

## Compiled List of Medical Acronyms for Student Nurse Aides

**FRONT RANGE NURSE AIDE TRAINING PROGRAM**  
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<b>a</b>	Before
<b>A/N</b>	Abnormal
<b>A/O</b>	Alert and Oriented
<b>AAA</b>	Area Agencies on Aging
<b>AAANA</b>	American Academy of Ambulatory Nursing Administration
<b>AACN</b>	American Association of Critical Care Nurses
<b>AAD</b>	Antibiotic Associated Diarrhea
<b>AAI</b>	Acute Alcohol Intoxication
<b>AALNA</b>	American Assisted Living Nurses Association
<b>AAMI</b>	Age Associated Memory Impairment
<b>AANA</b>	American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
<b>AARP</b>	American Association of Retired People
<b>ABC</b>	Airway, Breathing & Circulation
<b>ABD</b>	Abdomen
<b>ABDOM</b>	Abdomen
<b>ABE</b>	Acute Bacterial Endocarditis
<b>ABG</b>	Arterial Blood Gases
<b>ABNS</b>	American Board Nursing Specialties
<b>ABP</b>	Arterial Blood Pressure
<b>ABPANC</b>	American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc.
<b>ABX</b>	Antibiotics
<b>AC</b>	Before Eating
<b>ACLS</b>	Advanced Cardiac Life Support
<b>ADAS</b>	Alzheimer’s Disease Assessment Scale
<b>ADAT</b>	Advance Diet As Tolerated
<b>ADC</b>	Adult Day Care
<b>ADD</b>	Attention Deficit Disorder
<b>ADEA</b>	Age Discrimination in Employment Act
<b>ADHD</b>	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
<b>ADL</b>	Activities of Daily Living
<b>ADN</b>	Associate Degree in Nursing
<b>ADON</b>	Administrative Director of Nursing
<b>ADR</b>	Adverse Drug Reaction
<b>AED</b>	Automated External Defibrillator
<b>AFA</b>	Advanced First Aid
<b>AFL</b>	Arterial Flutter
<b>AG</b>	Attorney General
<b>AGW</b>	Anogenital Warts
<b>AHA</b>	American Heart Association

<b>AHA</b>	American Hospital Association
<b>AHCA</b>	American Health Care Association
<b>AHCP</b>	Agency for Health Care Policy and Research
<b>AIA</b>	Aspirin Intolerant Asthma
<b>AICD</b>	Automatic Implanted Cardiac Defibrillator
<b>AIDS</b>	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
<b>AKA</b>	Also Known As
<b>AL</b>	Assisted Living
<b>ALC</b>	Alcohol
<b>ALF</b>	Acute Liver Failure
<b>A-line</b>	Arterial line
<b>ALLO</b>	Allogenic
<b>ALOS</b>	Average Length of Stay
<b>ALS</b>	Advanced Life Support
<b>ALS</b>	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis - Lou Gehrigs Disease
<b>AMA</b>	Against Medical Advice
<b>AMA</b>	American Medical Association
<b>AMB</b>	Ambulate
<b>AMEDD</b>	US Army Medical Department
<b>AMPE</b>	Acute Massive Pulmonary Embolism
<b>AMR</b>	Alternating Motion Rate
<b>AMV</b>	Assisted Mandatory Ventilation
<b>ANA</b>	American Nurses Association
<b>ANCC</b>	American Nurses Credentialing Center
<b>ANES</b>	Anesthesia
<b>ANGIO</b>	Angiogram
<b>ANP</b>	Advanced Nurse Practitioner
<b>ANXTY</b>	Anxiety
<b>AOA</b>	Administration on Aging
<b>AOB</b>	Alcohol on Breath
<b>AONE</b>	American Organization of Nurse Executives
<b>AORN</b>	Association of periOperative Registered Nurses
<b>AP</b>	Apical Pulse
<b>AP</b>	Anteroposterior or Abdominal - Perineal
<b>APE</b>	Acute Pulmonary Edema / Acute Pulmonary Embolism
<b>APIC</b>	Association for Practitioners in Infection Control
<b>APN</b>	Advanced Practice Nurse
<b>APRN</b>	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
<b>APS</b>	American Pain Society
<b>APS</b>	Adult Protective Services
<b>APSF</b>	Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation
