

**SECTION - MEDICAL/NURSING SERVICES
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SUBJECT: ABBREVIATIONS

I. PURPOSE

To standardize a list of abbreviations, acronyms, and symbols that are "Not To Be Used" within the medical record, as well as a list of approved abbreviations maintained and evaluated by the Medical Records Committee.

II. AUTHORITY

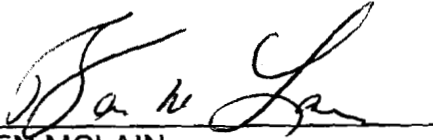
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP), and the Coalinga State Hospital (CSH) Medical Records Committee.

III. POLICY

It is the policy of CSH to maintain the list of "Do Not Use" abbreviations in a prominent place at all the nursing stations and elsewhere throughout the facility as a reminder to staff. A list of approved abbreviations is also available in all nursing stations and program offices. All new clinical staff will be made aware of both approved and "Do Not Use" abbreviation list during New Employee Orientation (NEO).

IV. METHOD

- A. Those responsible for charting in the medical record will become familiar with the abbreviations on the "Do Not Use" list and act accordingly.
- B. The "Do Not Use" list will be updated annually or when changes are made by JCAHO or ISMP.
- C. Changes or additions to the approved abbreviation list must be submitted to members of the Medical Records Committee. The Committee will review submissions two times per year.
- D. Abbreviations in the approved abbreviation list will have only one meaning that is listed in the manual.
- E. Never abbreviate the text of an individual's clinical 5-axis diagnosis.
- F. Supervisors of staff who are found to be using non-approved abbreviations in the medical record will be notified for corrective action.



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Cross Reference(s):

Attachment A – JCAHO's Official "Do Not Use" List

Attachment B – ISMP's List of Error-Prone Abbreviations, Symbols, and Dose Designations

Attachment C – CSH Approved Abbreviations

JCAHO's Official "Do Not Use" List¹

Do Not Use	Potential Problem	Use Instead
U (unit)	Mistaken for "0" (zero), the number "4" (four) or "cc"	Write "unit"
IU (International Unit)	Mistaken for IV (intravenous) or the number 10 (ten)	Write "International Unit"
Q.D., QD, q.d., qd (daily)	Mistaken for each other	Write "daily"
Q.O.D., QOD, q.o.d., qod (every other day)	Period after the Q mistaken for "I" and the "O" mistaken for "I"	Write "every other day"
Trailing zero (X.0 mg)*	Decimal point is missed	Write X mg
Lack of leading zero (.X mg)		Write 0.X mg
MS	Can mean morphine sulfate or magnesium sulfate	Write "morphine sulfate" Write "magnesium sulfate"
MSO ₄ and MgSO ₄	Confused for one another	

¹Applies to all orders and all medication-related documentation that is handwritten (including free-text computer entry) or on pre-printed forms.

*Exception: A "trailing zero" may be used only where required to demonstrate the level of precision of the value being reported, such as for laboratory results, imaging studies that report size of lesions, or catheter/tube sizes. It may not be used in medication orders or other medication-related documentation.

Additional Abbreviations, Acronyms and Symbols
 (For possible future inclusion in the Official "Do Not Use" List)

Do Not Use	Potential Problem	Use Instead
> (greater than) < (less than)	Misinterpreted as the number "7" (seven) or the letter "L" Confused for one another	Write "greater than" Write "less than"
Abbreviations for drug names	Misinterpreted due to similar abbreviations for multiple drugs	Write drug names in full
Apothecary units	Unfamiliar to many practitioners Confused with metric units	Use metric units
@	Mistaken for the number "2" (two)	Write "at"
cc	Mistaken for U (units) when poorly written	Write "ml" or "milliliters"
µg	Mistaken for mg (milligrams) resulting in one thousand-fold overdose	Write "mcg" or "micrograms"

ISMP's List of Error-Prone Abbreviations, Symbols, and Dose Designations

The abbreviations, symbols, and dose designations found in this table have been reported to ISMP through the USP-ISMP Medication Error Reporting Program as being frequently misinterpreted and involved in harmful medication errors. They should NEVER be used when communicating medical information. This includes internal communications, telephone/verbal prescriptions, computer-generated labels, labels for drug storage bins, medication administration records, as well as pharmacy and prescriber computer order entry screens.

