Medical Abbreviations

I. Policy

To ensure consistency in documentation regarding medical matters, the SHC staff should only use the approved abbreviations listed below.

II. Approved Abbreviations

GLC	glucose	GYN	gynecology/gynecological
HA	headache	HGB	hemoglobin
HAV	hepatitis A	HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HBV	hepatitis B	HPV	human papilloma virus
Hct	hematocrit	HR	heart rate
HCV	hepatitis C	HSM	hepatosplenomegaly
HEENT	head, eyes, ears, nose, throat	HSV	herpes simplex virus
HEP A	hepatitis A	HTN	hypertension
HEP B	hepatitis B	HX	history
HEP C	hepatitis C		
I&D	incision and drainage	IgA	immunoglobin A
IBD	inflammatory bowel disease	IgG	immunoglobin G

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M/G/R	murmur, gallop, rub	MIN	minimum, minute
MCG	microgram	ML	milliliters
MCH	mean corpuscular hemoglobin	MMG	mammogram
MCHC	mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration	MONO	mononucleosis
MCP	metacarpophalangeal	MRI	magnetic resonance imagin
MCV	mean corpuscular volume	MRSA	methicillin resistant staph aureus
MED	medicine	MS	multiple sclerosis
mEq	milliequivalent	MSSA	methicillin sensitive staph aureus
MG	milligram	MTP	metatarsophalangeal(s)
MGF	maternal grandfather	MVA	motor vehicle accident
MGM	maternal grandmother	MVC	motor vehicle crash
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PERRL	pupils equal round reactive to light	PPD	purified protein derivative
PERRLA	pupils equal round reactive to light andaccommodation	PR	per rectum
PGF	paternal grandfather	PRN	as needed
PGM	paternal grandmother	PSH	past surgical history
pH	hydrogen ion concentration	PT	patient, physical therapy, prothrombin time
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease	PTSD	post-traumatic stress disorder
PIP	proximal interphalangeal	PTT	partial prothrombin time
PMH	past medical history	PVC	premature ventricular contraction
PMHx	past medical history		
RA	rheumatoid arthritis	RML	right middle lobe
RAD	reactive airway disease	RRR	regular, rate, rhythm
RBC	red blood cell	RUL	right upper lobe

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TIA transient ischemic attack	TX treatment

		(e.g. insulin)

right, or both ears) O.S., O.D., O.U. (Latin abbreviation for left, right, or both eyes)	AU for OU, etc.)	
T.I.W. (for three times a week) B.I.W. (for twice a week)	Mistaken for three times a day or twice weekly resulting in an overdose Mistaken for two times a day or three time a week resulting in underdosing	Write "3 times weekly" or "three times weekly" Write "2