<b>ARDS</b>	Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome
<b>ARTER</b>	Arterial
<b>ARU</b>	Acute Retention of Urine
<b>ASA</b>	American Society of Anesthesiologists
<b>ASAP</b>	As Soon As Possible
<b>ASB</b>	Asymptomatic Bacteriuria
<b>ASHD</b>	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease

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<b>ASMB</b>	Army Support Medical Battalion (Mil)
<b>ASMC</b>	Army Support Medical Company (Mil)
<b>ASPMN</b>	American Society of Pain Management Nurses
<b>ASW</b>	Approved Social Worker
<b>ATLS</b>	Advanced Trauma Life Support
<b>AU</b>	Both Ears
<b>AVH</b>	Acute Viral Hepatitis
<b>AWHONN</b>	Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
<b>B/P</b>	Blood Pressure
<b>BA</b>	Breathing Apparatus
<b>BAC</b>	Blood Alcohol Content
<b>BBP</b>	Blood-Borne Pathogen
<b>BBS</b>	Bilateral Breath Sounds
<b>BBT</b>	Basal Body Temperature
<b>BCLS</b>	Basic Cardiac Life Support
<b>BCX</b>	Blood Culture
<b>BDC</b>	Burn Dressing Change
<b>BEC</b>	Before Exam Completed
<b>BEO</b>	Both Eyes Open
<b>BG</b>	Blood Glucose
<b>BGL</b>	Blood Glucose Level
<b>BIA</b>	US Bureau of Indian Affairs
<b>BAS</b>	Battalion Aide Station (Mil)
<b>bid</b>	Twice Each Day (Latin: Bis in die)
<b>bin</b>	Twice a Night
<b>biw</b>	Twice Weekly
<b>BJM</b>	Bones, Joints, Muscles
<b>BLD</b>	Blood
<b>BNCF</b>	Both Toenails Cut and Filed
<b>BON</b>	Board of Nursing
<b>BP</b>	Blood Pressure
<b>BP+</b>	Hypertension
<b>BPM</b>	Beats Per Minute
<b>BRP</b>	Bathroom Privileges
<b>BS</b>	Bowel Sounds
<b>BSB</b>	Bedside Bag
<b>BSC</b>	Bedside Commode
<b>BSD</b>	Bedside Drainage
<b>BSL</b>	Blood Sugar Level
<b>BSN</b>	Bachelor of Science in Nursing
<b>BSS</b>	Balanced Salt Solution
<b>BT</b>	Bowel Tones
<b>BTNF</b>	Both Toenails Filed
<b>BV</b>	Bacterial Vaginosis
<b>BX</b>	Biopsy
<b>c</b>	With
<b>C&amp;DB</b>	Cough and Deep Breath
<b>C&amp;F</b>	Chills and Fever

<b>C/O</b>	Complains Of
<b>C/P</b>	Cardio Pulmonary
<b>Ca</b>	Calcium
<b>CAC</b>	Certified Alzheimer Caregiver
<b>CAD</b>	Coronary Artery Disease
<b>CAFL</b>	Chronic Airflow Limitation
<b>CAN</b>	Cancer
<b>CAOx4</b>	Conscious, Alert, and Oriented x4
<b>CAPA</b>	Certified Ambulatory PeriAnesthesia Nurse
<b>CAPE</b>	Clifton Assessment Procedure for Elderly
<b>CARF</b>	Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
<b>CAT</b>	Computer Adaptive Testing
<b>CAT</b>	Computed (Axial) Tomography
<b>CATH</b>	Catheter
<b>CBC</b>	Complete Blood Count
<b>CBE</b>	Clinical Breast Exam
<b>CBON</b>	Colorado Board of Nursing
<b>CBR</b>	Complete Bed Rest
<b>CC</b>	Chief Complaint
<b>CC</b>	Care Coordinator
<b>CCRN</b>	Certified Critical Care Registered Nurse
<b>CCU</b>	Coronary Care Unit
<b>CDA</b>	Certified Dental Assistant
<b>CDC</b>	Center for Disease Control and Prevention
<b>C-Diff</b>	Clostridium Difficile
<b>CEN</b>	Certified Emergency Nurse
<b>CEO</b>	Chief Executive Officer
<b>CFO</b>	Chief Financial Officer
<b>CFR</b>	Code of Federal Regulations
<b>CFRN</b>	Certified Emergency Flight Nurse
<b>CFS</b>	Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
<b>CGFNS</b>	Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools
<b>CHCA</b>	Colorado Health Care Association
<b>CHD</b>	Coronary Heart Disease
<b>CHF</b>	Congestive Heart Failure
<b>CHI</b>	Closed Head Injury
<b>CLDY</b>	Cloudy
<b>CLS</b>	Combat Life Saver (Mil)
<b>CLT</b>	Certified Laboratory Technician
<b>CM</b>	Certified Midwife
<b>CMO</b>	Chief Medical Officer
