



Abbreviations

Common meaning

A1c	glycohemoglobin
AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm
ADLs	activities of daily living
A-fib	atrial fibrillation
AHI	apnea hypopnea index
AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
ALP	alkaline phosphatase
ALT	alanine transaminase (liver enzyme)
ASA	aspirin
ASHD	arterio/atherosclerotic heart disease
AST	aspartate amino transferase (liver enzyme)
AV	atrioventricular
BCC	basal cell carcinoma
BCG	Bacillus Calmette-Guerin
BiPAP	bilevel positive airway pressure
BNP	B-type natriuretic peptide
BP	blood pressure
BPH	benign prostatic hypertrophy
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft
CAD	coronary artery disease
cath	catheterization (use with cardiac)
CEA	carcinoembryonic antigen



chemo	chemotherapy
CHF	congestive heart failure
CK or CPK	creatine phosphokinase
CKD	chronic kidney disease
CLL	chronic lymphocytic leukemia
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure
Cr	creatinine
CT	computerized tomography
CTA	computerized tomography angiogram
CVA	cerebrovascular accident
CXR	chest X-ray
DCIS	ductal carcinoma in situ
DLCO	diffusion lung capacity for carbon monoxide
DVT	deep venous thrombosis
ECHO	echocardiogram
ECOG	Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group
EEG	electroencephalogram
EF	ejection fraction
EGD	esophagogastroduodenoscopy
eGFR	estimated glomerular filtration rate
EKG	electrocardiogram
EMG	electromyography
ER (positive/negative)	estrogen receptor (breast cancer)

ERCP	endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography
ETOH	ethyl alcohol
5-FU	5 Fluorouracil
FDG	fluoro-deoxy-glucose
FEV1	forced expired volume (% predicted)
FIGO	International Federation of Gynecology & Obstetrics
FISH	fluorescence in-situ hybridization
GERD	gastroesophageal reflux disease
GGT	gamma-glutamyl transferase
GI	gastrointestinal
HCTZ	hydrochlorothiazide
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HTN	hypertension
IBS	irritable bowel syndrome
ICA	internal carotid artery
ICD (AICD)	implantable cardioverter defibrillator
IV	intravenous
IVIG	intravenous immunoglobulin
KUB	kidneys, ureter, bladder X-ray
L	left
LAD	left anterior descending artery
LBBB	left bundle branch block
LFTs	liver function tests
LLL	left lower lobe



LML	left middle lobe
LUL	left upper lobe
LV	left ventricle
LVH	left ventricular hypertrophy
MGUS	monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance
MI	myocardial infarction
MMSE	mini mental status exam
MoCA	Montreal cognitive assessment
MRA	magnetic resonance angiography
MRCP	magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
MRSA	Methicillin Resistant Staph Aureus
MUGA	multi-gated acquisition (scan)
MVI	multi-vitamin
MVP	mitral valve prolapse
NSAID	non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
OSA	obstructive sleep apnea
PAC	premature atrial contraction
PAD	peripheral artery disease
PAF	paroxysmal atrial fibrillation
Pap smear	Papanicolau smear
PASP	pulmonary artery systolic pressure
PCI	percutaneous intervention
PEG	percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy tube

PET	positron emission tomography
PFTs	pulmonary function tests
PICC	percutaneous inserted central catheter
PIN	prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia
PLT	platelet count
PMR	polymyalgia rheumatica
PR (positive/negative)	progesterone receptor (breast cancer)
PSA	prostate specific antigen
PVC	premature ventricular contraction
PVD	peripheral vascular disease
R	right
RBBB	right bundle branch block
RCA	right coronary artery
RCC	renal cell carcinoma
rehab	rehabilitation
RLL	right lower lobe
RML	right middle lobe
RUL	right upper lobe
RV	right ventricle
RVSP	right ventricular systolic pressure
SCC	squamous cell carcinoma
sed rate	sedimentation rate
SLUMS	St. Louis University mental status
SPECT	single photon emission computed tomography



UNDERWRITING

SVT	supraventricular tachycardia
TAA	thoracic aortic aneurysm
TCC	transitional cell carcinoma
TEE	transesophageal echocardiogram
TIA	transient ischemic attack
TURBT	transurethral resection of bladder tumor
TURP	transurethral resection of prostate
URI	upper respiratory infection
US	ultrasound
UTI	urinary tract infection
WNL	within normal limits