PRN Standardized Abbreviations
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abd  abdominal
abg  arterial blood gases
ABT  Antibiotic Therapy
ac   before meals
acid phos  acid phosphatase
ADI   activities of daily living
ad lib as desired
admin administer
AGA   average for gestational age
AKA   Above knee amputation
ALKphos  alkaline phosphatase
amt   amount
AIDS  Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ant  anterior
approx approximately
APS  Adult Protective Services
apt  apartment
A/O  alert/oriented
AP  apical pulse
APS  Adult Protective Services
appt appointment
AROM  Active Range of Motion
AM  moming
ASA  aspirin
ASAP  as soon as possible
ASeVD  arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease
ASHD  arteriosclerotic heart disease

bid  twice a day
bilat  bilateral
BKA  Below Knee Amputation
BKR  Bilateral Knee Replacement
BIE  bilateral lower extremities
BM  bowel movement
BP  blood pressure
BR  bathroom
BSe  bedside commode
BUE  bilateral upper extremities
BUN  blood urea nitrogen
C°  Centigrade

C  with

Ca+  Calcium

CA  Cancer

CABG  coronary artery bypass graft

CAD  coronary artery disease

cap(s)  capsule(s)

CAT or CT Scan  computerized axial tomography

cath  catheter

CBC  complete blood count

CHHA  certified home health aide

CHF  congestive heart failure

circ  circulation

CMV  cytomegalovirus

C/O  complaining of

COTA  Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant

cont  continuous

COPD  chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

CO₂  carbon dioxide

clt  client

cm  centimeter

CNA  certified nurse aide/assistant

CNS  central nervous system

CP  Cerebral Palsy

CPK  creatinine phosphokinase

CPR  cardiopulmonary resuscitation

CPS  Child Protective Services

CRM  Case Resource Manager

CS  Cesarean Section

C&S  culture and sensitivity

CVA  cerebral vascular accident

CXR  chest x-ray

DAT  diet as tolerated

dep  dependent

DM  diabetes mellitus

DJD  degenerative joint disease

DME  durable medical equipment

DNR  Do Not Resuscitate

DR/MD  doctor/physician

DOB  date of birth

DSD  dry sterile dressing
DTs  delirium tremors
D/W  dextrose/water
Dx  diagnosis

ECF  extended care facility
ECG/EKG  electrocardiogram
EEG  electroencephalogram
EENT  eyes, ears, nose, & throat
e.g.  for example
EMG  electromyelogram
EMS  emergency medical system
ER  emergency room
ESR  eosinophil rate
ESRD  endstage renal disease
ETOH  alcohol

FBS  fasting blood sugar
F/C  foley catheter
FTT  failure to thrive
F/U  follow up
FUO  fever of unknown origin
FWB  full weight bearing
FWW  front wheel walker
Fx  fracture
F°  Fahrenheit

GB  gallbladder
GI  gastrointestinal
gm  gram
GR  gravida
GSW  gunshot wound
gtt  drop
GT  gastrostomy tube
GU  genitourinary

HCA  home care aide
hct  hematocrit
HEP  home exercise program
HHA  home health aide
HIV  human immune virus
HME  home medical equipment
HMO  health maintenance organization
hr  hour
Ht  height
HTN  hypertension
Hx  history

ICD-9  International Classification of Disease
ICU  Intensive Care Unit
I&D  incision & drainage
IDDM  insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
IHSS  in home support service
IM  intramuscular
I/O  intake and output
IPPS  intermittent positive pressure breathing
irreg  irregular
IUP  intrauterine pregnancy
IV  intravenous
IVABT  antibiotic therapy
IVP  intravenous pyelogram

JCAHO  Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
JT  jejunostomy tube
JVD  jugular vein distention

K  potassium
KCL  potassium chloride
kg  kilogram
KUB  kidneys, ureters, bladder
KVO  keep vein open

L  liter
lab  laboratory
lax  laxative
lb  pound
LCSW  Licensed Clinical Social Worker
LE  lower extremities
lg  large
LGA  large for gestational age
LLQ  left lower quadrant
LVN/LPN  licensed vocational/practical nurse
lytes  electrolytes

mcg  microgram
MD  physician I Medical Doctor
meds  medications
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SFD  single family dwelling
SGA  small for gestational age
sig  directions
SL   sublingual
SN   skilled nursing
S/P cath  suprapubic catheter
SOB  shortness of breath
SOC  start of care
sol  solution
SP   speech pathologist
s/p  status post
spec  specimen
s/sx or S/S  signs/symptoms
ST   speech therapist
stat  immediately
supp  suppository
surg  surgery
SS#  Social Security Number
SSE  soaps suds enema
SV or SupV  Supervisory visit

T or temp  temperature
tab  tablet
TAR  treatment authorization request
TB  tuberculosis
tbsp  tablespoon
T/C  telephone call
T&C  type and crossmatch
THR  total hip replacement
tid  three times a day
TKR  total knee replacement
TLC  tender loving care
T/O  telephone order
TPN  total parenteral nutrition
TPR  temperature, pulse, respiration
tsp  teaspoon
TURP  transurethral resection of prostate

ua  urinalysis
UE  upper extremities
UGI  upper gastrointestinal
ung/oint  ointment
URI  upper respiratory infection
**UTI**  urinary tract infection

**vd**  void

**VD**  venereal disease

**VN**  visiting nurse

**V/O**  verbal order

**vs**  vital signs

**WBC**  white blood cells

**w/c**  wheel chair

**wk**  week

**WFL**  within functional limits

**WNL**  within normal limits

**w/o**  written order

**wt**  weight

**yr**  year