

COMMON ACCEPTABLE ABBREVIATIONS (In Order of Terms)

When abbreviating words in an address, refer to the Address Abbreviations section of the *National Zip Code and Post Office Directory*, published by the U.S. Postal Service. For short names of antineoplastic drugs, consult the SEER Program *Self Instructional Manual for Tumor Registrars: Book 8--Antineoplastic Drugs, 3rd Edition*.

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| Abdomen | ABD | Benign Prostatic | |
| Abdominal Perineal | AP | Hypertrophy/Hyperplasia | BPH |
| Abnormal | ABN | | |
| Above Knee Amputation | AK(A) | Bilateral | BIL |
| Acid Phosphatase | ACID PHOS | Bilateral Salpingo-oophorectomy | BSO |
| Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome | AIDS | Bile Duct | BD |
| Activities of Daily Living | ADL | Biopsy | BX, Bx |
| Acute Granulocytic Leukemia | AGL | Blood Urea Nitrogen | BUN |
| Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia | ALL | Bone Marrow | BM |
| Acute Myelogenous Leukemia | AML | Bone Scan | BSC |
| Adenocarcinoma | ADENOCA | Bowel Movement | BM |
| Adjacent | ADJ | Bowel Sounds | BS |
| Admission; Admit | ADM | Breath Sounds | BS, BRS |
| Against Medical Advice | AMA | Bright Red Blood (per Rectum) | BRB(PR) |
| Aids Related Complex | ARC | Calcium | CA, Ca, ca |
| Alcohol | ETOH | Cancer, Carcinoma | CA |
| Alkaline Phosphatase | ALK PHOS | Carcinoembryonic Antigen | CEA |
| Alpha-fetoprotein | AFP | Carcinoma In-situ | CIS |
| Also Known As | AKA | CAT Scan | CT, CT SC |
| Ambulatory | AMB | Centimeter | cm |
| Anaplastic | ANAP | Central Nervous System | CNS |
| Angiography | ANGIO | Cerebrospinal Fluid | CSF |
| Anterior | ANT | Cervical Intraepithelial Neoplasia | CIN |
| Anteroposterior | AP | Cervical Vertebra | C1-C7 |
| Appendix | APP | Cervix | CX |
| Approximately | APPROX | Cesium | CS |
| Arterial Blood Gas | ABG | Chemotherapy | CHEMO |
| Arteriovenous | AV | Chest X-ray | CXR |
| Aspiration | ASP | Chief Complaint | CC |
| Auscultation & Percussion | A&P | Chronic Granulocytic Leukemia | CGL |
| Autopsy | AUT | Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia | CLL |
| Axilla(ry) | AX | Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia | CML |
| Bacillus Calmette-Guerin | BCG | Cigarettes | CIG |
| Barium | BA | Clear | CLR |
| Barium Enema | BE | Collaborative Stage | CS |
| Bartolin's, Urethral, and Skene's Glands | BUS | Ascending Colon | A-COLON |
| Below Knee (Amputation) | BK(A) | Descending Colon | D-COLON |
| | | Sigmoid Colon | S-COLON |

