

Mississippi Department Human Services
Division of Youth Services

Medical Services

MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS; NURSING SERVICE

A & 0 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
̄ _____	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
IOH	Intra Oral Health Education
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: _____