<b>CMS</b>	Circulation, Motion, Sensation
<b>CN</b>	Charge Nurse
<b>CNA</b>	Certified Nurse Aide, Certified Nursing Assistant
<b>CNM</b>	Certified Nurse Midwife
<b>CNO</b>	Chief Nursing Officer
<b>CNOR</b>	Certified Nurse in the Operating Room
<b>CNS</b>	Clinical Nurse Specialist

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<b>CNS</b>	Central Nervous System	<b>DECUB</b>	Lying Down
<b>CNST</b>	Constipation	<b>DERM</b>	Dermatology
<b>CO</b>	Carbon Monoxide	<b>DEX</b>	Dextrose
<b>COAD</b>	Chronic Obstructive Airway Disease	<b>DHHS</b>	US Dept. of Health and Human Services
<b>COBS</b>	Chronic Organic Brain Syndrome	<b>DHS</b>	US Dept. of Homeland Security
<b>COD</b>	Cause of Death	<b>DIM</b>	Diminished
<b>COLA</b>	Cost of Living Adjustment	<b>DIN</b>	Do it Now
<b>COLD</b>	Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease	<b>DISCH</b>	Discharge
<b>COM</b>	Chief of Medicine	<b>DJD</b>	Degenerative Joint Disease
<b>CON</b>	Certificate of Need	<b>DMAT</b>	Disaster Medical Assistance Team
<b>COO</b>	Chief Operating Officer	<b>DME</b>	Durable Medical Equipment
<b>COP</b>	Conditions of Participation	<b>DNI</b>	Do Not Intubate
<b>COPD</b>	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	<b>DNP</b>	Doctor of Nursing Practice
<b>COTA</b>	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant	<b>DNR</b>	Do Not Resuscitate
<b>CP</b>	Chest Pain	<b>DNS</b>	Director of Nursing Services
<b>CPAN</b>	Certified Post Anesthesia Nurse	<b>DNS</b>	Doctor of Nursing Science
<b>CPM</b>	Continuous Passive Motion	<b>DO</b>	Osteopathic Physicians
<b>CPN</b>	Certified Pediatric Nurse	<b>DOA</b>	Dead On Arrival
<b>CPNP</b>	Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner	<b>DOD</b>	Date of Discharge
<b>CPR</b>	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	<b>DOD</b>	US Dept. of Defence
<b>CRNA</b>	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	<b>DOE</b>	US Dept. of Energy
<b>CSD</b>	Cat Scratch Syndrome	<b>DON</b>	Director of Nursing
<b>CSH</b>	Combat Support Hospital (Mil)	<b>DP</b>	Direct Pressure
<b>CSI</b>	Crime Scene Investigation (Investigator)	<b>DPAHC</b>	Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care
<b>CT</b>	Clinical Technician	<b>DPB</b>	Diastolic Blood Pressure
<b>CTD</b>	Close To Death	<b>DRE</b>	Digital Rectal Examination
<b>CTS</b>	Carpal Tunnel Syndrome	<b>DRG</b>	Diagnosis-Related Group
<b>CVA</b>	Cerebral Vascular Accident	<b>DRSG</b>	Dressing
<b>CVC</b>	Central Venous Catheter	<b>DSM</b>	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
<b>CVHD</b>	Cardiovascular Heart Disease	<b>DTR</b>	Deep Tendon Reflex
<b>CVL</b>	Central Venous Line	<b>DTS</b>	Delirium Tremens
<b>CVO</b>	Constant Visual Observation	<b>DVM</b>	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
<b>CXR</b>	Chest X-Ray	<b>DVT</b>	Deep Vein Thrombosis
<b>D&amp;V</b>	Diarrhea and Vomiting	<b>Dx</b>	Diagnosis
<b>D/DW</b>	Dextrose, Distilled Water	<b>EBL</b>	Estimated Blood Loss
<b>D5W</b>	Dextrose 5% in Water IV	<b>ECG</b>	Electro Cardiogram
<b>DAMP</b>	Deficits- Attention Motor Control & Perception	<b>EDH</b>	Epidural Hematoma
<b>DARE</b>	Drug Abuse Resistance Education	<b>EDP</b>	Eating Disorder Patient
<b>DAST</b>	Drug Abuse Screening Test	<b>EEG</b>	Electroencephalogram
<b>DAT</b>	Diet As Tolerated	<b>EENT</b>	Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat
<b>DAV</b>	Disabled American Veteran	<b>EFA</b>	Essential Fatty Acids