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) has established a National Patient Safety Goal that specifies that certain abbreviations must appear on an accredited organization's do-not-use list; we have highlighted these items with a double asterisk (**). However, we hope that you will consider others beyond the minimum JCAHO requirements. By using and promoting safe practices and by educating one another about hazards, we can better protect our patients.

Abbreviations	Intended Meaning	Misinterpretation	Correction
µg	Microgram	Mistaken as "mg"	Use "mcg"
AD, AS, AU	Right ear, left ear, each ear	Mistaken as OD, OS, OU (right eye, left eye, each eye)	Use "right ear," "left ear," or "each ear"
OD, OS, OU	Right eye, left eye, each eye	Mistaken as AD, AS, AU (right ear, left ear, each ear)	Use "right eye," "left eye," or "each eye"
BT	Bedtime	Mistaken as "BID" (twice daily)	Use "bedtime"
cc	Cubic centimeters	Mistaken as "u" (units)	Use "mL"
D/C	Discharge or discontinue	Premature discontinuation of medications if D/C (intended to mean "discharge") has been misinterpreted as "discontinued" when followed by a list of discharge medications	Use "discharge" and "discontinue"
IJ	Injection	Mistaken as "IV" or "intraocular"	Use "injection"
IN	Intranasal	Mistaken as "IM" or "IV"	Use "intranasal" or "NAS"
HS	Half-strength	Mistaken as bedtime	Use "half-strength" or "bedtime"
hs	At bedtime, hours of sleep	Mistaken as half-strength	
IU**	International unit	Mistaken as IV (intravenous) or 10 (ten)	Use "units"
o.d. or OD	Once daily	Mistaken as "right eye" (OD-oculus dexter), leading to oral liquid medications administered in the eye	Use "daily"
OJ	Orange juice	Mistaken as OD or OS (right or left eye); drugs meant to be diluted in orange juice may be given in the eye	Use "orange juice"
Per os	By mouth, orally	The "os" can be mistaken as "left eye" (OS-oculus sinister)	Use "PO," "by mouth," or "orally"
q.d. or QD**	Every day	Mistaken as q.i.d., especially if the period after the "q" or the tail of the "q" is misunderstood as an "i"	Use "daily"
qhs	Nightly at bedtime	Mistaken as "qhr" or every hour	Use "nightly"
qn	Nightly or at bedtime	Mistaken as "qh" (every hour)	Use "nightly" or "at bedtime"
q.o.d. or QOD**	Every other day	Mistaken as "q.d." (daily) or "q.i.d. (four times daily) if the "o" is poorly written	Use "every other day"
q1d	Daily	Mistaken as q.i.d. (four times daily)	Use "daily"
q6PM, etc.	Every evening at 6 PM	Mistaken as every 6 hours	Use "6 PM nightly" or "6 PM daily"
SC, SQ, sub q	Subcutaneous	SC mistaken as SL (sublingual); SQ mistaken as "5 every;" the "q" in "sub q" has been mistaken as "every" (e.g., a heparin dose ordered "sub q 2 hours before surgery" misunderstood as every 2 hours before surgery)	Use "subcut" or "subcutaneously"
ss	Sliding scale (insulin) or ½ (apothecary)	Mistaken as "55"	Spell out "sliding scale;" use "one-half" or "½"
SSRI	Sliding scale regular insulin	Mistaken as selective-serotonin reuptake inhibitor	Spell out "sliding scale (insulin)"
SSI	Sliding scale insulin	Mistaken as Strong Solution of Iodine (Lugol's)	
1/d	One daily	Mistaken as "tid"	Use "1 daily"
TIW or tiw	3 times a week	Mistaken as "3 times a day" or "twice in a week"	Use "3 times weekly"
U or u**	Unit	Mistaken as the number 0 or 4, causing a 10-fold overdose or greater (e.g., 4U seen as "40" or 4u seen as "44"); mistaken as "cc" so dose given in volume instead of units (e.g., 4u seen as 4cc)	Use "unit"
Dose Designations and Other Information	Intended Meaning	Misinterpretation	Correction
Trailing zero after decimal point (e.g., 1.0 mg)**	1 mg	Mistaken as 10 mg if the decimal point is not seen	Do not use trailing zeros for doses expressed in whole numbers
"Naked" decimal point (e.g., .5 mg)**	0.5 mg	Mistaken as 5 mg if the decimal point is not seen	Use zero before a decimal point when the dose is less than a whole unit



