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**This is a list of some common abbreviations and acronyms.**

Abbreviation	Stands for	More information
ABG	Arterial blood gases	You may have an ABG test to detect lung diseases.
ACE	Angiotensin converting enzyme	Drugs called ACE inhibitors are used to treat high blood pressure, heart failure, diabetes and kidney diseases.
ACL	Anterior cruciate ligament	Commonly injured part of the knee
ADHD	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	A behavior disorder
AFIB	Atrial fibrillation	A disturbance of the rhythm of the heart
AIDS	Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome	Infection caused by human immunodeficiency virus
ALP	Alkaline phosphatase	You may have a blood test for ALP to detect liver or bone disease.
ALS	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.	Also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease
ALT	Alanine aminotransferase	You may have a blood test for ALP to detect liver disease.
AMD	Age-related macular degeneration	An eye problem

<b>AMI</b>	<b>Acute myocardial infarction</b>	<b>Heart attack</b>
<b>AODM</b>	<b>Adult onset diabetes mellitus</b>	<b>Type 2 diabetes</b>
<b>AST</b>	<b>Aspartate aminotransferase</b>	<b>You may have a blood test for ALP to detect liver disease.</b>
<b>AVM</b>	<b>Arteriovenous malformation</b>	<b>A defect in the circulatory system.</b>
<b>BID</b>	<b>Twice a day</b>	<b>Your doctor may write this on your prescription.</b>
<b>BMI</b>	<b>Body mass index</b>	<b>A measure of how much you should weigh based on your height</b>
<b>BP</b>	<b>Blood pressure</b>	<b>The force of your blood pushing against the walls of your arteries</b>
<b>BPH</b>	<b>Benign prostatic hypertrophy</b>	<b>Enlargement of the prostate gland</b>
<b>BRCA</b>	<b>Breast Cancer Gene</b>	<b>People with the gene may be at increased risk for breast or ovarian cancer.</b>
<b>BUN</b>	<b>Blood urea nitrogen</b>	<b>You may have a blood test for BUN to detect kidney disease problems.</b>
<b>CA</b>	<b>Cancer OR Calcium</b>	
<b>CA-125</b>	<b>Cancer antigen 125</b>	<b>You may have a blood test for CA-125 A to measure cancer activity.</b>
<b>CABG</b>	<b>Coronary artery bypass graft</b>	<b>A type of heart surgery</b>

<b>CAD</b>	<b>Coronary artery disease</b>	<b>A common type of heart disease</b>
<b>CAT</b>	<b>Computerized axial tomography</b>	<b>A type of x-ray</b>
<b>CBC</b>	<b>Complete blood count</b>	<b>A blood test that measures many properties of the cells in your blood</b>
<b>CHD</b>	<b>Congenital heart disease</b>	<b>Heart disease you were born with</b>
<b>CHF</b>	<b>Congestive heart failure</b>	<b>Also called heart failure. A condition in which the heart can't pump enough blood throughout the body.</b>
<b>CMV</b>	<b>Cytomegalovirus</b>	<b>A common virus</b>
<b>CNS</b>	<b>Central nervous system</b>	<b>The brain and spinal cord</b>
<b>COPD</b>	<b>Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease</b>	<b>A lung disease that makes it hard to breathe</b>
<b>CPK</b>	<b>Creatine phosphokinase</b>	<b>You may have a blood test for CPK to see if you've had a heart attack.</b>
<b>CPR</b>	<b>Cardiopulmonary resuscitation</b>	<b>An emergency procedure whose heart has stopper or is no longer breathing</b>
<b>CRF</b>	<b>Chronic renal failure</b>	<b>Failure of the kidneys</b>
<b>CRP</b>	<b>C-reactive protein</b>	<b>You may have a blood test for CRP to see if you have inflammation or heart problems.</b>
<b>CSF</b>	<b>Cerebrospinal fluid</b>	<b>A fluid that surrounds the brain and spinal cord</b>
<b>CVA</b>	<b>Cerebrovascular accident</b>	<b>A stroke or "brain attack"</b>
<b>CXR</b>	<b>Chest x-ray</b>	<b>A diagnostic test that uses radiation to make images of your lungs</b>

