC	St. Luke's Nampa Medical Center	tbsp	tablespoon
SLRMC	St. Luke's Regional Medical Center	TCA	Tricyclic antidepressant
SpO2	pulse oximetry	temp	temperature
		TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack
		t.i.d.	three times a day
		TKO	to keep open
		TMJ	temporomandibular joint
		tsp	teaspoon
		TV	tidal volume
		Tx, tx	treatment
		T1 – T12	thoracic vertebrae
		U	unit
		UA	urinary analysis

Unilat	unilateral	↑	increase
U/O	urine output	↓	decrease
URI	upper respiratory infection	≈	approximately
UTI	urinary tract infection	≈	equal to
		~	approximately
VAMC	Veterans Administration Medical Center	△	change
vent	ventilator	♀	female
vert	vertical	♂	male
VO	voice order	∅	no or none
VS	vital signs		
W	west		
WVMC	West Valley Medical Center		
w/	with		
w/o	without		
w/p/d	warm, pink, dry		
wk (s)	week (s)		
WNL	within normal limits		
wt	weight		
X	times		
y/o	year old		
yrs	years		
<	less than		
>	greater than		
=	equals		
+	positive		
-	negative		
"	inches		
'	feet		
%	percent		
1 ^o	primary		
2 ^o	secondary		
3 ^o	tertiary		
→	leads to/followed by		
✓	check		

CARDIAC ABBREVIATIONS

A-fib	atrial fibrillation
AT, A-tach	atrial tachycardia
AV	atrial-ventricular
BBB	bundle branch block
1 AVB	first degree heart block
2 AVB	second degree heart block
3 AVB	third degree heart block
LBBB	left bundle branch block
RBBB	Right bundle branch block
MAT	multi-focal atrial tachycardia
NSR	normal sinus rhythm
PAC	premature atrial contraction
PAT	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
PEA	pulseless electrical activity
PJC	premature junctional contraction
PVC	premature ventricular contraction
VF, V-fib	ventricular fibrillation
VT, V-tach	ventricular tachycardia
WAP	wandering atrial pacemaker
WPW	Wolf-Parkinson-White