

LIST OF APPROVED ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATED JOB TITLES	
ANP	Advanced Nurse Practitioner
APN	Advanced Practice Nurse
APRN	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
ARRT	American Registry of Radiologic Technologists
ASL	Interpreter – American Sign Language
BA	Bachelors of Arts
BS	Bachelors of Science
BSN	Bachelors of Nursing
BSW	Bachelors of Social Work
CDA	Certified Dental Assistant
CDT	Certified Dental Technician
CEN	Certified Emergency Nurse
CMA	Certified Medication Aide
CMT	Certified Music Therapist
CO III PA	Correctional Officer III Psychiatric Aide
COTA	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
CPhT	Certified Pharmacy Technician
CRTT	Certified Respiratory Therapy Technician
DA	Dental Assistant
DDS	Doctor of Dental Surgery
DMD	Doctor of Dental Medicine
DO	Doctor of Osteopathy
DON	Doctor of Nurses
EdD	Doctor of Education
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
EMT-P	Paramedic
FNP	Family Nurse Practitioner
ICN	Infection Control Nurse
LCDC	Licensed (Chemical Dependency Counselor)
LMSW	Licensed Master Social Worker
LMSW – ACP	Licensed Master Social Worker – Advanced Clinical Practitioner
LPA	Licensed Psychological Associate
LPC	Licensed Professional Counselor
LPT	Licensed Physical Therapist
LSW	Licensed Social Worker
LVN	Licensed Vocational Nurse
MA	Masters of Arts
MBA	Masters of Business Administration
MD	Medical Doctor

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Med	Master of Education
MHL	Mental Health Liaison
MLP	Mid-level Practitioner
MPH	Master of Public Health
MS	Master of Science
MSN	Master of Science in Nursing
MSW	Master of Social Work
MSSW	Masters of Science in Social Work
MT (ASCP)	Medical Technologist – American Society of Clinical Pathologists
NM	Nurse Manager
OTA	Occupational Therapist Aide
OTR	Registered Occupational Therapist
OTS	Occupational Therapist Student
PA	Physician Assistant
PA-C	Physician Assistant Certified
PCT	Patient Care Technician
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
PharmD	Doctor of Pharmacy
Psy.D	Doctor of Psychology
RD	Registered Dietician
RDA	Registered Dental Assistant
RDH	Registered Dental Hygienist
RHIA	Registered Health Information Administrator
RN	Registered Nurse
RNC	Registered Nurse Certified
RPh	Registered Pharmacist
RRT	Registered Respiratory Therapist
RT	Recreational Therapist
VRC	Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

LIST OF APPROVED PSYCHOLOGICAL ABBREVIATIONS	
ADL	Activities of daily living
Adm. Prec.	Administrative Precautions
AIMS	Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale
BGC	Behavioral Group Counseling
B.T.	Behavior Therapy
BTP	Behavior Therapy Program
Carb.	Carbonate
CAT I	Category I Suicide Precautions
CAT II	Category II Suicide Precautions
CBT	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
CM	Case Manager
C.M.	Crisis Management
CPZ	Thorazine
CT	Cognitive Therapy
“D”	Decanoate
DDP	Developmental Disabilities Program
D & E	Diagnosis and Evaluation
DSM-IV	Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders – Fourth Revision
DSM-5	Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders – Fifth Revision
ECT	Electroconvulsive Therapy
Gp.Ther.	Group Therapy
HCL	Hydrochloride
ITT	Inpatient Treatment Team
ITP	Individualized Treatment Plan
M-FAST	Miller Forensic Assessment of Symptoms Test
MHMR	Mental Health & Mental Retardation
MMPI-2	Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory – 2
MH Obs	Mental Health Observation Room
NSG	Nursing
OTT	Outpatient Treatment Team
PAMIO	Program for Aggressive Mentally Ill Inmates
P.P.	Post prandial test
Psych	Psychiatry/Psychology
QMHP	Qualified Mental Health Professional
RET	Rational Emotive Therapy
RSH	Rusk State Hospital
RT	Recreation Therapy
PAI	Personality Assessment Inventory
SAFPF	Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility
S&H	Speech and Hearing
SIRS	Structured Interview of Reported Symptoms
SOTP	Sex Inmates Treatment Program

