

LHD MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS

The Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH) approved local health department (LHD) clinic medical abbreviations that are acceptable for LHD documentation are located within this document and Marilyn Fuller Delong's Medical Acronyms, Eponyms & Abbreviations, third Edition or later. The following list was compiled from nationally acceptable sources and documents that are published by such agencies as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, medical references, the MERCK Manual, and medical dictionaries such as Dorland's Medical Dictionary. Each LHD should keep a log of non-medical abbreviations used in their agency, such as Tue. for Tuesday, Aug. for August, CBH for Central Baptist Hospital, UK for University of Kentucky, etc.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

[SYMBOLS](#)

and [VACCINE MANUFACTURERS](#)

2 times a day	BID
3 times a day	t.i.d.
4 times a day	QID
1 st heart sound	S ₁
2 nd heart sound	S ₂
3 rd heart sound	S ₃
4 th heart sound	S ₄
Ask, Advise, Assess, Assist, Arrange	5 A's
A	
a drop	gt
abdomen, abdominal	Abd
Abdominal pain, Chest pain, Headaches, Eye problems, Severe leg pain	ACHES
abnormal	Abn, ABNL
abortion	ab, AB
absent without leave	AWOL
absent, absence	abs
absolute bed rest	ABR
acceleration	accel
acceptable daily intake	ADI
according	acc

accumulation	accum
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin)	ASA
Acid Fast Bacilli	AFB
Acidophilus and Bifidum	A&B
Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome	AIDS
Acromioclavicular	AC
activated clotting time	ACT
activities of daily living	ADL
activity	act
Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia	ALL
Acute Myeloid Leukemia	AML
Acute Otitis Media	AOM
Acute Respiratory Disease	ARD
Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome	ARDS
adequate	adeq
to be administered	adhib
administered, administrator, admission	adm
Adrenocorticotrophic hormone	ACTH
Adult Treatment Panel III	ATP III
Advanced Beneficiary Notice	ABN
Advanced Life Support	ALS
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse	APRN
advised	adv
Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices	ACIP
Advisory Opinion Statement	AOS
after (<i>post</i>)	post, p
after meals (<i>post cibos</i>)	pc
after surgery	Post-op
agglutinate, agglutination	agg, aggl

AIDS-Related Complex	ARC
Alanine Aminotransferase	ALT
alcohol	alc
alcohol like substance on breath	ALSOB
alcohol on breath	AOB
alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs	ATOD
Alcoholics Anonymous	AA
alert and oriented	A/O
alert and oriented to time, person, place, and date	A+Ox4
alive and well	A&W
Alpha-Fetoprotein	AFP
alternate	alt
Ampoule	amp
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	ALS
anatomy	anat
anatomy and physiology	A&P
annual family planning	AFP, ANF
anterior	ant
antibiotics	abx
antibody	Ab
Antibody to Hepatitis A Virus	anti-HAV
Antibody to Hepatitis B Core Antigen	anti-HBc
Antibody to Hepatitis B Surface Antigen	anti-HBs
Anticipatory Guidance	AG
Anticubital	AC
antigen, silver	Ag
Anti-Rabies Serum	ARS
apparent	appar
application, applied	appl

appropriate for gestational age	AGA
aqua – water	aq, aqu
Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living	AAAIL
Argininemia	ARG
arteriosclerosis	AS
artery	art
artificial	artif
as directed (<i>modo praescripto</i>)	emp, mp
as much as desired	qp, qv, qu
as needed (<i>pro re nata</i>)	prn
as soon as possible	ASAP
as tolerated	as tol
ascorbic acid	Vitamin C
Ask-Advise plus Refer	2A's + R
Aspartate Aminotransferase	AST
aspirin	ASA
aspirin/caffeine	APC
asymptomatic	asx
at bedtime	hd, hs
Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease	ACVD
Atrial Septal Defect	ASD
Atrioventricular	AV
atrophy	atr
Attention Deficit Disorder	ADD
Atypical Glandular Cells of Undetermined Significance	AGC
Atypical Squamous Cells – Cannot Exclude High-Grade Lesion	ASC-H
Atypical Squamous Cells of Undetermined Significance	ASC-US
auditory	AUD
auscultation	ausc, auscul

