

# Common Abbreviations and Terms

## **CONDITIONS/DIAGNOSES**

AAA – Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm  
AKA – Above the Knee Amputation  
ALL – Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia  
AML – Acute Myelogenous Leukemia  
ARDS – Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome  
ARF – Acute Renal Failure  
BKA – Below the Knee Amputation  
CABG – Coronary Artery Bypass Graft  
CAD – Coronary Artery Disease  
CF – Cystic Fibrosis  
CHF – Congestive Heart Failure  
COPD – Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease  
CP – Cerebral Palsy  
CVA – Cerebrovascular Accident  
DVT – Deep Venous Thrombosis  
GSW – Gun Shot Wound  
MI – Myocardial Infarction  
MRSA – Methicillin Resistant Staph Aureus  
MVA – Motor Vehicle Accident  
PE – Pulmonary Embolus  
PVD – Peripheral Vascular Disease  
STD – Sexually Transmitted Disease  
TB – Tuberculosis  
TURP – Transurethral Resection of Prostate  
UTI – Urinary Tract Infection  
VRE – Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococcus

## **DIAGNOSTICS**

CAT – Computerized Axial Tomography  
EKG, ECG – Electrocardiogram  
MRI – Magnetic Resonance Imaging  
PET Scan – Positron Emission Tomography

## **PATIENT CARE**

AC – Before meals  
ADL – Activities of Daily Living  
Amb – Ambulation  
A&O – Alert and Oriented  
BID – Twice a Day  
BP – Blood Pressure  
CBC – Complete Blood Count  
CCU – Clean Catch Urine  
C/O – Complaining of

C&S – Culture and Sensitivity  
DC – Discharge  
DNR – Do Not Resuscitate  
FFP – Fresh Frozen Plasma  
FIM – Functional Independence Measure  
HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act  
HOB – Head of Bed  
HR – Heart Rate  
HS – At Bedtime  
HTN – Hypertension  
I&O – Intake and Output  
IM – Intramuscular  
ISC – Intermittent Sterile Catheterization  
IV – Intravenous  
KAFO – Knee Ankle Foot Orthosis  
LMP – Last Menstrual Period  
LOC – Loss of Consciousness  
LOS – Length of Stay  
NKA – No Known Allergies  
NKDA – No Know Drug Allergies  
NPO – Nothing By Mouth  
O<sub>2</sub> – Oxygen  
PCP – Primary Care Provider/Physician  
PEDS – Pediatrics  
PO – By Mouth  
PPE – Personal Protective Equipment  
PR – By Rectum  
PRBC – Packed Red Blood Cells  
PRN – As Needed  
Q – Every (e.g. q6h = every 6 hours)  
QD – Every Day  
QID – Four times a Day  
R/O – Rule Out  
ROM – Range of Motion  
RRR-Regular Rate and Rhythm  
SC – Subcutaneous  
SOB – Shortness of Breath  
STAT – Immediately  
TIA – Transient Ischemic Attack  
TID – Three Times a Day  
UA – Urinalysis  
VSS – Vital Signs Stable  
WNL – Within Normal Limits

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## REPORT ABBREVIATIONS

AIDET – Acknowledge, Introduce, Duration,  
Explanation, Thank You  
BA – Bed Alarm  
FULL – Full Code  
FWW – Front Wheeled Walker  
4WW- Four Wheeled Walker  
GB – Gait Belt  
GTW – General (diet), Thin (liquids), Whole (pills)  
LLE – Left Lower Extremity  
LUE – Left Upper Extremity  
RLL – Right Lower Extremity  
RUE – Right Upper Extremity  
SBAR – Situation, Background, Assessment,  
Recommendation  
SP – Stand Pivot

## ACTIVITY RESTRICTIONS

CGA – Contact Guard Assist  
NWB – Non Weight Bearing  
SBA – Stand by Assist  
TTWB – Toe Touch Weight Bearing  
WBAT – Weight Bearing as Tolerated

## ORTHOSIS/BRACES

### HEAD/CERVICAL

Cervical Collar (C-Collar) three brand names  
Miami- J Collar (with or without extension)  
Aspen Collar  
Vista Collar  
Halo  
Soft Collar  
Helmet

### THORACIC & LUMBAR ORTHOSIS

Thoracolumosacral Orthosis (TLSO)  
Cervical Thoracolumosacral Orthosis (CTLSO)  
Corset  
Jewitt Brace  
Lumbrosacral Orthosis (LSO)  
Sports Brace  
Boston Overlap  
Ultralign

### UPPER EXTREMITY ORTHOSIS

Wrist Hand Orthosis (WHO)  
Saebo brand  
Benik brand  
Elbow Orthosis  
Finger Orthosis  
Futuro Hand Splint  
Resting Hand Orthosis  
Shoulder Immobilizer

### LOWER EXTREMITY ORTHOSIS

Ankle Foot Orthosis (AFO) May or may not be  
hinged. Worn inside of shoe.  
Pressure Relief Ankle Foot Orthosis (PRAFO)  
Bledsoe Brace  
Control Ankle Motion (CAM Boot)  
Knee Immobilizer  
Positioning Splint

### LINERS

Stockinet  
Tubigrip