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S.P.	Suicide Precautions
susp.	Suspension
TAT	Thematic Apperception Test
TCADA	Texas Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
TRC	Texas Rehabilitation Commission
U.R.	Utilization Review
WAIS – IV	Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale – Fourth Edition

OBGYN ABBREVIATIONS	
Ab	Abortion
AP	Ante Partum
BTL	Bilateral tubal ligation
CI	Cervical Incompetence
CPD	Cephalopelvic disproportion
C-sect.	Cesarean section
CST	Contraction Stress Test
CX	Cervix
D & C	Dilation & Curettage
DES	Diethylstilbestrol
DIC	Diffuse Intravascular Coagulation
DUB	Dysfunctional uterine bleeding
EGA	Estimated Gestational Age
FHR	Fetal heart rate
FHS	Fetal heart sound
FHT	Fetal heart tone
G	Gravida
GDM	Gestational Diabetes Mellitus
GYN	Gynecology
hcg	human chorionic gonadotropin (pregnancy test)
Hyst.	Hysterectomy
IUD	Intrauterine Device
IUGR	Intrauterine Growth Retardation
IUP	Intrauterine pregnancy
LGA	Large for Gestational Age
LMP	Last menstrual period
LSC	Last sexual contact
nullip	Nullipara (never delivered)
PAP	Papanicolaou smear
PG	Pregnant
PKU	Phenylketonuria
PMP	Previous menstrual period
POC	Products of conception
PP	Post partum
Primip.	Primipara (first delivery)
PROM	Premature rupture of membranes
SGA	Small for gestational age
SROM	Spontaneous rupture of membranes
TAH	Total abdominal hysterectomy
TL	Tubal ligation
USG	Ultrasonography

APPROVED DENTAL ABBREVIATIONS	
Adj	Adjust (ment)
Amal	Amalgam
Amox	Amoxicillin
Anes	Anesthesia, Anesthetic
Ant	Anterior
ANUG	Acute necrotizing ulcerative gingivitis
Apico	Apicoectomy
B	Buccal
BWX	Bitewing X-Rays
Calc	Calculus
Carbo	Carbocaine
CDE	Continuing Dental Education
CHX	Chlorhexidine mouth rinse
CPC	Camphorated Para-Chlorophenol
CTP	Comprehensive Treatment Plan
Comp	Composite
D	Distal
Dec	Deciduous
Del	Deliver
Disc	Disclosant, disclosing solution
EHR	Electronic Health Record
Endo	Endodontic
EPI	Epinephrine
Equil	Equilibrate (tion)
Ext.	Extract (tion) (ed)
F	Facial (labial)
Fl	Flouride
/F	Mandibular full denture
F/	Maxillary full denture
FMX	Full mouth X-rays
Formo	Formocreasol
Ging	Gingivae (al)
GS	Gross scale
I	Incisal
IAN	Inferior Alveolar Nerve
IBU	Ibuprofen
Imp	Impression
IRM	Intermediate restorative material
L	Lingual
L-1 thru L3	Level I thru Level 3
Lido	Lidocaine

