Medical Abbreviations for Notes Taking

A

ABO	blood types
abx, atb	antibiotics
adm	admission, admitted
admin	administrator
admov.	apply
AM, am, A.M., a.m.	morning
amt	amount
approx.	approximately
appt	appointment

B

b/c	because
bl	blood
BP, B/P	blood pressure
b/w, bet	between

C

cal	calorie
caps	capsule
CC	Chief Complaint
consult	consultation
c/o	complains of

cl	client
CL	clinic
cont	continue(d)
cv	clinic visit

D

D, da	day
d/c, dc'd	discontinue
d/o, dis	disorder
d/t	due to
dec	decreased
demo	demonstrate
dev	develop(ed)
diff	different
DME	durable medical equipment
DNK	do not know
DNT	did not test
DOB	date of birth
DOS	date of service
Dr	doctor
drsg	drug store
Dx, dx	diagnosis
dz	disease

E

ED	emergency department
emer	emergency
ER	emergency room
et. al.	and others
eval	evaluation
exam	examin(ation)
ex; exer	exercise

F

F	female
fam	family
FH	family history
fr	frequency
F/U, f/u	follow-up

G

gen	general
GM, gm, g	gram
GP	general practitioner

K

kg	kilogram

H

hr, h	hour
hlth	health
h/o	history of
hosp	hospital
HPI	history of present illness
Hx	history
hyper	in excess
hypo	less than

I

i.e.	for example
ID	identify, identification
inapp	inappropriate
info	information
incr.	increased(ing)
irr	irregular

L

lab	laboratory
lang	language
LOS	length of stay
L	liter

M

max	maximum
mcg	microgram
MD	medical doctor
med	medication
med.	medicine
mg	milligram
MHC	mental health clinic
MHS	mental health screening
MI	mental illness
M	male
m	meter
mL	milliliter
mod	moderate
mo	month

N

NA, N/A	not applicable
neg.	negative
n	number of participants in a group
N	total number of participants
NKA	no known allergies
NOS	not otherwise specified
NR	no reaction, non reactive
NP	nurse practitioner

NSA	no specific abnormality
NYD	not yet diagnosed

O

Obs	observation
O/E	on examination
OH	occupational history
oint.	ointment
OP	outpatient
Op.	operation
OTC	over-the-counter (pharmaceuticals)
OR	operating room
O/VS	objective/vital signs
OV	office visit

P

PA	physician's assistant
PC	primary care
PCP	Primary Care Provider
PDP	prescription drug plan
PH	past history
Pharm	pharmacy
phys	physician
PI	present illness

pkg	package
P.M., pm	afternoon
PMH	past medical history
POC	plan of care
PO	by mouth, orally
pos.	positive
prep.	prepare for, preparation
p.r.n., PRN	as often as necessary, as needed
prob	problem
pt., Pt.	patient
PTA	prior to admission
Px, PX	physical examination

Q

QHS, qhs	bedtime

R

re	regarding
recd	record
rec'd	received
re-eval	re-evaluate
ref	referred, referral
reg.	regular
rep	repetition
req	require(d)

RF	refill(s)
RN	registered nurse
R/O	rule out (this concerns a diagnosis or condition that your provider is checking to exclude)
ROI	release of information
ROS	review of symptoms
RR	recovery room
R/S	reschedule
R/T	related to
Rx	prescription

S

sch	scheduled
S/E, se	side effects
Sl.	slightly
sm	small
smkg	smoking
SMI	serious mental illness
sig	write
SOC	start of care
s/o	symptoms of
SO	significant other
SocHx, SH	Social History
sol	solution
SOS	emergency

sp	speech
stat., STAT	immediately
SSN	social security number
sys.	system
surg	surgery
SU	substance use
sx	symptoms

T

tab	tablet
tol	tolerant
T, temp	temperature
transp	transportation
Tx, tx	treatment

U

u/o	under observation
UTD	up to date

V

VM	voice mail
vit	vitamin
vs/vst	visit

W

w, wk	week

w/, w/o	without
WT	weight
w/u	work up (diagnostic tests, total patient evaluation)
wnl	within normal abilities

X

x	times
$\bar{x}$	except

Y

Y	yes
y.o.	years old
yr(s.)	year(s)

Additional signs

%	percent
−	minus, negative
=	equal
≠	not equal
?	question, questionable
→	leads to
~	approximately
0	no, absent
✓	check, within normal limits

✓ up   check-up