

Common Acceptable Abbreviations

(In order of Abbreviation)

When abbreviating words in an address, refer to the Address Abbreviations section of the National Zip Code and Post Office Directory, published by the U.S. Postal Service. For short names of antineoplastic drugs, consult SEER*RX Version 1.4.1

A	Allergy
A	Annum
A	Anode
A	Anterior
A	Aortic
A	Artery
A	Axial
AA	Aplastic anemia
AB	Abort (miscarry)
AB	About
AB	Antibody
AB	Asthmatic bronchitis
ABD, ABDOM	Abdomen
ABG	Arterial Blood Gas
ABN	Abnormal
ABP	Arterial blood pressure
ABST	Abstract
AC	Adrenal cortex
AC	Air contrast
AC	Anterior chamber
ACH	Adrenal cortical hormone
ACID PHOS	Acid phosphatase
ACID P'TASE	Acid phosphatase
A-COLON	Ascending Colon
ACTH	Adrenocorticotrophic hormone
ADENOCA	Adenocarcinoma
ADH	Antidiuretic hormone (vasopressin)
ADJ	Adjacent

ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ADM	Admission
ADM	Admit
ADR	Adverse drug reaction
AFF	Afferent
AFF	Affirmative
AFP	Alpha-fetoprotein
AG	Atrial gallop
AG	Antigen
AG	Argentum (silver, chemical symbol for)
AGL	Acute granulocytic leukemia
A/G RATIO	Albumin-globulin ratio
AGNO3	Silver Nitrate
AIDS	Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
AIL	Angioimmunoblastic lymphadenopathy
AILD	Angioimmunoblastic lymphadenopathy with dysproteinemia
AIN	Anal intraepithelial neoplasia
AK(A)	Above knee (amputation)
AKA	Also known as
ALB	Albumin
ALCL	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma
ALK PHOS	alkaline phosphatase
ALL	Acute lymphocytic leukemia
AMA	Against medical advice
AMB	ambulatory

AMKL	Acute megakaryocytic leukemia
AML	Acute myelogenous leukemia
AMP	Amputation
ANAP	Anaplastic
ANAT	Anatomy
ANO	Axillary node dissection
ANED	Alive no evidence of disease
ANES(TH)	Anesthesia, anesthetic
ANT	Anterior
ANTE	Before
A&P	Auscultation & percussion
AP	Abdominal perineal
AP	Anteroposterior
AP	Anterior pituitary
AP&LAT	Anteroposterior & lateral
ARC	Aids Related Complex
ARMS	Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma
APP	Appendix
APPROX	Approximately
ASP	Aspiration
AUT	Autopsy
AV	Arteriovenous
AX	Axilla(ry)
B	Bacillus
B	Black
B	Blue
B	Born
B	Brother
BA	Bachelor of Arts
BA	Barium (chemical symbol for)
BA	Bronchial asthma
BALT	Bronchial-associated lymphoid tissue
BAS	Basal
BASOS	Basophil(s) (granular leukocyte)

BBB	Blood-brain block
BBB	Bundle-branch block
BBT	Basal body temperature
BC	Birth control
BC	Bone conduction
BC	Buccocervical
BCC	Basal cell carcinoma
B-CELLS	Special lymphocytes formed in bone marrow (derived from bursa of Fabricius)
BCG	Bacillus Calmette-Guerin
BD	Bile duct
BE	Barium enema
B/F	Black female
BIO	Twice a day
BIL	Bilateral
BK(A)	Below knee (amputation)
BM	Bone marrow
BM	Bowel movement
B/M	Black male
BMR	Basal metabolic rate
BMT	Bone marrow transplant
BP	Blood pressure
BPH	Benign prostatic hypertrophy/hyperplasia
BRB(PR)	Bright Red Blood (per Rectum)
BRM	Biological response modifier
BSC	Bone scan
BSE	Breast self examination
BS	Bowel Sounds
BS, BRS	Breath Sounds
BSO	Bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy
BT	Brain tumor
BUN	Blood urea nitrogen
BUS	Bartholin's, urethral & Skene's