<b>DBE</b>	Deep Breathing Exercise	<b>EKG</b>	Electro Cardiogram
<b>DBW</b>	Desired Body Weight	<b>ELOS</b>	Estimated Length of Stay
<b>DC dc</b>	Discontinue	<b>EMAC</b>	Emergency Management Assistance Compact - NIMS
<b>DD</b>	Developmental Disabilities	<b>EMIS</b>	Emergency Management Information Systems
<b>DDM</b>	Doctor of Dental Medicine	<b>EMS</b>	Emergency Medical Services
<b>DEA</b>	US Federal Drug Enforcement Administration	<b>EMT</b>	Emergency Medical Technician
<b>DECR</b>	Decrease	<b>ENA</b>	Emergency Nurses Association

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<b>EOD</b>	Early Onset Alzheimer Disease	<b>H&amp;N</b>	Head and Neck
<b>EOC</b>	Emergency Operations Center - NIMS	<b>H/A</b>	Headache
<b>EOP</b>	Emergency Operations Plan - NIMS	<b>HA</b>	Headache
<b>EPA</b>	US Environmental Protection Agency	<b>HAA</b>	Hepatitis B Surface Antigen
<b>ER</b>	Emergency Room	<b>HAN</b>	Health Alert Network
<b>ESF</b>	Emergency Support Functions	<b>HASHD</b>	Hypertensive ArterioSclerotic Heart Disease
<b>ET</b>	Endotracheal Tube	<b>HAV</b>	Hepatitis A Virus
<b>F/C</b>	Fever & Chills	<b>HAZMAT</b>	Hazardous Materials
<b>F/U</b>	Follow-Up	<b>HBIG</b>	Hepatitis B Vaccine
<b>FA</b>	Fatty Acid	<b>HBP</b>	High Blood Pressure
<b>FAAN</b>	Fellow of American Academy of Nurses	<b>HBP</b>	Hospital Based Physician
<b>FAQ</b>	Frequently Asked Questions	<b>HBV</b>	Hepatitis B Virus
<b>FASA</b>	Federated Ambulatory Surgery Association	<b>HCFA</b>	Health Care Financing Administration (now Medicaid/Medicare)
<b>FBS</b>	Fasting Blood Sugar	<b>HCO3</b>	Bicarbonate
<b>FD</b>	Fatal Dose	<b>HCQ</b>	Health Care Quality
<b>FDA</b>	US Food & Drug Administration	<b>HCV</b>	Hepatitis C Virus
<b>FEMA</b>	US Federal Emergency Management Agency	<b>HDL</b>	High Density Lipoproteins
<b>FEN</b>	Fluids, Electrolytes, Nutrition	<b>HDV</b>	Hepatitis D Virus
<b>FFTR</b>	Fire Fighter (firemen)	<b>HEENT</b>	Head, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat
<b>FH</b>	Field Hospital	<b>HEPA</b>	High Efficiency Particulate Air [filter] (DOE)
<b>FJ</b>	Fruit Juice	<b>HEP A</b>	Hepatitis A
<b>FLA</b>	Flagellin	<b>HEP B</b>	Hepatitis B
<b>FLOF</b>	Found Lying On Floor	<b>HEP C</b>	Hepatitis C
<b>FMDV</b>	Foot and Mouth Disease Virus	<b>HEP D</b>	Hepatitis D
<b>FMLA</b>	Family and Medical Leave Act	<b>HFD</b>	High Fiber Diet
<b>FNP</b>	Family Nurse Practitioner	<b>HHA</b>	Home Health Agency
<b>FOF</b>	Found On Floor	<b>HHA</b>	Home Health Aide
<b>FRNATP</b>	Front Range Nurse Aide Training Program	<b>HHCA</b>	Home Health Care Assistant
<b>FTE</b>	Full Time Employment (or Employee)	<b>HHS</b>	US Dept. of Health & Human Services
<b>FUO</b>	Fever of Unknown Origin	<b>HHV</b>	Human Herpes Virus
<b>FVD</b>	Fluid Volume Deficit	<b>HIPAA</b>	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
<b>FX</b>	Fracture	<b>HIV</b>	Human Immunodeficiency Virus (AIDS)
<b>FY</b>	Fiscal Year	<b>HMO</b>	Health Maintenance Organization
<b>FYI</b>	For Your Information	<b>HNC</b>	Holistic Nurse Certified
<b>GB</b>	Gallbladder	<b>HOH</b>	Hard of Hearing
<b>GERD</b>	Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease	<b>HPOP</b>	Hold the Pickles & Onion Please
<b>GF</b>	Gluten Free	<b>HPS</b>	Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome
<b>GI</b>	Gastrointestinal	<b>HPV</b>	Human Papillomavirus
<b>GIS</b>	Gastrointestinal System	<b>HR</b>	Heart Rate
