

## Common Healthcare Abbreviations

ADL	activities of daily living	OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
am	morning	oz	ounce
ax	axillary (armpit)	OOB	out of bed
b.i.d.	two times a day	OT	occupational therapist
BM	bowel movement	P	pulse
B/P	blood pressure	peri care	perineal care
cath	catheter	PPE	personal protective equipment
CHF	congestive heart failure	PCP	primary care physician
CNA	certified nursing assistant	prn	when necessary, as needed
c/o	complains of	PT	physical therapist
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder	q2h	every 2 hours
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	q.h.	every hour
CVA	cerebrovascular accident, stroke	qid	four time a day
DME	durable medical equipment	R	respirations
DNR	do not resuscitate	rehab	rehabilitation
DON	director of nursing	RN	registered nurse
Dx, dx	diagnosis	ROM	range of motion
ER	emergency room	rt	right
ft	foot	SOB	shortness of breath
h, hr	hour	stat	immediately
hs	hours of sleep	STD	sexually transmitted disease
H2O	water	T	temperature
HBV	hepatitis B virus	TB	tuberculosis
ht	height	t.i.d.	three times a day
hyper	above normal, too fast, rapid	U/A	urinalysis
hypo	below normal, slow	URI	upper respiratory infection
I&O	intake and output	UTI	urinary tract infection
IV	intravenous (within the vein)	VS	vital signs
lab	laboratory	W/C	wheelchair
lb.	pound	wt.	weight
LPN	licensed practical nurse		
meds	medications		
min	minute		
ml	milliliter		
mmHg	millimeters of mercury		
MRSA	methicillin resistant staph aureus		
N/A	not applicable		
NKA	no known allergies		
NPO	nothing by mouth		
O2	oxygen		