LantS	Lower anterior sextant
LLQ	Lower left quadrant (oral)
LLS	Lower left sextant (oral)
LRQ	Lower right quadrant (oral)
LRS	Lower right sextant (oral)
M	Mesial
Maint	Maintain/maintenance
Mand	Mandible (ular)
Marc	Marcaine
Max	Maxilla (ry)
Med. Hx	Medical history
Mepi	Mepivocaine
NaF	Sodium fluoride
Neo-c	Neo-Cobefrin
NRC	Non-restorable caries
O	Occlusal
OH	Oral hygiene
OHI	Oral Hygiene Instructions
ORSRG	Oral and Maxillofacial surgery
OS	Oral surgery
/P	Mandibular partial denture
P/	Maxillary partial denture
P-1 thru P-5	Priority 1 thru Priority 5
PA	Periapical
Pano	Panographic X-ray
PAX	Periapical X-ray
PDL	Periodontal ligament
Pecor	Pericoronitis
Perio.	Periodontal/periodontitis
PI	Plaque index
POI	Post-operative instructions
Post.	Posterior
Prev.	Prevent (ed) (ive) (ion)
Prilo.	Prilocaine
PRO	Prophylaxis
Prophy	Prophylaxis
Pros.	Prosthetic (odontic)
Pt ed	Patient Education
Prog	Prognosis
PSR	Periodontal Screening and Recording
PTP	Periodontal Treatment Plan
RCT	Root canal therapy
RTC	Return to clinic

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S/SX	Signs and symptoms
SBE	Subacute bacterial endocarditis
SC/RP	Scaling and root planing
Sed	Sedative
Septo	Septocaine
SnF	Stannous fluoride
Sut Rem	Suture removal
SSC	Stainless steel crown
Subging	Subgingival
Supraging	Supragingival
Sut	Suture
Temp	Temporary
TMD	Temporomandibular Joint Disorder
TMJ	Temporomandibular joint
/TP	Mandibular transitional partial (flipper)
TP/	Maxillary transitional partial (flipper)
UantS	Upper anterior sextant
ULQ	Upper left Quadrant (oral)
ULS	Upper left sextant (oral)
URQ	Upper Right Quadrant (oral)
URS	Upper right sextant (oral)
VDHI	Visual Dental health inspections
ZOE	Zinc oxide and eugenol

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AA	Alcoholics Anonymous
A&A	Awake and alert
abd	Abdomen
ABE	Acute bacterial endocarditis
ABG	Arterial blood gas
a.c.	Before meals
ACLS	Advanced Cardiac Life Support
ACTH	Adrenocorticotrophic hormone
AD	Right ear
ad lib	as desired
ADA diet	American Diabetes Association diet
ADL	Activities of daily living
ADS	Assistive Disability Services
Ad.Seg.	Administrative Segregation
AF	Atrial fibrillation
AFB	Acid fast bacilli
A/G	Albumin globulin ratio
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
AKA	Above the knee amputation
Alb.	Albumin
Alk.phos.	Alkaline phosphate
ALS	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
am	In the morning
AMA	Against medical advice
Amb.	Ambulatory
Amt	Amount
A&O	Awake and oriented
AODM	Adult onset diabetes mellitus
A/P	Anterior/Posterior
A&P	Auscultation and percussion
approx.	Approximate or approximately
appt.	Appointment
APTT	Activated partial thromboplastin time
ARF	Acute renal failure
AS	Left ear
ASA	Aspirin
ASAP	As soon as possible
ASCVD	Arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease
ASHD	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
AU	Both ears
AV	Atrioventricular
BBB	Bundle branch block

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BBS	Bilateral breath sounds
BE	Barium enema
b.i.d.	Twice a day
BIH	Bilateral inguinal hernia
BKA	Below-the-knee-amputation
BM	Bowel movement
BMR	Basal metabolic rate
BP	Blood pressure
BPH	Benign prostatic hypertrophy
BS	Bowel sounds
BUN	Blood urea nitrogen
BVM	Bag with mask manual (hand) resuscitator
bx	Biopsy
C1,C2,C3	Cervical vertebrae
C&S	Culture and sensitivity
CA	Carcinoma
CA-in-situ	Carcinoma in situ
CAD	Coronary artery disease
Cap.	Capsules
CAT	Computerized axial tomography
Cath.	Catheter
CBC	Complete blood count
cc	Cubic centimeter
CC	Chief complaint
CCC	Chronic Care Clinic
CCU	Coronary care unit
CD4(CD4+)	CD4+ T-lymphocytes
CHD	Congenital heart disease
CHF	Congestive heart failure
Chemo.	Chemotherapy
Chol.	Cholesterol
CKD	Chronic kidney disease
CN1,CN2	Cranial nerves 1, 2, etc.
CN II-XII	Cranial nerves 2 through 12
CNS	Central nervous system
c/o	Complains of
CO2	Carbon dioxide
Conc	Concentrate
Cont'd	Continued
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CP	Cerebral palsy
CPAP	Continuous positive airway pressure
CPR	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
Cr.	Creatinine
CRF	Chronic renal failure