<b>GLUC</b>	Glucose	<b>HRT</b>	Hormone Replacement Therapy
<b>GN</b>	Graduate Nurse	<b>HS</b>	Hour of Sleep (Bedtime)
<b>GP</b>	General Practitioner	<b>HSV</b>	Herpes Simplex Virus
<b>GPO</b>	US Govt. Printing Office	<b>Hx</b>	History
<b>GSI</b>	Genuine Stress Incontinence	<b>IADL</b>	Instrumental Activities of Daily Living
<b>GSW</b>	Gun Shot Wound	<b>IAP</b>	Incident Action Plan - NIMS
<b>gtt</b>	Drops	<b>IASP</b>	International Association for the Study of Pain
<b>GU</b>	Genito-Urinary	<b>IBD</b>	Inflammatory Bowel Disease
<b>GYN</b>	Gynecology	<b>IBS</b>	Irritable Bowel Syndrome

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<b>IBW</b>	Ideal Body Weight	<b>LVF</b>	Left Ventricular Failure, heart condition
<b>IC</b>	Incident Commander - NIMS	<b>LVN</b>	Licensed Vocational Nurse
<b>ICE</b>	In Case of Emergency	<b>M.D.</b>	Doctorate of Medicine
<b>ICF</b>	Intermediate Care Facility	<b>MA</b>	Medical Assistant
<b>ICP</b>	Incident Command Post - NIMS	<b>MAR</b>	Medication Administration Record
<b>ICP</b>	Intracranial Pressure	<b>MASCAL</b>	Mass Casualty (Mil)
<b>ICRC</b>	International Committee of the Red Cross	<b>MASH</b>	Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (Mil)
<b>ICS</b>	Incident Command System - NIMS	<b>MCI</b>	Mass Casualty Incident
<b>ICU</b>	Intensive Care Unit	<b>MDI</b>	Multiple Daily Vitamin
<b>IDD</b>	Iodine Deficiency Disorder	<b>MEDCOM</b>	Medical Command (Mil)
<b>IDDM</b>	Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus	<b>MHAT</b>	Mental Health Advisory Team (Mil)
<b>IH</b>	Infectious Hepatitis	<b>MHAUS</b>	Malignant Hyperthermia Association of the United States
<b>IHS</b>	Indian Health Service	<b>MHMR</b>	Mental Health/Mental Retardation
<b>IM</b>	Intramuscular	<b>MLC</b>	Midline Catheter
<b>IMT</b>	Incident Management Team - NIMS	<b>MM</b>	Mucous Membrane
<b>IMV</b>	Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation	<b>MMIS</b>	Medicaid Management Information System
<b>INANE</b>	International Academy of Nursing Editors	<b>MN</b>	Master of Nursing
<b>INH</b>	Inhalation	<b>MOA</b>	Memorandum of Agreement
<b>INJ</b>	Injection	<b>MOM</b>	Milk of Magnesia
<b>IP</b>	Inpatient	<b>MOU</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>ISO</b>	In Search Of...	<b>MOW</b>	Meals on Wheels
<b>ISO</b>	International Standardization Organization	<b>MPOS</b>	Medical Power of Attorney
<b>IV</b>	Intravenous	<b>MRDD</b>	Mental Retarded/Developmentally Disabled
<b>JCAHO</b>	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations	<b>MRI</b>	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
<b>JUV</b>	Juvenile	<b>MRSA</b>	Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus
<b>K</b>	Potassium	<b>MS</b>	Multiple Sclerosis, Morphine Sulfate
<b>KCI</b>	Potassium Chloride	<b>MSC</b>	Medical Service Corp (Mil)
<b>KI</b>	Potassium Iodide	<b>MSD</b>	Material Safety Data
<b>KIA</b>	Killed in Action (Mil)	<b>MSDS</b>	Material Safety Data Sheet
<b>KVO</b>	Keep Vein Open	<b>MSN</b>	MSN Master of Science in Nursing
<b>LAD</b>	Left Anterior Descending artery	<b>MTF</b>	Medical Treatment Facility (Mil)
<b>LB</b>	Large Bowel	<b>MVA</b>	Motor Vehicle Accident
<b>LDL</b>	Low Density Lipoproteins	<b>MVI</b>	Multivitamin Injection
<b>LE</b>	Lower Extremities	<b>MVTA</b>	Motor Vehicle Traffic Accident
<b>LI-LMC</b>	Level I Medical Care; Self Care & Med Specialist (Mil)	<b>N/T</b>	No Tenderness/Not Tender
<b>LII-LMC</b>	Level II Medical Care; Surgical & Med Teams (Mil)	<b>Na</b>	Sodium