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| Transverse Colon | T-COLON | Extension | EXT |
| Common Bile Duct | CBD | External | EXT |
| Complaining of | C/O | Extremity | EXT |
| Complete Blood Count | CBC | Eyes, Ears, Nose, & Throat | EENT |
| Computerized Axial Tomography | CT, CAT SCAN | Family (Medical) History | F(M)H |
| Consistent with | C/W | Fever Unknown Origin | FUO |
| Continue | Cont | Fine Needle Aspiration | FNA |
| Contralateral | Contra | Finger breadth | FB |
| Costal Margin | CM | Floor of Mouth | FOM |
| Creatine Phosphokinase | CPK | Follow-up | FU |
| Cubic Centimeter | CC | Fracture | Fx |
| Cystoscopy | CYSTO | Frozen Section | FS |
| Cytology | CYTO | Gallbladder | GB |
| Cytomegalovirus | CMV | Gastroenterostomy | GE |
| Date of Birth | DOB | Gastroesophageal | GE |
| Dead on Arrival | DOA | Gastrointestinal | GI |
| Decreased | DECR (or <) | Genitourinary | GU |
| Dermatology | DERM | Grade | GR |
| Diagnosis | DX | Gram | gm |
| Diameter | DIAM | Gynecology | GYN |
| Differentiated | DIFF | Head, Eyes, Ears, Nose, and Throat | HEENT |
| Digital Rectal Exam | DRE | Hematocrit | HCT |
| Dilatation & Curettage | D&C | Hemoglobin | Hb, Hgb |
| Discharge | DIS, DISCH, DS | History | Hx |
| Discontinued | DC | History & Physical | H&P |
| Disease | DZ, DIS | History of | HO |
| Doctor | DR, MD | History of Present Illness | HPI |
| Dorsalis Pedis | DP | Hormone | HORM |
| Ductal Carcinoma Insitu | DCIS | Hospital | HOSP |
| Ears, Nose & Throat | ENT | Hour, Hours | Hr, Hrs |
| Electroencephalogram | EEG | Human Chorionic Gonadotropin | HCG |
| Electromyogram | EMG | Human Immunodeficiency Virus | HIV |
| Emergency Room | ER | Human Papilloma Virus | HPV |
| Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography | ERCP | Human T-Lymphotropic Virus Type III | HTLV-III |
| Enlarged | ENL | Hysterectomy | HYST |
| Esophagogastroduodenoscopy | EGD | Immunoglobulin | Ig |
| Estrogen Receptor (Assay) | ERA) | Impression | IMP |
| Evaluation | EVAL | Includes, Including | INCL |
| Examination | EXAM | Increase | INCR (or >) |
| Examination under Anesthesia | EUA | Inferior Vena Cava | IVC |
| Excision | exc | Infiltrating | INFILT |
| Exploratory Laparotomy | EXP LAP | Inpatient | IP |
| Extend | EXT | Intercostal Margin (Space) | ICM(S) |
| Extended Care Facility | ECF | Internal Mammary Artery | IMA |
| | | Intrathecal | IT |
| | | Intravenous | IV |

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| Intravenous Pyelogram | IVP | Midclavicular Line | MCL |
| Intravenous Urography | IVU | Middle Lobe | ML |
| Invasive(s)/invading/invasion | INV | Millicurie (hours) | MC(H) |
| Involve(s)/involvement | INVL | Milligram (hours) | MG(H) |
| Ipsilateral | IPSI | Milliliter | ml |
| Irregular | IRREG | Millimeter | mm |
| Iodine | I | Million Electron Volts | MEV |
| Jugular Venous Distention | JVD | Minimum | MIN |
| Kidneys, Ureters, Bladder | KUB | Moderate | MOD |
| Kilogram | kg | Moderately Differentiated | MD, MOD |
| Kilovolt | KV | | DIFF |
| Laparotomy | LAP | Modified Radical Mastectomy | MRM |
| Large | LG | Month | mo |
| Last Menstrual Period | LMP | Multiple | MULT |
| Lateral | lat | Nausea & Vomiting | N&V |
| Left | lt | Neck Vein Distention | NVD |
| Left Costal Margin | LCM | Negative | NEG (or -) |
| Left Lower Extremity | LLE | Neurology | NEURO |
| Left Lower Lobe | LLL | No Evidence of Disease | NED |
| Left Lower Quadrant | LLQ | No Evidence of Metastatic Disease | NEMD |
| Left Salpingo-oophorectomy | LSO | Normal | NL |
| Left Upper Extremity | LUE | No Significant Findings | NSF |
| Left Upper Lobe | LUL | Not Applicable | NA |
| Left Upper Quadrant | LUQ | Not Otherwise Specified | NOS |
| Liter | l | Not Recorded | NR |
| Liver, Kidney, Spleen (Bladder) | LKS(B) | Obstructed (-ing, -ion) | OBST |
| Local M.D. | LMD | Operating Room | OR |
| Lower Extremity | LE | Operation | OP |
| Lower Inner Quadrant | LIQ | Operative Report | OP RPT |
| Lower Outer Quadrant | LOQ | Ounce | oz |
| Lumbar Puncture | LP | Outpatient | OP |
| Lumbar Vertebra | L1-L5 | Packs Per Day | PPD |
| Lumbosacral | LS | Palpated (-able) | PALP |
| Lymphadenopathy-Associated Virus | LAV | Papanicolaou Smear | Pap |
| Lymph Node(s) | LN, LNS | Papillary | PAP |
| Lymph Node Dissection | LND | Past Medical History | PMH |
| Magnetic Resonance Imaging | MRI | Pathology | PATH |
| Malignant | MALIG | Patient | PT |
| Mandible | MAND | Pelvic Inflammatory Disease | PID |
| Mastectomy | MAST | Percussion & Auscultation | P&A |
| Maxillary | MAX | Percutaneous | PERC |
| Maximum | MAX | Personal (Primary) Medical Doctor | PMD |
| Medical Doctor | DR, MD | Physical Examination | PE |
| Medicine | MED | Platelets | PLT |
| Metastatic, Metastasis | MET, METS | Poorly Differentiated | PD, POOR |
| Microscopic | MICRO | Positive | DIFF POS (or +) |