CSF	Cerebral spinal fluid
CSP	Clipper shave pass
CTA	Clear to auscultation
CVA	Cerebrovascular accident
CVI	Cerebral vascular insufficiency
CVP	Central venous pressure
CXR	Chest x-ray
Cysto	Cystoscopy examination
DC	Discontinue
DDD	Degenerative disc disease
Derm.	Dermatology
Diff.	Differential blood count
Dischg.	Discharge or discharged
DJD	Degenerative joint disease
DKA	Diabetic ketoacidosis
DM	Diabetes mellitus
DNR	Do not resuscitate
DOA	Dead on arrival
DOB	Date of birth
DP	Dorsalis pedis
DRE	Digital Rectal Exam
DPT	Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus (pediatric)
DTR	Deep tendon reflexes
DTs	Delirium tremens
D5W	5% Dextrose in water
DDP	Developmental Disabilities Program
Dx	Diagnosis
EBL	Estimated blood loss
EDC	Estimated date of confinement
EEG	Electroencephalogram
EENT	Eyes, ears, nose and throat
EGTA	Esophageal gastric tube Airway
EKG/ECG	Electrocardiogram
EMG	Electromyogram
ENG	Electronystagmogram
EMS	Emergency Medical Service
EOM	Extraocular movement
EPS	Extra pyramidal syndrome
ER	Emergency room
ETOH	Alcohol
Etiol.	Etiology
Eval.	Evaluation
Exam.	Examination
Exp. lap.	Exploratory laparotomy
FB	Foreign body

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FBS	Fasting blood sugar
F	Female
FOBT	Fecal Occult Blood Test
FSBS	Finger stick blood sugar
F/U	Follow-up
FUO	Fever of unknown origin
Fx	Fracture
GB	Gallbladder
GC	Gonococcus or gonorrhea
GP	General population
gen. pop.	General population
GERD	Gastroesophageal reflux disease
ggt	Gamma Glutamyl Transference
GI	Gastrointestinal
Glu	Glucose
gm	Gram
gr	Grain
GSW	Gunshot wound
GTT	Glucose tolerance test
gtts	Drops
GU	Genitourinary
HA	Headache
Hct	Hematocrit
HCG	Human Chorionic Gonadotropin
HEENT	Head, eyes, ears, nose and throat
HG	(TDCJ) Hospital at Galveston
Hgb.	Hemoglobin
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HNP	Herniated nucleus pulposus
H2O	Water
H/O	History of
hosp	Hospital
H2O2	Hydrogen Peroxide
H & P	History & Physical
HR	Heart rate
hr.	Hour
h.s.	At bedtime
Ht.	Height
Hx	History
IBC	Iron building capacity
ICD-9-CM	International Classification of Diseases9th Edition Clinical Modification
ICU	Intensive care unit
ID	Identification
I & D	Incision and drainage
IDDM	Insulin dependent diabetes mellitus