<b>LIIL-LMC</b>	Level III Medical Care; Hospitals & MASH (Mil)	<b>NA</b>	Not Applicable
<b>LGV</b>	Lymphogranuloma Venereum	<b>NA</b>	Nursing Assistant
<b>LLQ</b>	Left Lower Quadrant	<b>NaCl</b>	Sodium Chloride
<b>LMC</b>	Levels of Medical Care (Mil)	<b>NAD</b>	No Acute Distress
<b>LMP</b>	Last Menstrual Period	<b>NAHCA</b>	National Assoc. of Health Care Assistants
<b>LNA</b>	Licensed Nurse Aide (same as CNA)	<b>NANDA</b>	North American Nursing Diagnosis Association
<b>LOC</b>	Level of Care	<b>NAS</b>	No Added Salt
<b>LOX</b>	Liquid Oxygen	<b>NBC</b>	Nuclear, Biological & Chemical
<b>LPN</b>	Licensed Practical Nurse	<b>NCAL</b>	National Center for Assisted Living
<b>LTC</b>	Long Term Care	<b>NCI</b>	National Cancer Institute
<b>LTCF</b>	Long Term Care Facility	<b>NCLEX</b>	National Council Licensure Examination for RNs
<b>LUQ</b>	Left Upper Quadrant	<b>NCPC</b>	National Care Planning Council

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<b>NCSBN</b>	National Council of State Boards of Nursing	<b>OGTT</b>	Oral Glucose Tolerance Test
<b>ND</b>	Doctor of Nursing	<b>OIC</b>	Officer In Charge (Mil)
<b>NDA</b>	Non-Disclosure Agreement	<b>OIG</b>	Office of Inspector General
<b>NDMS</b>	National Disaster Management System - NIMS	<b>ONC</b>	Orthopedic Nurse Certified
<b>NED</b>	No Evidence of Disease	<b>OOB</b>	Out Of Bed
<b>NEDSS</b>	National Electronic Disease Surveillance System	<b>OPA</b>	Isopropyl Alcohol and Isopropylamine Solution
<b>neg</b>	Negative	<b>OR</b>	Operating Room
<b>NFNA</b>	National Flight Nurses Association	<b>ORS</b>	Oral Rehydration Salts
<b>NG</b>	Nasogastric tube	<b>OS</b>	Left Eye (Latin: Oculus Sinister)
<b>NGO</b>	Non-Government Organization	<b>OSHA</b>	US Occupational Safety and Health Administration
<b>NIDA</b>	National Institute on Drug Abuse	<b>OT</b>	Occupational Therapy
<b>NIDDM</b>	Noninsulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus	<b>OTC</b>	Over the Counter
<b>NIH</b>	National Institutes of Health	<b>OU</b>	Both Eyes
<b>NIMS</b>	National Incident Management System - NIMS	<b>PA</b>	Physician Assistant
<b>NIOSH</b>	National Institute of Safety and Health	<b>PABA</b>	Para-Aminobenzoic Acid
<b>NIP</b>	Nursing In Public	<b>PAC</b>	Post-Acute Care
<b>NKA</b>	No Known Allergies	<b>PAC</b>	Political Action Committee
<b>NKDA</b>	Non-Ketotic Diabetic Acidosis	<b>PAT</b>	Paroxysmal Atrial Tachycardia
<b>NKDA</b>	No Known Drug Allergies	<b>PC</b>	After Eating
<b>NKMA</b>	No Known Medication Allergies	<b>PCA</b>	Personal Care Attendant
<b>NLN</b>	National League of Nursing	<b>PCN</b>	Penicillin, Primary Care Nurse
<b>NNSA</b>	National Nurses Society on Addiction	<b>PCT</b>	Patient Care Technician
<b>NOA</b>	Nursing Organization Alliance	<b>PDA</b>	Patent Ductus Arteriosus, Posterior Descending Artery
<b>NOS</b>	Not Otherwise Specified	<b>PDD</b>	Pervasive Development Disorder
<b>NP</b>	Nurse Practitioner	<b>PDR</b>	Physician's Desk Reference
<b>NPO</b>	Nothing by Mouth (Latin: nil per os)	<b>PE</b>	Pulmonary Edema / Embolism
<b>NPQ</b>	Not Physically Qualified	<b>PEP</b>	Post Exposure Prophylaxis
<b>NRP</b>	National Response Plan - NIMS	<b>PERL</b>	Pupils Equal, React to Light
<b>NS</b>	Normal Saline IV	<b>PERRLA</b>	Pupils Equal, Round, React to Light, Accommodation
<b>NSA</b>	No Strings Attached	<b>PH</b>	Past History
<b>NSAID</b>	Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug	<b>PHC</b>	Primary Health Care
