

ABBREVIATIONS

PCAs should familiarize themselves with the following medical abbreviations. Keep this in your files to use as a reference when needed. Please confer with RN regarding any abbreviations pertaining to a client's diagnosis.

@	at	meds	medications
ac	before meals	Na+	sodium
ADL	activities of daily living	NAS	no added salt
AM, a.m.	morning	NKA	no known allergies
amt.	amount	N.O.	nurse's order
appt.	appointment	noc	night
AROM	active range of motion	n/v	nausea/vomiting
ASA	aspirin	NWB	non weight bearing
B/4	before	(o)	oral
BID, bid	twice a day	O2	oxygen
BM	bowel movement	OT	occupational therapy
BP	blood pressure	P	pulse
BS	blood sugar	pc	after meals
c	with	PM, p.m.	afternoon or evening
CA	cancer	po	by mouth
cc	cubic centimeter	PRN	as needed
c/o	complaints of, care of	PROM	passive range of motion
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	PT	physical therapy
DC, d/c	discontinue	q	every
DNI	do not intubate	qd	every day
DNR	do not resuscitate	qh	every hour
D.O.	doctor's orders	qhs	every bedtime, every hour of sleep
Dr., M.D.	doctor	q_h	every__hours (ie:2,3,4)
dx	diagnosis	qid, QID	four times a day
ER	emergency room	qod, QOD	every other day
ETOH	alcohol	R	rectal
F	Fahrenheit	(R)	right
FBS	fasting blood sugar	RN	registered nurse
FF	force fluids	ROM	range of motion
f/u	follow up	RTC	return to clinic
FWB	full weight bearing	RX	prescription
fx	fracture	s	without
gal.	gallon	SOB	shortness of breath
GI	gastrointestinal	s/s	signs and symptoms
G tube,GT	gastrostomy tube	stat	immediately
gtt.	drop	T	temperature
H2O	water	tab	tablet
HR, hr	hour	tid,TID	three times daily
HS	bedtime, hour of sleep	tsp.	teaspoon
HX, hx	history	tx	treatment
I&O	intake and output	VS	vital signs
IADLs	incidental activities of daily living	wc, W/C	wheelchair
(L)	left	wt.	weight
lbs.	pounds	x	times