ISMP's List of Error-Prone Abbreviations, Symbols, and Dose Designations (continued)

Dose Designations and Other Information	Intended Meaning	Misinterpretation	Correction
Drug name and dose run together (especially problematic for drug names that end in "I" such as Inderal40 mg; Tegretol300 mg)	Inderal 40 mg Tegretol 300 mg	Mistaken as Inderal 140 mg Mistaken as Tegretol 1300 mg	Place adequate space between the drug name, dose, and unit of measure
Numerical dose and unit of measure run together (e.g., 10mg, 100mL)	10 mg 100 mL	The "m" is sometimes mistaken as a zero or two zeros, risking a 10- to 100-fold overdose	Place adequate space between the dose and unit of measure
Abbreviations such as mg. or mL. with a period following the abbreviation	mg mL	The period is unnecessary and could be mistaken as the number 1 if written poorly	Use mg, mL, etc. without a terminal period
Large doses without properly placed commas (e.g., 100000 units; 1000000 units)	100,000 units 1,000,000 units	100000 has been mistaken as 10,000 or 1,000,000; 1000000 has been mistaken as 100,000	Use commas for dosing units at or above 1,000, or use words such as 100 "thousand" or 1 "million" to improve readability
Drug Name Abbreviations	Intended Meaning	Misinterpretation	Correction
ARA A	vidarabine	Mistaken as cytarabine (ARA C)	Use complete drug name
AZT	zidovudine (Retrovir)	Mistaken as azathioprine or aztreonam	Use complete drug name
CPZ	Compazine (prochlorperazine)	Mistaken as chlorpromazine	Use complete drug name
DPT	Demerol-Phenergan-Thorazine	Mistaken as diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus (vaccine)	Use complete drug name
DTO	Diluted tincture of opium, or deodorized tincture of opium (Paregoric)	Mistaken as tincture of opium	Use complete drug name
HCl	hydrochloric acid or hydrochloride	Mistaken as potassium chloride (The "H" is misinterpreted as "K")	Use complete drug name unless expressed as a salt of a drug
HCT	hydrocortisone	Mistaken as hydrochlorothiazide	Use complete drug name
HCTZ	hydrochlorothiazide	Mistaken as hydrocortisone (seen as HCT250 mg)	Use complete drug name
MgSO4**	magnesium sulfate	Mistaken as morphine sulfate	Use complete drug name
MS, MSO4**	morphine sulfate	Mistaken as magnesium sulfate	Use complete drug name
MTX	methotrexate	Mistaken as mitoxantrone	Use complete drug name
PCA	procainamide	Mistaken as patient controlled analgesia	Use complete drug name
PTU	propylthiouracil	Mistaken as mercaptopurine	Use complete drug name
T3	Tylenol with codeine No. 3	Mistaken as liothyronine	Use complete drug name
TAC	triamcinolone	Mistaken as tetracaine, Adrenalin, cocaine	Use complete drug name
TNK	TNKase	Mistaken as "TPA"	Use complete drug name
ZnSO4	zinc sulfate	Mistaken as morphine sulfate	Use complete drug name
Stemmed Drug Names	Intended Meaning	Misinterpretation	Correction
"Nitro" drip	nitroglycerin infusion	Mistaken as sodium nitroprusside infusion	Use complete drug name
"Norflex"	norfloxacin	Mistaken as Norflex	Use complete drug name
"IV Vanc"	intravenous vancomycin	Mistaken as Invanz	Use complete drug name
Symbols	Intended Meaning	Misinterpretation	Correction
3	Dram	Symbol for dram mistaken as "3"	Use the metric system
m	Minim	Symbol for minim mistaken as "mL"	
x3d	For three days	Mistaken as "3 doses"	Use "for three days"
> and <	Greater than and less than	Mistaken as opposite of intended; mistakenly use incorrect symbol; "< 10" mistaken as "40"	Use "greater than" or "less than"
/ (slash mark)	Separates two doses or indicates "per"	Mistaken as the number 1 (e.g., "25 units/10 units" misread as "25 units and 110" units)	Use "per" rather than a slash mark to separate doses
@	At	Mistaken as "2"	Use "at"
&	And	Mistaken as "2"	Use "and"
+	Plus or and	Mistaken as "4"	Use "and"
o	Hour	Mistaken as a zero (e.g., q2 ^o seen as q 20)	Use "hr," "h," or "hour"

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**These abbreviations are included on the JCAHO's "minimum list" of dangerous abbreviations, acronyms and symbols that must be included on an organization's "Do Not Use" list, effective January 1, 2004. Visit www.jcaho.org for more information about this JCAHO requirement.