<b>D&amp;C</b>	Dilatation and curettage	<b>A surgical procedure on the uterus (womb)</b>
<b>DJD</b>	Degenerative joint disease	<b>Another name for arthritis</b>
<b>DM</b>	Diabetes mellitus	
<b>DTP</b>	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis	<b>A vaccine for three diseases</b>
<b>DVT</b>	Deep-vein thrombosis	<b>A blood clot</b>
<b>DX</b>	Diagnosis	
<b>ECG, EKG</b>	Electrocardiogram	<b>A test that measures electrical impulses of the heart</b>
<b>ECHO</b>	Echocardiogram	<b>A test that uses sound waves to look at the heart</b>
<b>EEG</b>	Electroencephalogram	<b>A test that measures electrical impulses of the brain</b>
<b>EMG</b>	Electromyography	<b>A test that measures electrical impulses of muscles</b>
<b>ENT</b>	Ear, nose and throat	
<b>ERCP</b>	Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography	<b>A way to diagnose problems in the liver, gallbladder, bile ducts and pancreas</b>
<b>ESR</b>	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate	<b>A blood test for inflammation</b>
<b>ESRD</b>	End-stage renal (kidney) disease	
<b>FSH</b>	Follicle stimulating hormone	<b>If you are a woman, you may have a blood test for FSH to evaluate fertility.</b>

<b>GERD</b>	<b>Gastroesophageal reflux disease</b>	<b>A problem that happens when stomach contents leak back into your gullet</b>
<b>GI</b>	<b>Gastrointestinal</b>	<b>Another term for your digestive system</b>
<b>GFR</b>	<b>Glomerular filtration rate</b>	<b>A test of kidney damage</b>
<b>GU</b>	<b>Genitourinary</b>	<b>The urinary and sex organs</b>
<b>HAV</b>	<b>Hepatitis A virus</b>	<b>A virus that causes one type of liver disease</b>
<b>HBV</b>	<b>Hepatitis B virus</b>	<b>A virus that causes one type of liver disease</b>
<b>HCT</b>	<b>Hematocrit</b>	<b>A blood test measurement</b>
<b>HCV</b>	<b>Hepatitis C virus</b>	<b>A virus that causes one type of liver disease</b>
<b>HDL</b>	<b>High density lipoprotein</b>	<b>A type of cholesterol, also known as "good" cholesterol</b>
<b>HGB</b>	<b>Hemoglobin</b>	<b>A blood test measurement</b>
<b>HIV</b>	<b>Human immunodeficiency virus</b>	<b>The virus that causes AIDS</b>
<b>HPV</b>	<b>Human papilloma virus</b>	<b>A virus that causes cervical cancer</b>
<b>HRT</b>	<b>Hormone replacement therapy</b>	<b>Hormones supplements that women may take</b>
<b>HTN</b>	<b>Hypertension</b>	<b>High blood pressure</b>
<b>IBD</b>	<b>Inflammatory bowel disease</b>	<b>A name for two digestive disorders--ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease</b>

<b>IBS</b>	<b>Irritable bowel syndrome</b>	<b>A problem with the large intestine</b>
<b>ICD</b>	<b>Implantable cardioverter defibrillator</b>	<b>A device that monitors heart rhythm problems</b>
<b>ICU</b>	<b>Intensive care unit</b>	<b>Special hospital unit</b>
<b>IDDM</b>	<b>Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus</b>	<b>Type 1 diabetes</b>
<b>IM</b>	<b>Intramuscular</b>	<b>A type of injection</b>
<b>IUD</b>	<b>Intrauterine device</b>	<b>A type of birth control for women</b>
<b>IV</b>	<b>Intravenous</b>	<b>A type of injection</b>
<b>IVP</b>	<b>Intravenous pyelogram</b>	<b>An x-ray test of the urinary system</b>
<b>LDL</b>	<b>Low density lipoprotein</b>	<b>A type of cholesterol, also known as "bad" cholesterol</b>
<b>LFT</b>	<b>Liver function tests</b>	
<b>MI</b>	<b>Myocardial infarction</b>	<b>Heart attack</b>
<b>MMR</b>	<b>Measles, mumps, and rubella</b>	<b>A vaccine for three diseases</b>
<b>MRI</b>	<b>Magnetic resonance imaging</b>	<b>A type of imaging test</b>
<b>MRSA</b>	<b>Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus</b>	<b>A type of infection</b>
<b>MS</b>	<b>Multiple sclerosis</b>	<b>A disease of the nervous system</b>
<b>NG</b>	<b>Nasogastric</b>	<b>You may need an NG tube to empty the contents of your stomach.</b>