	glands
BX	Biopsy
C	Centigrade
Ca	Ca-Journal of the American Cancer Society
C1-C7	Cervical vertebrae
CA	Calcium
CA	Carcinoma
CAT	Computerized axial tomography
CBC	Complete blood count
CBD	Common bile duct
CC	Chief complaint
CC	Cubic centimeter
CHEMO	Chemotherapy
CHF	Congestive heart failure
CHR	Chronic
CIG	Cigarettes
CIN	Cervical intraepithelial neoplasia
CIS	Carcinoma-in situ
CLL	Chronic lymphocytic leukemia
CLR	Clear
CM	Centimeter
CM	Costal margin
CML	Chronic myeloid/myelocytic leukemia
CMML	Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia
CMV	Cytomegalovirus
CNS	Central nervous system
C/O	Complaining of
CO2	Carbon dioxide
Co60	Cobalt 60
Cont	Continue
Contra	Contralateral
COR	Heart

CPK	Creatine Phosphokinase
CR	Complete remission
CRF	Chronic renal failure
CS	Cesium
CS	Collaborative Stage
CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid
CSF	Colony-stimulating factor
C-SPINE	Cervical spine
CTCL	Cutaneous T cell lymphoma
CTR	Certified Tumor Registrar
CT SC CAT Scan	Computerized (axial) tomography scan
CVA	Cerebrovascular accident
CVA	Costovertebral angle
C/W	Consistent with
CX	Cervix
CXR	Chest x-ray
CYSTO	Cystoscopy
CYTO	Cytology
D1, D2 ETC	First dorsal vertebra, second, etc.
D&C	Dilatation and curettage
DC	Discharge
DC	Discontinued
DCIS	Ductal carcinoma in situ
D-Colon	Descending Colon
DECR (or <)	Decreased
DERM	Dermatology
DD	Discharge diagnosis
DDX	Differential diagnosis
DERM	Dermatology
DIAM	Diameter
DIFF	Differentiated, differential
DIS, DISCH	Disease; Discharge
DLS	Date last seen

DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
DNR	Do not resuscitate
DO	Doctor of Osteopathy
DOA	Dead on arrival
DOB	Date of birth
DOD	Date of death
DOE	Dyspnea on exertion
DP	Dorsalis Pedis
DR	(Medical) doctor
DRE	Digital Rectal Exam
DS	Discharge
DTR	Deep tendon reflex
DX	Diagnosis
ECF	Extended care facility
ECG, EKG	Electrocardiogram
EEG	Electroencephalogram
EENT	Eyes, ears, nose, & throat
EGD	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy
EMG	Electromyogram
ENL	Enlarged
ENT	Ear, nose & throat
EPA	Erect (standing), posterior, anterior
ER(A)	Estrogen receptor (assay)
ERCP	Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography
EST	Electroshock therapy
ETOH	Alcohol
EUA	Exam under anesthesia
EVAL	Evaluation
EXAM	Examination
EXC	Excision
EXP LAP	Exploratory laparotomy
EXT	Extend, extension
EXT	External; Extremity
F	Fahrenheit

FAB	French American and British Classification Scheme for Leukemia
FB	Fingerbreadth
FBS	Fasting blood sugar
FDA	Food and Drug Administration in USA
FIGO	International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics
F(M)H	Family (medical) history
FLURO	Fluoroscopy
FNA	Fine Needle Aspiration
FOM	Floor of mouth
FP	Flat plate
FS	Frozen Section
FU	Follow up
FUO	Fever unknown origin
FX	Fracture
FX	Frozen section
GA	Gastric analysis
GB	Gallbladder
GBM	Glioblastoma multiforme
GCT	Germ cell tumor
GE	Gastroenterostomy
GE	Gastroesophageal
GEN	Generalized
GI	Gastrointestinal
GM	Gram
GP	General practitioner
GR	Grade, grain(s)
GU	Genitourinary
GYN	Gynecology
HB	Hemoglobin
HCG	Human Chorionic Gonadotropin
HCL	Hairy cell leukemia