CSH APPROVED ABBREVIATIONS

A.A.	Alcoholics Anonymous
A/G	albumin/globulin ratio
AV [ratio]	artery-to-vein
AAF	African American female
AA/M	African American male
AB	Assembly Bill
ABG	arterial blood gas
ac	before meals
ACE	angiotensin-converting enzyme
Ach	acetylcholine
ACLS	advanced cardiac life support
ACNS	Assistant Coordinator of Nursing Services
ACT	Alternate Communication Team
AD	Administrative Directive
ad lib	without limits
ADA	American Disabilities Act
ADD	attention deficit disorder
ADHD	attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
ADL	activities of daily living
ADMIN	Administration
ADR	adverse drug reaction
ADT	admission, discharge, transfer
Adult ed.	Adult Education
Adv. Dir.	Advance Directive
ADW	assault with a deadly weapon
AEB	as evidenced by
AED	Automatic external defibrillator
AFB	acid-fast bacilli
AH	auditory hallucinations
AHA	Assistant Hospital Administrator
AIDS	acquired immune deficiency syndrome
AIMS	Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale
AK	akathisia
alb	albumin
alk phos	alkaline phosphatase
ALSB	anterolateral sternal border
ALT	alanine aminotransferase
AMA	against medical advice
AMB	as measured by
ANC	absolute neutrophil count
anes.	anesthetic
ant	anterior
AP	anterior-posterior; anteroposterior
APB	All Points Bulletin
APD	Acting Program Director
APIE	Assessment Plan Intervention Evaluation
APP	applicator
Appt.	appointment
ASA	aspirin
ASAP	as soon as possible
ascvd	arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease
ASH	Atascadero State Hospital
ashd	arteriosclerotic heart disease
ASL	American Sign Language
ASPD	antisocial personality disorder
AST	aspartate aminotransferase

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AT	art therapist
ATR	art therapist, registered
AV	atrioventricular
AVF	augmented V [unipolar] lead left leg [EKG]
AVR	augmented V [unipolar] lead right arm [EKG]
AWOL	absent without leave
AWR	appropriate weight range
AWRP	Admission Wellness and Recovery Plan
B.A.	Bachelor of Arts
B.S.	Bachelor of Science
b/c	because
baso	basophil
BE	barium enema
BID	twice a day
BIW	twice weekly
BM	bowel movement
BMC	Behavior Management Committee
BMI	body mass index
BMP	behavior management plan
BMR	basal metabolic rate
BP	blood pressure
BPD	borderline personality disorder
BPH	benign prostatic hypertrophy
BPRS	Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale
BPSR	biopsychosocial rehabilitation
BQ	behavior quotient
BR	bathroom
BS	bowel sounds
BT	bottle
bucc	buccal
BUN	blood urea nitrogen
BWX	bitewing x-ray
Bx	biopsy
C&S	culture and sensitivity
C.	centigrade
C.N.S.	Central Nursing Services
C/O	complaints of
CA	Clinical Administrator
CAD	coronary artery disease
Cal.	calorie
Canc	cancelled appointment
cap	capsule
CAT scan	computerized axial tomographic scan
cath	catheter/catheterization
CK	creatine phosphokinase
Comp	competent
Conc	concentrate
CONREP	Conditional Release Program
Cont.[d]	continued
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
COX-2	cyclooxygenase-2
CP	cerebral palsy
CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CPS	Central Program Services
CPT	Current Procedural Terminology