Auscultation and Palpation	A&P
auxillary	aux
axillary	Ax, ax
B	
baby teeth	A-T
Bacille Calmette-Guerin Vaccine	BCG
back up method	BUM
backache	B/A
bacterial	bact
Bacterial Vaginosis	BV
bag of waters	BOW
balance	bal
barbiturates	barbs
barium	Ba
Bartholins, Urethral & Skenes gland	BUS
basal body temperature	BBT
basal cell cancer	BCC
basal energy expenditure	BEE
basal metabolic rate	BMR
battered child syndrome	BCS
battered woman syndrome	BWS
because of	B/O
bed rest	BR
before	ā
before dinner	ap
before meals	a.c.
before surgery	Pre-op
begin, began, beginning	beg
benign prostatic hypertrophy	BPH

between	bet
Bicarbonate	Bicarb, HCO ₃
Bi-chloroacetic acid	BCA
bilateral	bilat
bilateral breath sounds	BBS
Bilateral Otitis Media	BOM
Bilateral Salpingo-Oophorectomy	BSO
Bilateral Serous Otitis Media	BSOM
biopsy	Bx, bx
Biotinidase Deficiency	BIOT
birth control	BC
birth control clinic	BCC
birth control pills	BCP
birthmark	BMK
black box warning	BBW
blood	Bl, bld
blood alcohol	BA
blood alcohol level	BAL
Blood Assay for Mycobacterium Tuberculosis	BAMT
blood brain barrier	BBB
blood glucose	BG
blood lead level	BLL
blood pressure	BP
blood sugar	BS
blood sugar level	BSL
blood urea nitrogen	BUN
Blood volume	Q
body mass index	BMI
body surface area	BSA

body weight	BW
bone	os
bone mineral density	BMD
born	b
both ears, each ear	AU
bottle	bot
bowel movement	BM
bowel sounds normal	BSN
breakthrough bleeding	BB, BTB
Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program	BCCTP
Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System	BI-RADS™
breast self exam	BSE
Breastfeeding Woman	BF
breath	br
breath sounds bilateral	BSB
bright red blood	BRB
brought in by	BIB
buccal	B
By mouth (<i>per os</i>)	po
C	
"cut down", "annoyed", "guilty", and "eye-opener"	CAGE
calcium	Ca
calorie	cal
cancelled	canc
cancer, carcinoma	Ca, CA
Cancer Screening Education Materials	CSEM
capillary	cap
Capillary Blood Lead Level	CBLL
capsule	cap

carbohydrate	CH ₂ O, CHO, COH
carcinoma-in-situ	CIS
cardiopulmonary resuscitation	CPR
cardiovascular disease	CV, CVD, CD
cardiovascular heart disease	CHD
cardiovascular system	CVS
Carnitine acylcarnitine translocase deficiency	CACT
Carnitine palmitoyl II deficiency	CPT-II
Carnitine Uptake Defect	CUD
case unknown	CU
Casual Blood Sugar	CBS
catheter	cath
caucasian	cauc
cavity	cav
centigrade	cent
Centigrade/Celsius	C
centigram	cg, Cgm
central nervous system	CNS
cephalopelvic disproportion	CPD
Cerebral Palsy	CP
Cerebral Spinal Fluid	CSF
Cerebrovascular Accident	CVA
Certificate of Need	CON
Certified Diabetes Educator	CDE
Certified Medical Assistant	CMA
Certified Nurse Midwife	CNM
certified, certificate	cert, crt
cervical	cerv, C
Cervical Intraepithelial Neoplasm	CIN