HCT	Hematocrit
HCVD	Hypertensive cardiovascular disease
HD	Heart disease
HD	Heart disease
HEENT	Head, eyes, ears, nose & throat
HGB	Hemoglobin
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
HN2	Nitrogen mustard
H2O	Water
H/O	History of
HORM	Hormone
HOSP	Hospital
H&P	History and physical
HPF	High power field
HPI	History of present illness
HPV	Human papilloma virus
HR(S)	Hour(s)
HRT	Hormone Replacement therapy
HTLV-III	Human T-Lymphotropic virus type III
HVD	Hypertensive vascular disease
HX	History
HYST	Hysterectomy
I	Iodine
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
ICD-O-1	International Classification of Diseases for Oncology, 1st Ed., 1976
ICD-O-2	International Classification of Diseases, for Oncology, 2nd Ed., 1992
ICD-O-3	International Classification of Diseases, for Oncology, 3rd Ed., 2000

ICF	Intercellular fluid
ICM	Intercostal margin
ICS	Intercostal space
ICU	Intensive care unit
IG	Immunoglobulin
IM	Intramuscular
IMA	Internal mammary artery
IMP	Impression
INCL	Includes, including
INCR	Increase
INF	Inferior
INF	Infraction
INF	Infusion
INFILT	Infiltrating
INJ	Injection
INT MED	Internal medicine
INPT, IP	Inpatient
INV	Invade(s)/invading/invasion
INVL	Involve(s)/involvement
IPPB	Intermittent positive pressure breathing
IPSI	Ipsilateral
IRREG	Irregular
IT	Intrathecal
IV	Intravenous
IVC	Inferior vena cava
IVP	Intravenous pyelogram
IVU	Intravenous Urography
JVD	Jugular venous distention
K	Potassium
KG	Kilogram
KJ	Knee jerk
KK	Knee kick
KUB	Kidneys, ureters, bladder
KV	Kilovolt
L	Left
L	Liter

L	Lower
L1-L5	Lumbar vertebrae
LAD	Lymphadenopathy
LAP	Laparotomy
LAT	Lateral
LAV	Lymphadenopathy-associated virus
LCIS	Lobular carcinoma in-situ
LCM	Left costal margin
LDH	Lactic dehydrogenase
LE	Lower extremity; Lupus erythematosus
LFT	Liver function test
LG	Large
LIF	Left iliac fossa
LINAC	Linear accelerator
LIQ	Lower inner quadrant (breast)
LKS(B)	Liver, kidney, spleen, (bladder)
LLE	Left lower extremity
LLL	Left lower lobe (lung)
LLQ	Left lower quadrant (abdomen)
LMD	Local medical doctor
LMP	Last menstrual period
LN(S)	Lymph node(s)
LND	Lymph Node Dissection
LOP	Lower outer quadrant (breast)
LP	Lumbar puncture
LPF	Lower power field
LPN	Licensed practical nurse
LS	Lumbosacral
LSK, LKS	Liver, spleen, kidneys
LSO	Left salpingo-oophorectomy
L-SPINE	Lumbar spine
LT	Left
LUE	Left upper extremity
LUL	Left upper lobe (lung)
LUQ	Left upper quadrant (abdomen)

L&W	Living and well
M	Monocytes, meter
MAB	Monoclonal antibody
MAL	Malignant
MALT	mucosal-associated lymphoid tissue
MALIG	Malignant
MAND	Mandible
MAST	Mastectomy
M-CSF	Macrophage Colony-Stimulating Factor
MC	Millicurie
MCH	Mean corpuscular hemoglobin
MCHC	Mean corpuscular hemoglobin count
MCL	Mid clavicular line
MCV	Mean corpuscular volume
MD	Medical doctor
MD	Moderately differentiated
MED	Medicine
MOS	Myelodysplastic syndrome
MET, METS	Metastatic, metastases
MEV	Million electron volts
MH	Marital history
MH	Mental health
MI	Myocardial infarction
MIN	Minimum
MG	Milligram
MICRO	Microscopic
ML	Middle lobe
ML	Milliliter
MM	Millimeter
MOD	Moderate
MOD DIFF	Moderately differentiated
MO	Month
MPNST	Malignant peripheral nerve

