

Monterey County EMS System Policy



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PATIENT CARE RECORDS-APPROVED ABBREVIATIONS

I. PURPOSE

To assist EMS personnel in completing an accurate Patient Care Report (PCR) and to eliminate errors that may result from confusion regarding the meaning of an abbreviation used in completing the PCR.

II. POLICY

- A. Abbreviations approved by the EMS Medical Director as found in this policy may be used to complete Monterey County-approved Patient Care Reports.
- B. EMS personnel will ensure that the use of abbreviations in the PCR allows for a clear understanding of the intent of the abbreviation.

III. ABBREVIATIONS LIST

Abbreviation	Term
@	At
A. Fib.	Atrial Fibrillation
Abd	Abdomen/Abdominal
ABG	Arterial Blood Gas
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
AED	Automated External Defibrillator
AICD	Automatic Implantable Cardiac Defibrillator
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
ALOC	Altered Level of Consciousness
ALS	Advanced Life Support
AMA	Against Medical Advice
A&O	Alert and Oriented
AKA	Also Known As
am	Morning
Amt	Amount
AC	Antecubital
Approx	Approximately
Appt	Appointment
ASA	Aspirin
ASAP	As Soon As Possible
ASHD	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
BBB	Bundle Branch Block
BCA	Bicycle Accident
BLS	Basic Life Support

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Abbreviation	Term
BM	Bowel Movement
BP	Blood Pressure
BSH	Base Hospital
BVM	Bag Valve Mask device
c	With
Ca	Cancer
CABG	Coronary Artery Bypass Graft
CAD	Coronary Artery Disease
Cbl	Clear Bilaterally
CC	Chief Complaint
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure
CHOMP	Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula
CNS	Central Nervous System
c/o	Complains of
CO	Carbon Monoxide
CO2	Carbon Dioxide
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CP	Chest Pain
CPAP	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CSF	Cerebrospinal Fluid
CSM	Circulation, Sensation, Movement
C-spine	Cervical Spine
CVA	Cerebrovascular Accident
D5W	5% Dextrose in Water
D25	25% Dextrose Solution
D50	50% Dextrose Solution
D/C	Discontinue or Discontinued
D&C	Dilation and Curettage
Defib	Defibrillated or Defibrillation
DKA	Diabetic Ketoacidosis
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
D.O.	Doctor of Osteopathy
DOA	Dead on Arrival
DOB	Date of Birth
DOE	Dyspnea on Exertion
DVT	Deep Vein Thrombosis
Dx	Diagnosis
ED	Emergency Department
ECG	Electrocardiogram
EKG	Electrocardiogram
EMD	Emergency Medical Dispatch
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
EMT-P	Paramedic

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Abbreviation	Term
Epi	Epinephrine
=	Equal
Est.	Estimated
ET	Endotracheal
ETA	Estimated Time of Arrival
ETOH	Alcohol
Fr	French
Fx	Fracture
g	Gauge
GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale
GI	Gastrointestinal
gm	Gram
GSW	Gun Shot Wound
Gtts	Drops
GU	Genito-Urinary
GYN	Gynecologic
HA	Headache
HBD	Has Been Drinking
HCTZ	Hydrochlorothiazide
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HR	Heart Rate
HTN	Hypertension
Hx	History
IC	Incident Commander
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IM	Intramuscular
IO	Intraosseous
Irreg.	Irregular
IV	Intravenous
IVP	Intravenous Push
J	Joule
JVD	Jugular Vein Distention
K+	Potassium or Potassium Chloride
Kg	Kilogram
L & D	Labor and Delivery
L	Reference to Patient's Left
Lac	Laceration
Lb	Pound
LMP	Last Menstrual Period
LLE	Left Lower Extremity
LLQ	Left Lower Quadrant
LUE	Left Upper Extremity
LUQ	Left Upper Quadrant
LZ	Landing Zone
m	Mask

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Abbreviation	Term
MAE	Moves All Extremities
MCA	Motorcycle Accident
Mcg	Microgram
MCI	Multiple Casualty Incident
MD	Medical Doctor
mEq	Milliequivalent
mg	Milligram
ml	Milliliter
mm	Millimeter
MMH	Mee Memorial Hospital
MI	Myocardial Infarction
Min.	Minute
MOI	Mechanism of Injury
mph	Miles Per Hour
MS	Morphine Sulfate
MVC	Motor Vehicle Crash
N/A	Not Applicable
NC	Nasal Cannula
Neg	Negative
NKA	No Known Allergies
NKDA	No Known Drug Allergies
Noc	Night
NPA	Nasopharyngeal Airway
NRBM	Nonrebreather Mask
NS	Normal Saline
NSAID	Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory drug
NSR	Normal Sinus Rhythm
N/V	Nausea and Vomiting
OB	Obstetrics
OD	Overdose
ODT	Oral Dissolving Tablet
OPA	Oropharyngeal airway
OR	Operating Room
Oz	Ounce
O2	Oxygen
P	After
/P	Palpated (blood pressure)
Palp	Palpated
PAT	Paroxysmal Atrial Tachycardia
PCN	Penicillin
PCP	Phencyclidine
PEA	Pulseless Electrical Activity
PEARL	Pupils Equal and Reactive to Light
Ped	Pedestrian
PID	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease

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Abbreviation	Term
pm	Evening
PMD	Private/Primary Medical Doctor
PMH	Past Medical History
PND	Paroxysmal Nocturnal Dyspnea
PO	By mouth
Poss	Possible
POV	Privately Owned Vehicle
Pr	Per Rectum
PRN	As Needed
PSVT	Paroxysmal Supraventricular Tachycardia
Pt	Patient
P/U	Pick Up
PVC	Premature Ventricular Contraction
Q	Every
R	Reference to Patient's Right
RN	Registered Nurse
R/O	Rule Out
RLQ	Right Lower Quadrant
RUQ	Right Upper Quadrant
Rx	Prescription
S	Without
S. Brady	Sinus Bradycardia
SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
SL	Sublingual
SOB	Shortness of Breath
SQ	Subcutaneous
S/R	Strong and Regular
S. Tach	Sinus Tachycardia
SVH	Salinas Valley Hospital
SVT	Supraventricular Tachycardia
Tach	Tachycardia
TB	Tuberculosis
T/C	Traffic Collision
TCA	Tricyclic Antidepressant
TCP	Transcutaneous Pacing
TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack
TKO	To Keep Open
TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack
Tx	Treatment
Unk	Unknown
UTI	Urinary Tract Infection
VF	Ventricular Fibrillation
V. Fib.	Ventricular Fibrillation
V. Tach	Ventricular Tachycardia
VS	Vital Signs

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Abbreviation	Term
Vs.	Versus
wc	Wheelchair
WMD	Weapon of Mass Destruction
wnl	Within Normal Limits
w/o	Without
WPW	Wolf-Parkinson-White
Yr	Year
Y/O	Year Old
0	No, None, Negative
1°	Primary or First degree
2°	Secondary or Second degree
3°	Third degree or tertiary
↑	Increase
↓	Decrease
△	Change
<	Less than
>	More Than
+	Positive
-	Negative

END OF POLICY