**Abbreviations commonly found in medical records**

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| Abbreviation | Meaning |
| # | fracture |
| A&E | accident & emergency |
| a.c. | before meals |
| ACEi | ace inhibitor medication |
| af | atrial fibrillation |
| a.m., am, AM | morning |
| AMHP | approved mental health professional |
| APTT | activated partial thromboplastin time |
| ASQ | ages and stages questionnaire |
| b.d.s, bds, BDS, b.i.d., bid, bd | 2 times a day / twice a day / twice daily / 2 times daily |
| BMI | body mass index |
| BNO | bowels not open |
| BO | bowels open |
| BP | blood pressure |
| CMHN | community mental health nurse |
| COCP | combined oral contraceptive |
| CPN | community psychiatric nurse |
| CSF | cerebrospinal fluid |
| CSU | catheter stream urine sample |
| CT scan | computerised tomography |
| CVP | central venous pressure |
| CXR | chest x-ray |
| DNACPR | do not attempt cardiopulmonary resuscitation |
| DNR | do not resuscitate |
| Dr | doctor |
| DVT | deep vein thrombosis |
| Dx | diagnosis |
| ECG | electrocardiogram |
| ED | emergency department |
| EEG | electroencephalogram |
| EMU | early morning urine sample |
| ESR | erythrocyte sedimentation rate |
| F2F | face to face |
| FBC | full blood count |
| FY1 FY2 | foundation doctor |
| GA | general anaesthetic |
| h/o | history of |
| Hb | haemoglobin |
| HCA | healthcare assistant |
| HDL | high-density lipoprotein |
| HRT | hormone replacement therapy |
| Ht | height |
| Hx | history |
| IM | injection into a muscle |
| IV | injection directly to a vein |
| INR | international normalised ratio |
| IVI | intravenous infusion |
| IVP | intravenous pyelogram |
| Ix | investigations |
| LA | local anaesthetic |
| LDL | low-density lipoprotein |
| LFT | liver function test |
| LMP | last menstrual period |
| M/R | modified release |
| MRI | magnetic resonance imaging |
| MRSA | methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus |
| MSU | mid-stream urine sample |
| NAD | nothing abnormal detected |
| NAI | non-accidental injury |
| NBM | nil by mouth |
| NG | nasogastric |
| nocte | every night |
| NoF | neck of femur |
| NSAID | non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug |
| o.d., od, OD | once a day |
| o/e | on examination |
| OT | occupational therapist |
| p.c. | after food |
| p.m., pm, PM | afternoon or evening |
| p.o., po, PO | orally / by mouth / oral administration |
| p.r., pr, PR | rectally |
| p.r.n., prn, PRN | as needed (also pertactin, a key antigen of ac. Pertussis vaccine) |
| p/c | presenting complaint |
| physio | physiotherapist |
| POP | plaster of paris |
| POP | progesterone only pill |
| PPI | proton pump inhibitor |
| PTT | partial thromboplastin time |
| PU | passed urine |
| RN | registered nurse |
| RNLD | learning disability nurse |
| ROSC | return of spontaneous circulation |
| RTA | road traffic accident |
| rv | review |
| Rx | treatment |
| s.c., SC | injection under the skin |
| S/R | sustained release |
| SLT / SALT | speech and language therapist |
| SpR | specialist registrar |
| stat. | immediately, with no delay, now |
| STEMI | ST-elevation myocardial infarction |
| SVD | spontaneous vertex delivery |
| t/c | telephone call |
| TCI | to come in |
| TFT | thyroid function test |
| TPN | total parenteral nutrition |
| TPR | temperature, pulse and respiration |
| TTA | to take away |
| TTO | to take out |
| U&E | urea and electrolytes |
| u.d., ud | as directed |
| UCC | urgent care centre |
| UTI | urinary tract infection |
| UPSI | unprotected sexual intercourse |
| VLDL | very-low density lipoprotein |
| VTE | venous thromboembolism |
| Wt | weight |