

Abbreviations, Acronyms, & Symbols Guide

Symbols and abbreviations of commonly used words and medical terminology as adapted and used throughout TFD.

& and	DHT dihydrotestosterone	mg milligram
&/or and/or	diHCl dihydrochloride	Mg magnesium
β beta	DM diabetes mellitus	MI myocardial infarction
> greater than, less than	DNA deoxyribonucleic acid	mins minutes
>/= greater than or equal	DPT diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus	mL milliliter
</= less than or equal	DVT deep venous thrombosis	mmol millimole
1/2 half	ECG electrocardiogram	mo/mos month/months/monthly
1/4 quarter	ECT enteric-coated tablet	Na sodium
accdg according	ED effective dose	NIDDM non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
admin administration/administer	EDD exempted dangerous drugs**	Non-Rx non-prescription medicine
AIDS acquired immune-deficiency syndrome	e.g. example	NSAID non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
Al aluminum	ENT ear, nose & throat	OA osteoarthritis
ALT alanine transaminase	EPA eicosapentaenoic acid	OH hydroxide
AMI acute myocardial infarction	EPS extrapyramidal syndrome	oint ointment
amp ampules	equiv equivalent	op operation/operative
anesth anesthesia/anesthetic	ERT estrogen replacement therapy	ophth ophthalmic
ANLL acute non-lymphocytic leukemia	esp especially	O2 oxygen
approx approximately	exam examination	pedia pediatric
ARD acute respiratory disease	extr extract	PFS pre-filled syringe
ASA acetyl salicylic acid	FAP familial adenomatous polyposis	Pt Platinum
assoc associated	FCT film-coated tablet	PMS premenstrual syndrome
AST aspartate transaminase	Fe iron	PO oral administration
AV atrioventricular	FSH follicle stimulating hormone	post-op post-operatively
BCG bacillus calmette Guerin	G6PD glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase	powd powder
BHA butylated hydroxyanisole	g gram	pre-op pre-operatively
BHT butylated hydroxytoluene	GERD gastroesophageal reflux disease	Pr: presentation/price
BID twice daily	GFR glomerular filtration rate	PRN as needed
BP blood pressure	GI gastrointestinal	QID four times a day
BPH benign prostatic hyperplasia	GIT gastrointestinal tract	RA rheumatoid arthritis
Br bromide	GOT glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase	RBC red blood cells
BS blood sugar	GPT glutamic pyruvic transaminase	RTI respiratory tract infections
BUN blood urea nitrogen	Gr (+) gram-positive	Rx prescription medicine
Br bromide	Gr (-) gram-negative	sec seconds
BSA body surface area	GUT genitourinary tract	soln solution
BW body weight	Hb hemoglobin	std standard
C carbon	HCl hydrochloride	supp suppository
cbc complete blood count	HDL high-density lipoprotein	susp suspension
Ca calcium	Hg mercury	syr syrup
CA carcinoma/cancer	hr/hrs/hrly hour/hours/hourly	SGOT serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase
CABG Coronary artery bypass graft	HR home remedy	SGPT serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase
cap capsule	HRT hormone replacement therapy	SJS Stevens-Johnson syndrome
CAD coronary artery disease	HTN hypertension	SL sublingual
CHD coronary heart disease	ICU intensive care unit	SLE systemic lupus erythematosus
CHF congestive heart failure	IDDM insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus	SR sustained release
childn children	i.e. such as	STD sexually transmitted disease
Cl chloride	IM intramuscular	tab tablet
CNS central nervous system	info information	TB tuberculosis
comb combination	INH Isoniazid (isonicotinic acid hydrazide)	tblsp tablespoon
COMT catechol-o-methyl transferase	inj injection	temp temperature
compd compound	intra-op intraoperative	TIA transient ischemic attack
conc concentration/s	IOP intraocular pressure	TID three times a day/thrice a day
COPD chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	I.U. International units	tsp teaspoon
CPK creatinine phosphokinase	IUD intrauterine contraceptive device	TTS transdermal therapeutic system
CPR cardio pulmonary resuscitation	IV intravenous	U unit
CrCl creatinine clearance	K potassium	URTI upper respiratory tract infection
CSF cerebrospinal fluid	Kcal kilocalorie	UTI urinary tract infection
CSM cerebrospinal meningitis	Kg kilogram	vol volume
CV cardiovascular	/Kg BW per Kg body weight	WBC white blood cell
CVA cerebrovascular accident	L liter/s	w/ with
CVP central venous pressure	LDL low-density lipoprotein	w/out without
CVS cardiovascular system	LMWH low-molecular weight heparins	wk/wks/wkly week/weeks/weekly
D&C dilatation & curettage	LRTI lower respiratory tract infection	wt weight
DD dangerous drug*	max maximum	yr/yrly years/yearly
decr/decrd decrease/decreased	mcg microgram	Zn zinc
DES diethylstilbestrol		
DHA docosahexaenoic acid		

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