IH	Inguinal hernia (L) or (R)
IM	Intramuscular
Imp	Impression
indic.	Indicated/indicates/indication
info	Information
INH	Isoniazid
INJ.	Injection
I & O	Intake and output
IOP	Intraocular pressure
IPPB	Intermittent positive pressure breathing
IQ	Intelligence quotient
irrev	Irreversible
irrig	irrigate/irrigation
IT	Inhalation Therapy
ITP	Individual Treatment Plan
IV	Intravenous
IVP	Intravenous pyelogram
J	Joule
JODM	Juvenile onset diabetes mellitus
JSH	John Sealy Hospital
JVP	Jugular venous pressure
K	Potassium
kg	Kilogram
KOP	Keep on person
KUB	Kidney, urinary, bladder
KVO	Keep vein open
L1,L2,L3	Lumbar vertebrae
Lab.	Laboratory
lac.	Laceration
LAP	Laparotomy
lat.	Lateral
LBP	Low back pain
LDH	Lactic dehydrogenase
LE	Lupus erythematosus
LFT	Liver function test
lg	Large
lig.	Ligament
LLE	Left lower extremity
LLL	Left lower lobe
LLQ	Left lower quadrant
LOC	Loss of consciousness
LP	Lumbar puncture
l/min	Liters per minute
LR	Lactated Ringers
LS	Lumbosacral

L. Spine	Lumbar spine
LUQ	Left Upper Quadrant
LVH	Left ventricular hypertrophy
M	Male
max.	Maximum
MCP	Metacarpophalangeal
med	Medication
mEq	Milliequivalent
mg	Milligram
MI	Myocardial infarction
min.	Minimum
ml	Milliliter
mm	Millimeter
mmHG	Millimeters of mercury
mo.	Month
mod.	Moderate
MOM	Milk of Magnesia
MONO.	Monocyte
MPV	Multi-passenger vehicle
MS	Multiple sclerosis
MTP	Metatarsophalangeal
MVA	Motor vehicle accident
MVS	Mitral valve stenosis
MVV	Maximum voluntary ventilation
N/A	Not applicable
NAD	No acute distress
NEG.	Negative
neuro.	Neurology
NG	Nasogastric
NIDDM	Non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
NKA/NKDA	No known allergies/No known drug allergies
NOS	Not otherwise specified
NPO	Nothing by mouth (nulla per os)
NS	Normal saline
NSAID	Non-steroidal Anti-inflammatory drug
NSC	Nursing sick call
NSR	Normal sinus rhythm
NT	Nasotracheal
NTG	Nitroglycerin
N & V	Nausea & Vomiting
O ₂	Oxygen
OB/Gyn	Obstetrics/Gynecology
OD	Overdose
Oint	Ointment
OOH	Out of hospital

O & P	Ova and parasites
op	Operation
OPC	Outpatient clinic
Ophth	Ophthalmology
OR	Operating room
ORIF	Open reduction, internal fixation
Ortho	Orthopedics
OS	Left eye (oculus sinister)
OSH	Outside hospital
OT	Occupational Therapy
OU	Both eyes (oculus uterque = "each eye")
oz	Ounce
P	Pulse
PAC	Premature atrial contraction
palp.	Palpable
PAT	Paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
p.c.	After meals (post cibum)
pcn	Penicillin
PCV	Packed cell volume (of blood)
PE	Physical examination
PERRLA	Pupils, equal, round, reactive to light and accommodation
PFT	Pulmonary function test
PHD	Pre-hearing detention
PID	Pelvic inflammatory disease
PIP	Proximal interphalangeal
pm	In the evening
PMS	Premenstrual syndrome
p.o.	By mouth (per os)
Pod	Podiatry
pos	Positive
Postop	Postoperative
PPB	Positive pressure breathing
PPD	Purified protein derivative
PPI	Proton pump inhibitor
PRBC	Pack red blood cells
prep	Preparation (for surgery)
p.r.n.	As necessary
Procto	Proctoscopy
prog.	Prognosis
psi	Pounds per square inch
PT	Physical Therapy
pt	Patient
PTSD	Post traumatic stress disorder
PUD	Peptic ulcer disease

