

Abbreviations

• A & P	anatomy and physiology	• (L)	left
• ad lib	freely, at will	• MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
• ac	before meals	• N/A	not applicable
• adm	admission	• neg	negative
• AED	automated external defibrillator	• NG	nasogastric
• amb	ambulate	• noct	night
• ASAP	as soon as possible	• NKA	no known allergies
• ax	axillary	• NPO	nothing by mouth
• bid	twice a day	• O ₂	oxygen
• BM	bowel movement	• OOB	out of bed
• BMI	body mass index	• OR	operating room
• BMR	basal metabolic rate	• OTC	over the counter
• BP	blood pressure	• \overline{p}	after
• BRP	bathroom privileges	• pc	after meals
• \overline{c}	with	• po	by mouth
• CBC	complete blood count	• PPE	personal protective equipment
• CC	chief complaint	• prn	as necessary
• CHO	carbohydrate	• pt	patient
• cl liq	clear liquids	• q2h	every 2 hours
• c/o	complains of	• qhs	every night at bedtime
• CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	• qs	quantity sufficient
• CT	computerized tomography	• qid	four times a day
• D/C	discontinue	• R	respiration
• DNR	do not resuscitate	• (R)	right
• Dx	diagnosis	• RBC	red blood cell
• EEG	electroencephalogram	• RN	registered nurse
• EKG, ECG	electrocardiogram	• R/O	rule out
• FBAO	foreign body airway obstruction	• ROM	range of motion
• FBS	fasting blood sugar	• Rx	prescription, take, treatment
• FF	force fluids	• \overline{s}	without
• GB	gallbladder	• \overline{ss}	one half
• Hgb	hemoglobin	• STAT	immediately
• Hct	hematocrit	• STD	sexually transmitted disease
• HOB	head of bed	• T	temperature
• hs	hour of sleep, bedtime	• tab	tablet
• ht	height	• tid	three times a day
• hx	history	• TPR	temperature, pulse, respiration
• IM	intramuscular	• UA	urinalysis
• IV	intravenous	• VS	vital signs
• LOC	level of consciousness	• WBC	white blood cells
• LPN, LVN	licensed practical (vocational) nurse	• w/c	wheelchair
• LTC	long term care	• wt	weight
		• WNL	within normal limits