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CRD	chronic retroviral disease
creat	Creatinine
CRMC	Coalinga Regional Medical Center
CRP	C-reactive protein
CRVI	chronic retroviral infection
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
CSH	Coalinga State Hospital
CT	computerized tomography
CTRS	Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist
CVA	cerebrovascular accident
CVD	cardiovascular disease
CVP	central venous pressure
CXR	chest x-ray
D.D.S.	Doctor of Dental Surgery/Science
D.M.D.	Doctor of Dental Medicine
D.O.	Doctor of Osteopathy
D5/NS	5% dextrose in normal saline
D5/W	5% dextrose in water
DA	District Attorney
DD	developmentally disabled
DEXA	dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry
DHS	Department of Health Services
diff	differential blood count
disch	discharge
DISP	dispensing
DM	diabetes mellitus
DMH	Department of Mental health
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
DOA	date of admission
DOB	date of birth
DOJ	Department of Justice
dp	dorsalis pedis
DPAHC	Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care
DPM	Doctor of Podiatric Medicine
DPT	diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus
DRG	diagnosis-related group
DSM IV-TR	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual IV--text revision
DSS	docusate sodium
DT	diphtheria-tetanus
DTR	deep tendon reflexes
DTs	delirium tremens
DTS	Danger to Self
DTV	deep venous thrombosis
dx	diagnosis
E. coli	Escherichia coli
EBR	emergency behavioral restraint
EC	enteric-coated
ECT	electroconvulsive therapy
ED	emergency department
Ed. D	Doctor of Education
edp	end-diastolic pressure
EEG	electroencephalogram
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
EEOO	Equal Employment Opportunity Officer
EGD	esophagogastroduodenoscopy

CSH APPROVED ABBREVIATIONS

EKG	electrocardiogram
endo	endodontic
ENT	ear, nose and throat
EOD	Executive Officer of the Day
EOM	extra ocular movements
eos	eosinophils
EPS	extra pyramidal symptoms
ER	emergency room
ESL	English as a second language
ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
ET tube	endotracheal tube
ETOH	ethanol or ethyl alcohol
eval.	evaluation
ext	extension
F	Fahrenheit
F to F	face to face
F/U	follow up
fax	facsimile
FB	foreign body
FBG	fasting blood glucose
FBS	fasting blood sugar
FD	fire department
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
flex	flexion
FMX	full mouth x-rays
FPD	fixed partial denture
FUO	fever of unknown origin
fx	fracture
FYI	for your information
GAD	generalized anxiety disorder
GAF	Global Assessment of Functioning
GB	gallbladder
GED	General Equivalency Diploma
GERD	gastroesophageal reflux disease
GGT	gamma-glutamyltransferase
GH	growth hormone
GI	gastrointestinal
GID	gender identity disorder
ging	gingival
glob	globulin
gm	gram
grp	group
GSW	gunshot wound
GTT	glucose tolerance test
gtt.	drops
GU	genitourinary
h	hour[s]
H&H	hemoglobin and hematocrit
H&P	History and Physical
H&S	Health and Safety
H. pylori	helicobacter pylori
H ₂ O	water
H ₂ O ₂	hydrogen peroxide
HA	headache
halluc	hallucinations
HAR	Hospital Administrative Resident

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HbcAb	hepatitis B core antibody
HbsAb	hepatitis B surface antibody
HbsAg	hepatitis B surface antigen
HCG	human chorionic gonadotropin
hct	hematocrit
HCV	hepatitis C virus
HCVD	hypertensive cardiovascular disease
HDL	high-density lipoprotein
HEENT	head, eyes, ears, nose, throat
HEICS	Hospital Emergency Incident Command System
hep	hepatitis A, B, C
HFP	hepatic function panel
Hg	mercury
hgb	hemoglobin
hgb A1c	hemoglobin A1c
HI	homicidal ideation
Hi-CAL	high calorie
Hi-Carb	high carbohydrate
HIMD	Health Information Management Department
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
hi-PRO	high protein
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HPO	Hospital Police Officer
HRA	Human Rights Advocate
HRC	Human Rights Committee
HRT	Health Record Technician
HSS	Health Services Specialist
ht	height
HTN	hypertension
HVB	hepatitis B virus
hx	history
Hz	hertz
I&D	incision and drainage
I&O	intake/output
I.E.P.	individualized education plan
IBW	ideal body weight
ICF	Intermediate Care Facility [level of care]
ICP-9 CM	International Classification of Diseases, 9th Edition, Clinical Modification
ID	identification
IDN	interdisciplinary notes
IM	intramuscular
imp	impression
in	inches
incomp	incompetent
incont	incontinent
Indv	Individual
INFO	information
INH	isoniazid
INR	international normalized ratio
IQ	intelligence quotient
IST	incompetent to stand trial
IV	intravenous
IVP	intravenous pyelogram
IVPB	intravenous piggyback
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
JVD	jugular venous distention

