

Mississippi Department Human Services
Division of Youth Services

Medical Services

MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS; NURSING SERVICE

A & O x 3 _____	alert and oriented to person, place, and time
ā _____	before
@ _____	at
abd _____	abdominal
a.c. _____	before meals
ad lib _____	as required
adm _____	admitted/admission
admin _____	administered
approx. _____	approximately
ASA _____	aspirin
ATC _____	around-the-clock
B _____	bilateral, bilaterally
BM _____	bowel movement
BP _____	blood pressure
BR _____	bed rest
BRP _____	bathroom privileges
b.i.d. _____	twice a day
B.S. X 4 quads. _____	bowel sounds present in all four abdominal quadrants
̄c _____	with
cap., caps. _____	capsule
cc _____	cubic centimeter
cm _____	centimeter
CTA _____	clear to auscultation
c\o _____	complains of
crm. _____	cream
DOB _____	date of birth
dc, D\C _____	discontinue
DDS _____	dentist
disp. _____	dispense
DSD _____	dry sterile dressing
dx. _____	diagnosis
EENT _____	eyes, ears, nose and throat
elix. _____	elixir
ED _____	emergency department
ER _____	emergency room
Etoh _____	alcohol
FROM _____	full range of motion
Gm. _____	gram

gr.	_____	grain
GSW	_____	gun shot wound
gtt., gttts.	_____	drop, drops
f\ u	_____	follow-up
HA	_____	head ache
HBV	_____	hepatitis B virus
H ₂ O ₂	_____	hydrogen peroxide
HIV	_____	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
H ₂ O	_____	water
HOLD	_____	hold (must document reason for hold)
hr.	_____	hour
h.s.	_____	bedtime
ht.	_____	height
hx.	_____	history
I.D.	_____	intra dermal
I.M.	_____	intramuscular
I.V.	_____	intravenous
LL	_____	lower lobe (lung)
L., l.	_____	liter
L (circled), Lt.	_____	left
liq.	_____	liquid
L.O.C., loc	_____	level of consciousness
mcg.	_____	microgram
meds.	_____	medications
mEq.	_____	milliequivalent
mg.	_____	milligram
ml.	_____	milliliter
M.O.M.	_____	milk of magnesia
MMR	_____	measles, mumps, and rubella
MVA	_____	motor vehicle accident
N\A, n/a	_____	not available
NG., N\G	_____	nasogastric
NHC	_____	nursing health call
NKA	_____	no known allergies
NKDA	_____	no known drug allergies
NPO	_____	nothing by mouth
No., #	_____	number
N/V/D	_____	nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea
N/V	_____	nausea and vomiting
O ₂	_____	oxygen
O.D.	_____	right eye
oint.	_____	ointment
O.S.	_____	left eye
OTC	_____	over the counter
O.U.	_____	each eye
oz.	_____	ounce

\bar{p}	_____	after
p.c.	_____	after meals
PCN	_____	penicillin
PE	_____	physical exam
PERRLA	_____	pupils equal, round, reactive to light, accommodation
PMH	_____	past medical history
p.m.	_____	afternoon, evening
p.o.	_____	by mouth
PPD	_____	purified protein derivative of tuberculin
p.r.	_____	per rectum
prn, PRN	_____	as needed
PT	_____	physical therapy
Q., q.	_____	every
q.d.	_____	every day
q.o.d.	_____	every other day
q. (4, 6, 8, etc.) h.	_____	every (4, 6, 8, etc.) hour
q.i.d.	_____	four times a day
qt.	_____	quart
Rt (circled), Rt.	_____	right
R (circled)	_____	refuse
RE	_____	regarding
TB	_____	tuberculosis
Td	_____	tetanus-diphtheria
Tdap	_____	tetanus, diphtheria Pertussis
Rec.	_____	recreation
ROM	_____	range of motion
RTC	_____	return to clinic
Rx	_____	prescription
\bar{s}	_____	without
S.C.	_____	subcutaneously
S.L.	_____	sublingual
S.O.B.	_____	short of breath
SO per s/o	_____	standing order
S.Q., Sub-Q	_____	subcutaneously
s/p	_____	status post
STAT	_____	immediately
St.	_____	strength
s/s	_____	signs and symptoms
syr.	_____	syrup
sx.	_____	symptoms
TAO	_____	triple antibiotic ointment
tab., tabs	_____	tablet, tablets
t.i.d.	_____	three times a day
tinc.	_____	tincture
TO	_____	telephone order
TPR	_____	temperature, pulse, respiration

tsp.	_____	teaspoon
tbs.	_____	tablespoon
tx.	_____	treatment
UA, u/a	_____	urinalysis
vs	_____	vital signs
vss	_____	vital signs stable
WNL	_____	within normal limits
wt.	_____	weight
x	_____	time
YIAF	_____	youth injury assessment form
♀	_____	female
♂	_____	male
↑	_____	up, upper
↓	_____	down, lower

Local Hospital Abbreviations: _____