	sheath tumor
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
MRM	Modified radical mastectomy
MSL	Mid sternal line
MULT	Multiple
MX	Microscopic
MX	Maxilla(ry), maximum
NA	Not applicable
NBS	Normal bowel sounds
NEC	Not elsewhere classified
NED	No evidence of disease
NEG or -	Negative
NEMD	No Evidence of Metastatic Disease
NERD	No evidence of recurrent disease
NEURO	Neurology
NHL	Non Hodgkin lymphoma
NK	Natural killer
NL	Normal
NOS	Not otherwise specified
NR	Not recorded
NR	Not reportable
NSCLC	Non small cell lung carcinoma
NSF	N significant findings
NTP	Normal temperature and pressure
N&V	Nausea and vomiting
NVD	neck vein distention
OB	Obstetrics
OBST	Obstructed (ing, ion)
OD	Right eye (oculus dexter)
OH	Occupational history
OP	Operation
OP	Outpatient
OPD	Outpatient clinic; department
OPHTH	Ophthalmology

OP RPT	Operative Report
OR	Operating room
ORTH	Orthopedics
OS	Bone
OS	Left eye (oculus sinister)
OS	Mouth
OS	Opening
OSTEO	Osteomyelitis
OT	Occupational therapy
OTO	Otology
OU	Each eye (oculus uterque)
OV	Office visit
OZ	Ounce
P	Pulse
P&A	Percussion and auscultation
PA	Posteroanterior
PA	Pulmonary artery
PA	Physician assistant
PALP	Palpable, palpated, palpation
PAP	Papanicolaou smear
PAP	Papillary
PAR	Post anesthesia room
PARA	Number of pregnancies resulting in viable infants
PATH	Pathology
PCV	Packed cell volume
PD	Poorly differentiated
PDR	Physician's Desk Reference
PE	Physical examination
PED	Pediatrics
PEG	Pneumoencephalography
PEG	Percutaneous gastrostomy tube
PERC	Percutaneous
PET	Positron emission tomography
PH	Past or personal history
PI	Present illness

PID	Pelvic inflammatory disease
PIN	Prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia
PLT	Platelets
PM	Post mortem (after death)
PMD	Personal (primary) medical doctor
PMH	Past medical history
PND	Postnasal drip
PNET	Peripheral neuroectodermal tumor (bone tumors)
PNET	Primitive neuroectodermal tumor (CNS tumors)
PO, POSTOP	Postoperative(ly)
POD	Postoperative day
POOR DIFF	Poorly differentiated
POS or +	Positive
POSS	Possible
POST	Posterior
POST	Postmortem examination
POSTOP	Postoperative(ly)
PPD	Purified protein derivative (Tuberculin skin test)
PPD	Packs per day
PR	Partial response
PR(A)	Progesterone receptor (assay)
PREOP	Preoperative(ly)
PTA	Prior to Admission
PROB	Probable(ly)
PSA	Prostate specific antigen
PT	Patient
PT	Physiotherapy
PTA	Prior to examination
PUO	Pyrexia of undetermined origin
PULM	Pulmonary

Q	Quadrant
QID	Four times a day
R	Roentgen
R	Respiration
R	Right
RA	Radium
RAD	Radiation
RAD	Radiation Absorbed Dose
RAD	Radical
RAEB (-T)	Refractory anemia with excess blasts (in transformation)
RAIU	Radioactive iodine (I 131) uptake
RARS	Refractory anemia with ringed sideroblasts
RBC	Red blood cells
RCM	Right costal margin
RCS	Reticulum cell sarcoma
REG	Radioencephalogram
RES	Reticuloendothelial system
RESEC	Resection
RESP	Respiratory
RH	Rhesus (monkey) factor in blood
RIA	Radioimmunoassay
RIF	Right iliac fossa
RIQ	Right inner quadrant (abdomen)
RLE	Right lower extremity
RLL	Right lower lobe (lung)
RLQ	Right lower quadrant
RML	Right middle lobe (lung)
RMS	Rhabdomyosarcoma
RN	Registered nurse
RNP	Registered nurse practitioner
RNA	Ribonucleic acid

