



Health Services

Approved Abbreviations and Symbols\*

A

a before  
 AAOx3 awake, alert, and oriented to  
 person,  
  
 place and time  
 abd abdomen  
 abr abrasion  
 Abx antibiotics  
 amt amount  
 AROM active range of motion

B

BA Bandage  
 BCP birth control pills  
 BID twice daily  
 bilat bilateral  
 BM bowel movement  
 BP blood pressure  
 BR bathroom  
 BBS bilateral breath sounds

C

c with  
 campho campho-phenique  
 cath catheter  
 c/o complained of  
 CR classroom  
 CTA clear to auscultation

D

d/c discontinue  
 diam diameter  
 dsq dressing  
 Dx diagnosis

E

EA earache  
 enc encourage/d  
 eval evaluation

F

FAC first aid cream  
 FHx family history  
 FROM full range of motion  
 FU follow up  
 FWB full weight bearing  
 fx fracture

G

GI gastrointestinal

H

H home  
 H2O2 hydrogen peroxide  
 HA headache  
 hr hour  
 hs at bedtime  
 ht height  
 HTDRRR heart tones distinct, regular rate and rhythm  
 hypertension  
 history

I

IEP individualized educational program  
 IM intramuscular  
 info information  
 Inj injection  
 int internal  
 irreg irregular

JKL

L left  
 LAP lower abdominal pain  
 lat lateral  
 LBP low back pain  
 LMP last menstrual period  
 LM left message  
 lg large  
 LOC level of consciousness  
 LSCTA lung sounds clear to auscultation

M

MAE moves all extremities  
 med medication  
 mod moderate  
 musc muscle  
 MWB minimum weight bearing

N

NA not applicable  
 NABS normal active bowel sounds  
 NAD no apparent distress  
 neg negative  
 npo nothing by mouth  
 NS normal saline



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nsg	nursing
N/V	nausea and vomiting
NVD	nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
NWB	non weight bearing

**O**

OD	right eye
OHI	other health impaired
OM	otitis media
OS	left eye
OT	occupational therapy
OTC	over the counter
OU	both eyes

**P**

P	pulse
pc	after meals
PE	physical education
PERRLA	pupils, equal, round and reactive to light and accommodation
pg	pregnant
po	by mouth
PPP	pedal pulses palpable
prn	when necessary
prob	problem
PROM	passive range of motion
pt	patient
P/U	pick up, picked up
PWB	partial weight bearing
PWD	pink, warm, and dry (skin)

**QR**

qd	every day
QID	four times a day
re	regarding
reg	regular
resp	respiration, respiratory
R	right
R/O	rule out
ROM	range of motion
RRR	regular rate and rhythm
RR	respiratory rate
R/T	related to
RTC	return to class
Rx	prescription

**S**

s	without
SA	stomach ache

sch	school
SQ	subcutaneous
sm	small
SOB	shortness of breath
s/s	signs and symptoms
SRE	swelling, redness, exudate
ST	sore throat
stat	at once
superf	superficial
S&W	soap and water
Sx	symptoms

**T**

T	tablespoon (15cc.)
tab	tablet
tao	triple antibiotic ointment
tc	telephone call
tchr	teacher
temp	temperature
TID	three times a day
TM	tympenic membrane
trach	tracheostomy
tsp	teaspoon (5cc.)
tx	treatment

**U**

UA	urinalysis
ULCI	upper left central incisor
URCI	upper right central incisor
URI	upper respiratory infection
UTC	unable to contact
UTI	urinary tract infection

**VWXYZ**

vag	vaginal
wc	wheelchair
W/D	withdraw, withdrawn
WNL	with normal limits
wt	weight
y.o.	year old
>	greater than
<	less than
1x	one time
/	per