

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

@	= At
abd	= abdomen
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
Amt	= Amount
AC	= Antecubital
Approx	= Approximately
Appt	= Appointment
ASA	= Aspirin
ASAP	= As Soon As Possible
ASHD	= Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
BBB	= Bundle Branch Block

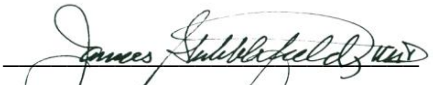
BCA	= Bicycle Accident	EMT	= Emergency Medical Technician
BLS	= Basic Life Support	EMT-P	= Paramedic
BM	= Bowel Movement	Epi	= Epinephrine
BP	= blood pressure	=	= Equal
BSH	= Base Hospital	Est.	= Estimated
BVM	= Bag Valve Mask device	ET	= endotracheal
c	= with	ETA	= Estimated Time of Arrival
Ca	= cancer	ETOH	= alcohol
CABG	= Coronary Artery Bypass Graft	Fr	= French
CAD	= Coronary Artery Disease	Fx	= Fracture
Cbl	= clear bilaterally	g	= Gauge
CC	= Chief Complaint	GCS	= Glasgow Coma Scale
CHF	= Congestive Heart Failure	GI	= gastrointestinal
CHOMP	= Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula	gm	= Gram
CNS	= Central Nervous System	GSW	= Gun Shot Wound
c/o	= complains of	Gtts	= Drops
CO	= Carbon Monoxide	GU	= genito-urinary
CO2	= Carbon Dioxide	GYN	= gynecologic
COPD	= Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	HA	= headache
CP	= chest pain	HBD	= Has Been Drinking
CPAP	= Continuous Positive Airway Pressure	HCTZ	= Hydrochlorothiazide
CPR	= CardioPulmonary Resuscitation	HIV	= Human Immunodeficiency Virus
CSF	= Cerebrospinal Fluid	HR	= Heart Rate
CSM	= circulation, sensation, movement	HTN	= Hypertension
C-spine	= Cervical Spine	Hx	= History
CVA	= cerebrovascular accident	ICU	= Intensive Care Unit
D5W	= 5% Dextrose in Water	IM	= intramuscular
D25	= 25% Dextrose Solution	IO	= Intraosseous
D50	= 50% Dextrose Solution	Irreg.	= Irregular
D/C	= Discontinue or Discontinued	IV	= intravenous
D&C	= Dilation and Curettage	IVP	= intravenous push
Defib	= Defibrillated	J	= Joule
DKA	= Diabetic Ketoacidosis	JVD	= jugular vein distention
DNR	= Do Not Resuscitate	K+	= Potassium Chloride
D.O.	= Doctor of Osteopathy	Kg	= kilogram
DOA	= dead on arrival	L & D	= Labor and Delivery
DOB	= Date of Birth	L	= reference to patient's left
DOE	= dyspnea on exertion	Lac	= Laceration
DVT	= Deep Vein Thrombosis	lb	= pound
Dx	= Diagnosis	LMP	= Last Menstrual Period
ED	= Emergency Department	LLE	= Left Lower Extremity
ECG	= Electrocardiogram	LLQ	= left lower quadrant
EKG	= Electrocardiogram	LUE	= Left Upper Extremity
EMD	= Emergency Medical Dispatch	LUQ	= left upper quadrant
EMS	= Emergency Medical Services	m	= mask
		MAE	= Moves All Extremities
		MCA	= motorcycle accident

Mcg	= Microgram	pm	= Evening
MCI	= Multiple Casualty Incident	PMD	= Private/Primary Medical Doctor
MD	= Medical Doctor	PMH	= Past Medical History
mEq	= Milliequivalent	PND	= paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
mg	= milligram	po	= per oral (by mouth)
ml	= Milliliter	poss	= possible
mm	= Millimeter	POV	= Privately Owned Vehicle
MMH	=Mee Memorial Hospital	pr	= Per Rectum
MI	= myocardial infarction	PRN	= As Needed
Min.	= Minute	PSVT	= Paroxysmal Supraventricular Tachycardia
A.M.	= Morning	pt.	= patient
MOI	= Mechanism Of Injury	P/U	= Pick Up
mph	= miles per hour	PVC	= Premature Ventricular Contraction
MS	= Morphine Sulphate	q	= every
MVC	= Motor Vehicle Crash	R	= reference to patient's right
N/A	= not applicable	RN	= Registered Nurse
nc	= nasal cannula	R/O	= rule out
Neg	= Negative	RLQ	= right lower quadrant
NKA	= no known allergies	RUQ	= right upper quadrant
NKDA	= No Known Drug Allergies	Rx	= Prescription
NMC	=Natividad Memorial Hospital	s	= without
Noc	= Night	S. Brady	= Sinus Bradycardia
NPA	= nasopharyngeal airway	SIDS	= Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
NRBM	= Nonrebreather Mask	SL	= Sublingual
NS	= Normal Saline	SOB	= shortness of breath
NSAID	= Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug	SQ	= subcutaneous
NSR	= Normal Sinus Rhythm	S/R	= strong and regular
NTG	= nitroglycerin	S. Tach	= Sinus Tachycardia
N/V	= Nausea and Vomiting	SVMH	=Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital
OB	= obstetrics	SVT	= Supraventricular Tachycardia
OBS	= Organic Brain Syndrome	Tach	= Tachycardia
OD	= overdose	TB	= Tuberculosis
ODT	= Oral Dissolving Tablet	T/C	= Traffic Collision
OPA	= Oropharyngeal airway	TCA	= Tricyclic Antidepressant
OR	= Operating Room	TCP	= Transcutaneous Pacing
oz	= Ounce	TIA	= Transient Ischemic Attack
O2	= Oxygen	TKO	= To Keep Open
P	= after	TIA	= transient ischemic attack
/P	= palpated (blood pressure)	Tx	= Treatment
Palp	= Palpated	unk.	= unknown
PAT	= Paroxysmal Atrial Tachycardia	UTI	= Urinary Tract Infection
PCN	= penicillin		
PCP	= Phencyclidine		
PEA	= Pulseless Electrical Activity		
PEARL	= Pupils Equal and Reactive to Light		
ped	= pedestrian		
PID	= Pelvic Inflammatory Disease		

VF = Ventricular Fibrillation
V. Tach = Ventricular Tachycardia
VS = vital signs
vs. = versus
wc = wheelchair
WMD = Weapon of Mass Destruction
wnl = within normal limits
w/o = without
WPW = Wolf-Parkinson-White
Yr = Year

Y/O = Years Old
0 = no, none, negative
1° = primary
2° = secondary
↑ = increase
↓ = decrease
△ = change
< = Less than
> = More Than
+ = Positive

END OF POLICY


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