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Kcal	kilocalorie
Kg	kilogram
KOH	potassium hydroxide
L	left
L1, etc	lumbar vertebrae designation [1-5]
lab	laboratory
lat	lateral
LBBB	left bundle branch block
lbs	pounds
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
LD	learning disorder
LDC	Lanterman Developmental Center
LDL	low-density lipoprotein
LEEP	loop electrosurgical excision procedure
LH	luteinizing hormone
LLE	left lower extremity
LLL	left lower lobe
LML	left middle lobe
LOC	level of care
LOS	line of sight
LR	lactated Ringer's
LUE	left upper extremity
LUQ	left upper quadrant
LV	left ventricular
LVH	left ventricular hypertrophy
LVN	Licensed Vocational Nurse
lymph	lymphocyte
lytes	electrolytes
M.D.	Doctor of Medicine
MAO	monoamine oxidase
MAOI	monoamine oxidase inhibitor
MAR	Medication Administration Record
max	maximum
mcg	microgram
MDO	mentally disordered offender
MDSO	mentally disordered sex offender
Med	medical
med surg	medical surgical
Med. Dir.	Medical Director
Meds	medications
mEq	milliequivalent
MEq	megaequivalent
mg	milligram
MHROS	medical history and review of systems
MI	myocardial infarction
MISC	miscellaneous
ml	milliliter
mm	millimeter
mmHg	millimeters of mercury
MMR	mumps, measles, rubella
MOD	Medical Officer of the Day
MOM	Milk of Magnesia
mono	monocytes
MPH	Master of Public Health
MPV	mean platelet volume
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging

CSH APPROVED ABBREVIATIONS

MRSA	methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus
MS	multiple sclerosis
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet
MSE	mental status examination
MSH	Metropolitan State Hospital
MSW	Master of Social Work
N&V	nausea and vomiting
N.A.	Narcotics Anonymous
N/A	not applicable
NAD	no acute distress
NANDA	North American Nursing Diagnosis Association
NAS	no added salt
NCS	no concentrated sweets
NGT	nasogastric tube
NH ₄	ammonia
NKA	no known allergies
NKDA	no known drug allergies
NOC	night
NOD	Nursing Officer of the Day
NP	Nurse Practitioner
NPH	isophane insulin
NPO	nothing by mouth [nil per os]
NS	Nursing Coordinator
NSAID	nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
NSH	Napa State Hospital
NSR	normal sinus rhythm
NT tube	nasotracheal tube
NTE	not to exceed
nuero	neurology
O	none; zero
O.D.	Doctor of Optometry
O ₂	oxygen
O ₂ Sat	oxygen saturation
OA	Office Assistant
OCD	obsessive-compulsive disorder
OCR	Office of Civil Rights
OINT	ointment
OR	operating room
ortho	orthopedics
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OT	Office Technician
P	pulse
P&A	percussion and auscultation
P&T	Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
P.T.	Psychiatric Technician
PBS	Positive Behavior Support
pc	after meals
PC	penal code
PCN	penicillin
PD	Program Director
PDC	Porterville Developmental Center
PDR	Patient Dining Room
PDW	platelet distribution width
PE	physical examination
PERRLA	Pupils equal, round, reactive to light and accommodation
PET	positron-emission tomography