<b>NSNA</b>	National Student Nurses Association	<b>PHN</b>	Public Health Nurse
<b>NSO</b>	Nurses Service Organization	<b>PI</b>	Present Illness
<b>NSR</b>	Normal Sinus Rhythm	<b>PICC</b>	Peripherally Inserted Central Venous Catheter
<b>NV</b>	Nausea & Vomiting	<b>PID</b>	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
<b>NWB</b>	Non-Weight Bearing	<b>PIO</b>	Public Information Officer - NIMS
<b>NYD</b>	Not Yet Diagnosed	<b>PITA</b>	Pain in the ###
<b>O2</b>	Oxygen	<b>PM</b>	Paramedic
<b>OAA</b>	Older Americans Act	<b>PMHx</b>	Prior/Previous Medical History
<b>OAP</b>	Over Anxious Person	<b>PMS</b>	Pre-menstrual Syndrome
<b>OBRA</b>	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act	<b>PNB</b>	Pulseless Not Breathing
<b> OCD</b>	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder	<b>PO</b>	Per Oral (By Mouth)
<b>OD</b>	Overdose	<b>POA</b>	Power of Attorney
<b>OD</b>	Right Eye (Latin: Oculus Dexter)	<b>pos</b>	Positive
<b>ODD</b>	Oppositional Defiant Disorder	<b>POSTOP</b>	Post Operative
<b>ODPHP</b>	Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	<b>PPE</b>	Personal Protective Equipment
<b>OEM</b>	Original Equipment Manufacturer	<b>ppm</b>	Parts Per Million

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<b>PR</b>	Per Rectum
<b>PRN</b>	As Needed (Latin: pro re nata)
<b>PSA</b>	Prostate Specific Antigen
<b>PSW</b>	Personal Support Worker
<b>PT</b>	Physical Therapy
<b>PTB</b>	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
<b>PTSD</b>	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
<b>PUD</b>	Peptic Ulcer Disease
<b>PVD</b>	Peripheral Vascular Disease
<b>PVO</b>	Private Voluntary Organizations - NIMS
<b>PWB</b>	Partial Weight Bearing
<b>q12h</b>	Every 12 Hours
<b>q2h</b>	Every 2 Hours
<b>q3h</b>	Every 3 Hours
<b>q4h</b>	Every 4 Hours
<b>q6h</b>	Every 6 Hours
<b>QA/QC</b>	Quality Assurance/Quality Control
<b>qd</b>	Everyday (Latin: Quaque die)
<b>qid</b>	Four Times a Day (Latin: Quarter in die)
<b>qns</b>	Quantity Not Sufficient
<b>QOD</b>	Every Other Day
<b>QS</b>	Quantity Sufficient
<b>R&amp;D</b>	Research and Development
<b>RA</b>	Rheumatoid Arthritis
<b>RACE</b>	Rescue, Alert (Alarm), Contain & Extinguish (or Evacuate)
<b>RAI</b>	Radioactive Iodine
<b>RAIU</b>	Radioactive Iodine Uptake
<b>RCA</b>	Right Coronary Artery
<b>RDA</b>	Registered Dental Assistant
<b>REEDA</b>	Redness, Edema, Ecchymosis, Drainage, Approximation
<b>RESTAT</b>	Resources Status - NIMS
<b>RHD</b>	Rheumatic Heart Disease, Relative Hepatic Dullness
<b>RLQ</b>	Right Lower Quadrant
<b>RM</b>	Respiratory Movement
<b>RMA</b>	Registered Medical Assistant
<b>RN</b>	Registered Nurse
<b>RNA</b>	Registered Nurse Anesthetist
<b>RNA</b>	Restorative Nursing Assistant
<b>RNA</b>	Ribonucleic Acid
<b>ROC</b>	Rules of Care (MI)
<b>ROM</b>	Range Of Motion
<b>ROS</b>	Review Of Systems
<b>RR</b>	Recovery Room, Rest-And-Relaxation
<b>RTC</b>	Return to Clinic
<b>RTI</b>	Respiratory Tract Infection
<b>RUQ</b>	Right Upper Quadrant
<b>Rx</b>	Prescription, Pharmacy
<b>S/S</b>	Signs & Symptoms

<b>SABA</b>	Supplied Air Breathing Apparatus
<b>SAED</b>	SemiAutomatic External Defibrillator
<b>SAMBA</b>	Society of Ambulatory Anesthesiologists
<b>SARS</b>	Severe acute respiratory syndrome
<b>SBO</b>	Small Bowel Obstruction
<b>SC</b>	Subcutaneous
<b>SCCM</b>	Society of Critical Care Medicine
<b>SED</b>	Severely and Emotionally Disturbed