RO, R/O	Rule out
ROF	Review of outside films
ROM	Range of motions
ROS	Review of slides
ROS	Review of outside slides
ROS	Review of Systems
ROQ	Right outer quadrant (abdomen)
RSO	Right salpingo-oophorectomy
R-S cells	Reed-Sternberg cells
RT	Radiation therapy
RT	Right
RUE	Right upper extremity
RUL	Right upper lobe
RUQ	Right upper quadrant
R-V	Rectovaginal
RX	Treatment
S1S5	Sacral vertebra
SALT	Skin-associated lymphoid tissue
SARC	Sarcoma
SB	Small bowel
SBE	Subacute bacterial endocarditis
SCC	Squamous cell carcinoma
S-COLON	Sigmoid Colon
SEER	Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results
SGOT	Serum glutamic oxaloacetic
SGPT	Serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase
SS	Social Security
SH	Serum hepatitis
SM	Small
SMA	Sequential multiple analysis (Biochem profile)
SML BWL	Small bowel
SNF	Skilled nursing facility
SO	Salpingo-oophorectomy

SOB	Shortness of breath
SOL	Solution
S/P	Status post
SPEC	Specimen
SP GR	Specific gravity
S-Q, SQ	Subcutaneous
SQ, SQUAM	Squamous
SQ CELL CA	Squamous cell carcinoma
SR	Sedimentation rate
S-SPINE	Sacral spine
STAPH	Staphylococcus
STAT	Immediately (statim)
STREP	Streptococcus
STSG	Split thickness skin graft
SUBCU	Subcutaneous
SUB-Q, SUBQ	Subcutaneous
SURG	Surgery, surgical
SUSP	Suspicious/Suspected
SVC	Superior vena cava
SX	Symptoms
SYMP	Symptoms
T	Temperature
T	Thoracic
TA	Toxin-antitoxin
T1-T2	Thoracic vertebra
T&A	Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
TAH	Total abdominal hysterectomy
TAH-BSO	Total abdominal hysterectomy-bilateral salpingo oophorectomy
TB, TBC	Tuberculosis
TCC	Transitional cell carcinoma
T-COLON	Transverse Colon

TD	Tumor dose
TID	Three times a day
TNM	Tumor, Nodes, Metastasis
TP	Total protein
TPN	Total parenteral nutrition
TPR	Temperature, pulse and respiration
TS	Tumor size
TSH	Thyroid stimulating hormone
T-SPINE	Thoracic spine
TUR	Transurethral resection
TURB	Transurethral resection-Bladder
TURP	Transurethral resection-Prostate
TVH	Total vaginal hysterectomy
TX	Treatment
U	Unit
UCHD	Usual childhood diseases
UE	Upper extremity
UGI	Upper gastrointestinal
UIQ	Upper inner quadrant (breast)
ULCC	Undifferentiated large cell carcinoma
UMB	Navel (umbilicus)
UNDIFF	Undifferentiated
UOQ	Upper outer quadrant (abdomen)
UR	Urine
URI	Upper respiratory infection
UROL	Urology
UTI	Urinary tract infection
VAG	Vagina, Vaginal
VAG HYST	Vaginal hysterectomy
VAIN	Vaginal intraepithelial neoplasia

VASC	Vascular
VD	Venereal Disease
VIN	Vulvar intraepithelial neoplasia
VS	Vital signs
W/	With
WBC	White blood cells
W/D	Well developed
WD, WELL DIFF	Well differentiated
W/F	White female
W/M	White male
WN	Well nourished
WNL	Within normal limits
W/O	Without
WT	Weight
W/U	Work-up
XR	X-ray
Y/O	Year old
YR	Year

Symbols

@	At
/	Comparison
<	Decrease, Less than
=	Equals
>	Increase, More than
-	Negative
#	Number*
+	Positive
#	Pounds**
x	Times

*If it appears before a numeral

**If it appears after a numeral