Chapter 2.B Common APS Medical Abbreviations and Acronyms

Keep this hand out in your field book – there is room to add additional words.
/c – with
/s – without

A:
AD – Alzheimer’s disease
ADD – Attention deficit disorder
ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act
ADL – Activities of Daily Living
AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ALS – Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
AMA – Against medical advice
ASHD – Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease

B:
BP – Blood pressure
bid/b.i.d – twice daily/two times a day
bx - behavior

C:
CA – Cancer
CAD – Coronary Artery Disease
CCP – Comprehensive Care Plan
CNA – Certified Nursing Assistant
CHF – Congestive Heart Failure
COPD – Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CVA – Cerebrovascular Accident (stroke)

D:
DJD – Degenerative Joint Disease
DM – Diabetes Mellitus
DNR – Do Not Resuscitate
DOB – Date of Birth
DPOA/HC – Durable Power of Attorney/Health Care
DSG – Dressing
DX or dx – diagnosed/diagnosis

E:
EHR – electronic health record
EMT – Emergency Medical Team
ESRD/ERD – Endstage Renal disease
ETOH – Alcohol

F:
G:
GI – Gastrointestinal
GP – General Practitioner
GSW – Gun Shot Wound
GYN – Gynecology

H:
HBP – High Blood Pressure
HH – Home Health
HHA – Home Health Agency
HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIV – Human Immune Virus
HOH – Hard of Hearing
HS – hour of sleep or bedtime
HTN – Hypertension (High Blood Pressure)
HV – Home Visit
Hx – History

I:
ICF/DD - Intermediate Care Facility/Developmental Disabled
         (formerly ICF/MR – ICF/Mentally Retarded)
IDDM – Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus
IDP or IDN – Interdisciplinary Note or Interdisciplinary progress note
IM – Intramuscular
IV – Intravenous
IR – Incident Report
IQ- Intelligence Quotient

L:
L – Left
LTC – Long-term Care

M:
MAR – Medication Administration record
MA – Medication Aide
meds – medications
MDS – Minimum Data Set (a comprehensive assessment tool used for care planning)
MH – Mental Health
MI – Myocardial Infarction
MMSE – Mini Mental Status Exam
MOCA – Montreal Cognitive Assessment
MR – Mentally Retarded
MS – Multiple Sclerosis
MVA – Motor Vehicle Accident
N:)
NA – nurse aide or assistant (Nebraska does not certify nurse aides so the CNA is not always used)
n/a – not applicable
NF – Nursing Facility (only certified for Medicaid)
NIDDM – Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus
NOS – Not otherwise specified
nv – non-verbal

O:)
O2 – Oxygen
OT – Occupational Therapy/Occupational Therapist

P:)
PA – Physician’s Assistant
Para – Paraplegia
PCP – Primary Care Provider
POA – Power of Attorney
PRN – as needed
PS or DU – pressure sore or decubitus ulcer
Psy – Psychiatric
PT – Physical Therapy/Physical Therapist
PTSD – Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
PUD – Peptic Ulcer Disease
PVD – Peripheral Vascular Disease

Q:)
Q – Every
QD – Everyday
QH – Every Hour
QHS – Every Night
QID – Four times a day
QOD – Every other day
Quad – Quadriplegia

R:)
R – Right
RC – Regional Center
RCF – Residential Care Facility
RCH – Residential Care Home
RCU – Restorative Care Unit
RN – Registered Nurse
Rx – Prescription
RO – Restraining Order
ROM – Range of Motion
RP – Reporting Party
r/o – rule out

S:) SA – Substance Abuse
SC – Subcutaneous
SED – Severely Emotionally Disturbed
SI – Suicidal Ideation
SNF – Skilled Nursing Facility (only certified for Medicare)
SOB – Shortness of Breath
SOC – Share of Cost
Subq – subcutaneous
ST – Speech Therapy/Speech Therapist
SW – Social Worker

T:) TAR – Treatment Record
TIA – Transient Ischemic Attack
TID or t.i.d. – 3 times a day
Thx – Therapy/Therapist
Tx – Treatment

U:) UTI – Urinary Tract Infection
unk – unknown

V:) VNA – Visiting Nurses Association

W:) w/ - with
W/C – wheel chair
w/out – without
Y:) yo – year old

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