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| Positron Emission Tomography | PET | Specimen | SPEC |
| Possible | POSS | Split Thickness Skin Graft | STSG |
| Posterior | POST | Small | SM, SML |
| Posteroanterior | PA | Small Bowel | SB, SML |
| Postmortem Examination | POST | | BWL |
| Postoperative (-ly) | PO, POSTOP | Cervical Spine | C-SPINE |
| Postoperative Day | POD | Lumbar Spine | L-SPINE |
| Preoperative (-ly) | PREOP | Sacral Spine | S-SPINE |
| Present Illness | PI | Thoracic Spine | T-SPINE |
| Prior to Admission | PTA | Squamous | SQ, SQUAM |
| Probable (-ly) | PROB | Squamous Cell Carcinoma | SCC |
| Progesterone Receptor (Assay) | PR(A) | Status Post | S/P |
| Pulmonary | PULM | Subcutaneous | subq, SQ |
| Pulmonary Artery | PA | Superior Vena Cava | SVC |
| Radiation | RAD | Surgery, Surgical | SURG |
| Radiation Absorbed Dose | RAD | Suspicious/suspected | SUSP |
| Radiation Therapy | RT | Symptoms | sx |
| Radical | RAD | Thoracic | T |
| Radioimmunoassay | RIA | Thoracic Vertebra | T1-T12 |
| Radium | RA | Total Abdominal | |
| Red Blood Cells | RBC | Hysterectomy-Bilateral | |
| Resection | RESEC | Salpingo-oophorectomy | TAH-BSO |
| Respiratory | RESP | Total Parenteral Nutrition | TPN |
| Review of Outside Films | ROF | Total Vaginal Hysterectomy | TVH |
| Review of Outside Slides | ROS | Transitional Cell Carcinoma | TCC |
| Review of Systems | ROS | Transurethral Resection | TUR |
| Right | rt | Transurethral Resection | |
| Right Costal Margin | RCM | Bladder (Tumor) | TURB (T) |
| Right Lower Extremity | RLE | Transurethral Resection of Prostate | TURP |
| Right Lower Lobe | RLL | Treatment | Rx, Tx |
| Right Lower Quadrant | RLQ | Tumor Size | TS |
| Right Middle Lobe | RML | Ultrasound | US |
| Right Salpingo-oophorectomy | RSO | Undifferentiated | UNDIFF |
| Right Upper Extremity | RUE | Unknown | Unk |
| Right Upper Lobe | RUL | Upper Extremity | UE |
| Right Upper Quadrant | RUQ | Upper Gastrointestinal | UGI |
| Rule Out | RO, R/O | Upper Inner Quadrant | UIQ |
| Sacral Vertebra | S1-S5 | Upper Outer Quadrant | UOQ |
| Salpingo-oophorectomy | SO | Vagina, Vaginal | VAG |
| Sequential Multiple Analysis (Biochem Profile) | SMA | Vaginal Hysterectomy | VAG HYST |
| Serum Glutamic Oxaloacetic Transaminase | SGOT | Vaginal Intraepithelial Neoplasia | VAIN |
| Serum Glutamic Pyruvic Transaminase | SGPT | Vascular | VASC |
| Shortness of Breath | SOB | Vulvar Intraepithelial Neoplasia | VIN |
| Skilled Nursing Facility | SNF | Well Differentiated | WD, WELL DIFF |
| | | White Blood Cells | WBC |
| | | With | W/ |

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| Within Normal Limits | WNL |
| Without | W/O |
| Work-up | W/U |
| X-ray | XR |
| Year | YR |

SYMBOLS

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| At | @ |
| Comparison | / |
| Decrease, Less than | < |
| Equals | = |
| Increase, More than | > |
| Negative | - |
| Number* | # |
| Positive | + |
| Pounds** | # |
| Times | x |

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