PVC	Premature ventricular contracture
PVD	Peripheral vascular disease
R	Respiration
RBC	Red blood cells
rec'd	Received
Rehab.	Rehabilitation
resp.	Respiration
RF	Renal failure
Rh	Rhesus factor
RHD	Rheumatic heart disease
RLE	Right lower extremity
RLL	Right lower lobe
RLQ	Right lower quadrant
RML	Right middle lobe
R/O	Rule out
ROM	Range of motion
ROS	Review of systems
RR	Respiratory rate
RRR	Regular rate and rhythm
R/S	Reschedule
RTC	Return to clinic
RUE	Right upper extremity
RUL	Right upper lobe
RUQ	Right upper quadrant
RX	Prescription
S1S2	1st heart sound, 2nd heart sound
SAIP	Special Alternative Incarceration Program
SC	Sickle cell
s/c	Sick call
SCR	Sick Call Request
Sed.	Sedimentation
Sed. rate	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate
segs	Segmented neutrophilic leukocytes
sero.	Serology
sg	Specific gravity
SGOT	Serum glutamic oxalacetic transaminase
SGPT	Serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase
sl	Sub lingual
SLE	Systemic lupus erythematosus
sm	Small
SOAP	Subjective, objective, assessment, plan
SOB	Shortness of breath
Sol	Solitary
S/P	Status post
Spec.	Specimen

spn.	Spontaneous
staph	Staphylococcus
stat	Immediately (Statim)
STD	Sexually transmitted diseases
STI	Sexually transmitted infection
strep	Streptococcus
sq	Subcutaneous
supp.	Suppository
SVC	Superior vena cava
SVT	Supraventricular tachycardia
T	Temperature
T1,T2	Thoracic vertebrae
T3	Triiodothyronine
T4	Thyroxin
T & A	Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
tab.	Tablet
TB	Tuberculosis
tbsp.	Tablespoon
T & C	Type and crossmatch
TCN	Tetracycline
Td	Tetanus-diphtheria toxoids, adult
TDCJ-ID	Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Institutional Division
TDCJ-HG	Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Hospital Galveston
temp.	Temperature
Theo	Theophylline
TIA	Transient ischemic attack
t.i.d.	Three times a day
t.i.w.	Three times a week
TM	Tympanic membrane
TMJ	Temporomandibular joint
T.O.	Telephone order
TPR	Temperature, pulse, respiration
Trach.	Tracheostomy
Trig.	Triglyceride
TSH	Thyroid stimulating hormone
tsp.	Teaspoon
T. spine	Thoracic spine
TT	Tetanus toxoid
TUR	Transurethral resection
TURB	Transurethral resection of bladder
TURP	Transurethral resection of prostate
TV	Television
Tx	Treatment
UA	Urinalysis
UCC	Unit Classification Committee

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UGI	Upper gastrointestinal
UOA	Unit of Assignment
UOF	Use of Force
URI	Upper respiratory infection
USI	Urinary stress incontinence
UTI	Urinary tract infection
UTMB	University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
VA	Visual acuity
Vacc.	Vaccine
VD	Venereal disease
VDRL	Venereal disease research laboratory
VF	Ventricular fibrillation
vit	Vitamin
V.O.	Verbal order
vol.	Volume
VS	Vital signs
VSD	Ventricular septal defect
VT	Ventricular tachycardia
w/ or c	With
WBC	White blood count
wbc	White blood cells
w/c	Wheelchair
W/I	Walk in
WK	Week
WNL	Within normal limits
w/o	Without
w/p	Whirlpool
WSS	Windham School System
wt.	Weight
x	Times
XRT	Radiotherapy
y/o	Year old
Yr.	Year
<u>SYMBOLS</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
1°	Primary
2°	Secondary
ψ	Psychology/Psychiatry
pCO ₂	Partial pressure of carbon dioxide
pO ₂	Partial pressure of oxygen
°C	Degrees Fahrenheit
H	Hypodermic
c	With
G	Gallop
M	Murmur

pH	Acid/Alkaline balance (on scale 0 to 14)
↓	Decrease
↑	Increase
>	Greater than
<	Less than
≤	Less than or equal to
≥	Greater than or equal to
⊖	Left
⊕	Right
−	Negative
+	Positive
=	Equal
≠	Not Equal
#	Number
%	Percent
°	Degree
'	Feet or minutes
"	Inches or seconds
@	At, at the rate of
x	Except