CSH APPROVED ABBREVIATIONS

pH	hydrogen ion concentration
Pharm.D.	Doctor of Pharmacy
PhD.	Doctor of Philosophy
PHI	protected health information
PHN	Public Health Nurse
PLPT	Pre-Licensed Psychiatric Technician
PLT	platelet
PMAB	Prevention and Management of Assaultive Behavior
PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
po	per os [by mouth]
POC	Plan of Correction
POD	Program Officer of the Day
postop	postoperative
pp	postprandial
PPD	purified protein derivative
PPG	Penile Plethysmograph
PPN	Physician's Progress Note
prelim	preliminary
pre-op	preoperative
prn	as needed
pro time	prothrombin time
PSA	prostate-specific antigen
PSH	Patton State Hospital
PSW	Psychiatric Social Worker
Psy.D.	Doctor of Psychology
Psych	psychiatric
psych eval	psychiatric evaluation
pt	patient
PTA	Psychiatric Technician Assistant
PTCA	percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
PTSD	post-traumatic stress disorder
PTT	partial thromboplastin time
Pub.Def.	Public Defender
PUD	peptic ulcer disease
PVC	premature ventricular contraction
q	every
QA	Quality Assurance
QC	Quality Control
QID	four times a day
QRS	electrocardiogram segment
R	right
R/O	rule out
RBBB	right bundle branch block
RBC	red blood cell
RD	Registered Dietitian
RDA	recommended daily allowance
RDS	routine drug screen
RDW	red [cell] distribution width
re:	regarding
rec	recreation
rehab	rehabilitation
REM	rapid eye movement
resp.	respiration
Rh	rhesus factor [blood group]
RLE	right lower extremity
RLL	right lower lobe

CSH APPROVED ABBREVIATIONS

RLQ	right lower quadrant
RML	right middle lobe
RMT	Registered Music Therapist
RN	Registered Nurse
RNP	Registered Nurse Practitioner
ROM	range of motion
ROS	review of systems
RPT	Registered Physical Therapist
RR	respiratory rate
RRT	Registered Respiratory Therapist
RRU	Residential Recovery Unit
RSR	regular sinus rhythm
RT	Recreational Therapist
RTC	return to clinic
RUE	right upper extremity
RUL	right upper lobe
RUQ	right upper quadrant
RV	right ventricular
Rx	prescription
S&R	seclusion and restraint
S.S.A.	Staff Service Analyst
S/P	status post
SAO	saturation of arterial oxygen
SBM	small bowel movement
SCC	Standards Compliance Coordinator
SCD	Standards Compliance Director
SDI	State Disability Insurance
SE	side effects
segs	segmented white cells
SEP	staff-escorted privileges
sg	specific gravity
SI	suicidal ideation
SIB	self-injurious behavior
sib	sibling
SL	sublingual
SNRI	serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor
SOAP	subjective, objective, assessment, plan
SOB	shortness of breath
Soln	solution
SPT	Senior Psychiatric Technician
SRN	Supervising Registered Nurse
SS#	Social Security number
SSD	Social Security Disability
SSI	Supplementary Security Income
SSRI	selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor
Staph	Staphylococcus
STAT	immediately
STD	sexually transmitted disease
strep	streptococcus
supp	suppository
surg	surgical
SUSP	suspension
SVP	sexually violent predator
sx	symptoms
syr	syrup
T1 etc	thoracic vertebrae designation [1-12]

CSH APPROVED ABBREVIATIONS

tab	tablet
tachy	tachycardia
TB	tuberculosis
TBI	traumatic brain injury
TC	temporary condition
TCA	tricyclic antidepressants
td	tetanus-diphtheria toxoid [adult type]
TD	tardive dyskinesia
TDD	Telecommunication Device for the Deaf
temp	temperature
TFT	thyroid function test
TIA	transient ischemic attack
TIBC	total iron binding capacity
TID	three times a day
TKO	to keep open
TL	Team Leader
TO	telephone order
TOPV	trivalent oral polio vaccines
TPR	temperature, pulse, respiration
trig	triglyceride
TSH	thyroid-stimulating hormone
TURP	transurethral resection of the prostate
TV	television
tx	treatment
U/A	unauthorized absence
UA	urinalysis
UDS	urine drug screen
UE	upper extremity
UOQ	upper outer quadrant
URI	upper respiratory tract infection
US	Unit Supervisor
V tach	ventricular tachycardia
V/S	vital signs
VA	Veterans Administration
VD	venereal disease
VH	visual hallucinations
VIP	very important person
VLDL	very low density lipoprotein
VO	verbal order
Voc Svcs	Vocational Services
vs	versus
W&I code	Welfare and Institutions Code
W/C	wheelchair
W/M	white male
W/U	work-up
WaRMSS	Wellness and Recovery Model Support System
WBC	white blood cell
WD/WN	well developed/well-nourished
WNL	within normal limits
WRP	Wellness and Recovery Plan
WRT	Wellness and Recovery Team
WT	weight
X	times
y/o	years old