<b>SGNA</b>	Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates
<b>SHMO</b>	Social Health Maintenance Organization
<b>SITREP</b>	Situation Report - NIMS
<b>SLUD</b>	Salivation, Lacrimation, Urination, Defecation
<b>SMO</b>	Standing Medical Orders
<b>SNF</b>	Skilled Nursing Facility
<b>SO</b>	Safety Officer - NIMS
<b>SOB</b>	Short ness Of Breath
<b>SOP</b>	Standard Operating Procedure
<b>SS</b>	Social Services
<b>SS</b>	Social Security
<b>SSA</b>	Social Security Administration
<b>SSBG</b>	Social Services Block Grant
<b>SSDI</b>	Social Security Disability Insurance
<b>SSI</b>	Supplemental Security Income
<b>STAT</b>	Immediately (Latin: Statim)
<b>STD</b>	Sexually Transmitted Disease
<b>STI</b>	Sexually Transmitted Infection
<b>STM</b>	Short Term Memory
<b>STNA</b>	State Tested Nursing Assistant
<b>SUI</b>	Stress Urinary Incontinence
<b>SUPPOS</b>	Suppository
<b>SVP</b>	Senior Vice President
<b>Sx</b>	Surgery
<b>Sx</b>	Symptoms
<b>Sz</b>	Seizure
<b>TAANA</b>	The American Association of Nurse Attorneys
<b>tab</b>	Tablet
<b>TATT</b>	Tired All the Time
<b>TB</b>	Trouble Breathing
<b>TB</b>	Tuberculosis
<b>TBF</b>	Total Body Failure
<b>TBI</b>	Traumatic Brain Injury
<b>TBM</b>	Tuberculosis Meningitis
<b>TBSA</b>	Total Body Surface Area
<b>TCDB</b>	Turn, Cough, Deep Breathe
<b>TED</b>	Thrombo-Embolism Deterrent
<b>TEFRA</b>	Tax Exempt Federal Reformation Act
<b>THR</b>	Total Hip Replacement
<b>TIA</b>	Transient Ischemic Attack

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<b>tid</b>	Three Times a Day (Latin: Ter in die)
<b>Title XIX</b>	Medicaid
<b>Title XVIII</b>	Medicare
<b>TKO</b>	To Keep Open
<b>TKR</b>	Total Knee Replacement
<b>TLC</b>	Total Lung Capacity
<b>TM</b>	Tympanic Membrane
<b>TNTC</b>	Too Numerous To Mention
<b>TP</b>	Tuberculin Precipitation
<b>TPA</b>	Tissue Plasminogen Activator
<b>TPR</b>	Temperature, Pulse, Respirations
<b>TR</b>	Timed Release Medication
<b>TSS</b>	Toxic Shock Syndrome
<b>TUPR</b>	Trans-Urethral Prostatic Resection
<b>TUR</b> <b>/TURP</b>	Trans-Urethral Resection of the Prostate
<b>TWB</b>	Touch Weight Bear
<b>TWE</b>	Tap Water Enema
<b>Tx</b>	Treatment, Traction
<b>U</b>	Unit
<b>UA</b>	Urinalysis
<b>UAO</b>	Upper Airway Obstruction
<b>UBW</b>	Usual Body Weight
<b>UC</b>	Unified Command - NIMS
<b>UD</b>	As Directed
<b>UGI</b>	Upper Gastrointestinal
<b>UNK</b>	Unknown
<b>URI</b>	Upper Respiratory Infection
<b>URI</b>	Urinary Incontinence
<b>US&amp;R</b>	Urban Search and Rescue - NIMS
<b>UT Dict</b>	As Directed (Latin: ut Dictum)
<b>UTI</b>	Urinary Tract Infection
<b>VA</b>	Veterans Administration
<b>VA</b>	Visual Acuity
<b>VF/Vfib</b>	Ventricular Fibrillation
<b>VIC</b>	Victim
<b>vol</b>	Volume
<b>VP</b>	Vice President
<b>VRE</b>	Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococci
<b>VS</b>	Vital Signs
<b>VSA</b>	Vital Signs Absent
<b>VSS</b>	Vital Signs Stable
<b>W/C</b>	Wheelchair
<b>WBC</b>	White Blood Cell
<b>WD</b>	Well Developed
<b>WDI</b>	Warm, Dry, Intact (Skin assessment)
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization
<b>WN</b>	Well Nourished
<b>WNL</b>	Within Normal Limits

<b>wt</b>	Weight
<b>XR</b>	Extended Release Medication
<b>ZE</b>	Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome
<b>91G</b>	Army Medical Records Specialist (Mil)
<b>91W</b>	Army Healthcare Specialist-Combat Medic (Mil)
<b>91WM6</b>	Army Licensed Practical Nurse (Mil)
<b>91X</b>	Army Mental Health Specialist (Mil)