<b>NIDDM</b>	<b>Non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus</b>	<b>Type 2 diabetes</b>
<b>NKDA</b>	<b>No known drug allergies</b>	
<b>NSAID</b>	<b>Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug</b>	<b>Drugs like ibuprofen</b>
<b>OCD</b>	<b>Obsessive-compulsive disorder</b>	<b>A type of anxiety disorder</b>
<b>PAD</b>	<b>Peripheral arterial disease</b>	<b>Diseases of the arteries outside the heart</b>
<b>PAP</b>	<b>Papanicolau</b>	<b>You may need a PAP test to detect cervical cancer.</b>
<b>PAT</b>	<b>Paroxysmal atrial tachycardia</b>	<b>A disturbance of the rhythm of the heart</b>
<b>PET</b>	<b>Positron emission tomography</b>	<b>A type of x-ray test</b>
<b>PFT</b>	<b>Pulmonary function test</b>	<b>You may need PFTs to find out how your lungs are working.</b>
<b>PID</b>	<b>Pelvic inflammatory disease</b>	<b>Infection and inflammation of the female reproductive organs</b>
<b>PMS</b>	<b>Premenstrual syndrome</b>	<b>A group of symptoms that may happen before a woman's period</b>
<b>PPD</b>	<b>Purified protein derivative</b>	<b>You may have a PPD skin test for tuberculosis.</b>
<b>PRN</b>	<b>As needed</b>	<b>Your doctor may write this on your prescription.</b>

<b>PSA</b>	<b>Prostate specific antigen</b>	<b>You may have a blood test for PSA to detect prostate disease.</b>
<b>PT</b>	<b>Prothrombin time</b>	<b>A measure of blood clotting</b>
<b>PTH</b>	<b>Parathyroid hormone</b>	<b>You may have a blood test for PTH to detect parathyroid disease.</b>
<b>PTSD</b>	<b>Post-traumatic stress syndrome</b>	<b>An illness caused by traumatic events</b>
<b>PTT</b>	<b>Partial thromboplastin time</b>	<b>A measure of blood clotting</b>
<b>PUD</b>	<b>Peptic ulcer disease</b>	<b>A disease of the stomach</b>
<b>PVC</b>	<b>Premature ventricular contraction</b>	<b>A disturbance of the rhythm of the heart</b>
<b>QID</b>	<b>Four times a day</b>	<b>Your doctor may write this on your prescription.</b>
<b>RA</b>	<b>Rheumatoid arthritis</b>	<b>A type of joint disease</b>
<b>RBC</b>	<b>Red blood cell</b>	<b>A type of blood cell</b>
<b>RSV</b>	<b>Respiratory syncytial virus</b>	<b>A virus that causes infections in children</b>
<b>Rx</b>	<b>Treatment</b>	
<b>SAD</b>	<b>Seasonal affective disorder</b>	<b>Depression during seasons with little light</b>
<b>SIDS</b>	<b>Sudden infant death syndrome</b>	
<b>SLE</b>	<b>Systemic lupus erythematosus</b>	<b>Lupus for short</b>



<b>SOB</b>	<b>Shortness of Breath</b>	
<b>STD</b>	<b>Sexually transmitted disease</b>	
<b>T3</b>	<b>Triiodothyronine</b>	<b>You may have a blood test for T3 to detect thyroid disease.</b>
<b>T4</b>	<b>Thyroxine</b>	<b>You may have a blood test for T4 to detect thyroid disease.</b>
<b>TB</b>	<b>Tuberculosis</b>	<b>An infection of the lungs</b>
<b>TAH</b>	<b>Total abdominal hysterectomy</b>	<b>Surgery to remove a woman's uterus (womb)</b>
<b>TIA</b>	<b>Transient ischemic attack</b>	<b>A small stroke</b>
<b>TIBC</b>	<b>Total iron binding capacity</b>	<b>A test that measures the amount of iron in your blood</b>
<b>TID</b>	<b>Three times a day</b>	<b>Your doctor may write this on your prescription.</b>
<b>TMJ</b>	<b>Temporomandibular joint</b>	<b>The joint that connects your jaw to the side of your head</b>
<b>TORCH</b>	<b>Stands for a group of infections that may cause birth defects</b>	<b>A newborn will have this test to check for infections. Sometimes the mother also needs the test.</b>
<b>TSH</b>	<b>Thyroid stimulating hormone</b>	<b>You may have a blood test for TSH to detect thyroid disease.</b>
<b>TURP</b>	<b>Transurethral resection of prostate gland</b>	<b>An operation to remove parts of the prostate gland</b>
<b>URI</b>	<b>Upper respiratory infection</b>	<b>Another name for the common cold</b>
<b>UTI</b>	<b>Urinary tract infection</b>	<b>Infection of the bladder and kidneys</b>

<b>XRT</b>	<b>Radiotherapy</b>	<b>Therapy that uses radiation, usually for cancer</b>
<b>WBC</b>	<b>White blood cell</b>	<b>A type of blood cell</b>

All the best.....