cervical motion tenderness	cmt
cervical spine	C-spine
cervix	cerv, Cx
Cesarean Delivery	CD
Cesarean Section	CS, C-section
chemical, chemistry	chem
chest	ch
chest pain	CP
chest x-ray	CXR
chest-back	C-B
chicken pox	ch px
chief complaint	C.C., CC
child	ch
Child Advocacy Centers	CAC
child fatality review	CFR
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Nurse	CLPPP
Chlamydia Trachomatis/Neisseria Gonorrhoea	CT/GC
Chlamydia Test	CT
chlorine	Cl
cholesterol	CH, chol
cholesterol/triglyceride ratio	C/TG
Chorionic Gonadotropin	CG
chromium	Cr
chronic	chr
Chronic Disease Self-Management Program	CDSMP
chronic liver disease	CLD
chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	COPD
chronic serous otitis media	CSOM
chronic tuberculosis	CTB

circulate, circumference	circ
circumcision	circ, circum
Citrullinemia type I	CIT-I
Citrullinemia type II	CIT-II
clear to auscultation	CTA
clear to auscultation bilaterally	CTA(B)
clinic, clinical	clin
Clinical Assessment Software Application	CASA
clinical breast exam	CBE
Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act	CLIA
Clinical Nurse Specialist	CNS
clue cells	CC
coagulation	coag
cold knife conization	CKC
combined oral contraceptives (estrogen & progestin)	COCs
communicable disease	commun dis, CD
Community Health Nurse	CHN
compare, compound	comp
complains of	C/O, %
complete	compl
complete blood count	CBC
complication	complic
compound	compd
Compressions-Airway-Breathing	CAB
computer-aided detection	CAD
computerized axial tomography	CAT scan
concentrated, concentration	conc
condition	cond
confirmed & compatible	C&C

congenital	cong
Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia	CAH
congenital heart disease	CHD
Congenital Hypothyroidism	CH
Congenital Polycystic Disease	CPD
Congenital Rubella Syndrome	CRS
congestive heart failure	CHF
conjugated	conjug
Consistent with	C/w
constant	const
contact	C
Continue with	C/W
continuing education	CE
continuing education unit	CEU
Contraceptive Technology	CT
Contraction Stress Test	CST
contractions	contrx
control	ctr
copper	Cu
coronary care unit	CCU
correct, correction	corr
counterclockwise	CCW
cryosurgery, cryotherapy	cryo
cubic micron	CU μ
culture	cult
Culture Filtrate Protein-10	CFP-10
culture & sensitivity	C&S
current	cur
current diagnosis	cd

current procedural terminology	CPT-4
cutting in to	-otomy
Cystic Fibrosis	CF
cystoscopy	cysto
Cytomegalovirus	CMV
D	
date of admission	D/A
date of birth	D/B, DOB
date of death	DOD
date of service	DOS
date	D
daughter	dau
decameter	dkm
deceased	Dec, dec'd
deceleration	decel
decibal	dB
decigram	dg, dgm
deciliter	dL
decimeter	dm
decrease, decreased	decr
deep tendon reflex	DTR
deep vein thrombosis	DVT
deficiency	def
deformity	deform
degeneration	degen
degree	Deg, deg
delayed-type hypersensitivity	DTH
delivery, delivered	del
Denver Articulation Screening Examination	DASE

Denver Development Screening Tool	DDST
Deoxyribonucleic Acid	DNA
Department for Community Based Services	DCBS
Department for Public Health	DPH
dependent	dep
Depot-medroxyprogesterone acetate	DMPA
derive, derivative	deriv
descent, descending	desc
development	Dev, devel
developmental age	DA
developmental disability	DD
developmental quotient	DQ
Devereux Early Childhood Assessment	DECA
deviated nasal septum	DNS
diabetes	diab
Diabetes Prevention Program	DPP
Diabetes Mellitus	DM
Diabetes Self-Management Education & Support Training	DSMES/T
Diabetic Ketoacidosis	DKA
diagnosis	Dx, diag
diagram	diagn
diameter	diam
diarrhea and vomiting	D & V
diastolic blood pressure	DBP
did not keep appointment	DNKA
diet as tolerated	DAT
dietary reference intakes	DRI
Diethylstilbestrol	DES
differential blood count	dif

dilation and curettage	D & C
dilation and evacuation	D & E
diminish, dimension	dim
Diphtheria	diph
direct, direction, director	dir
direct fluorescent antibody	DFA
directly observed preventative therapy	DOPT
directly observed therapy	DOT
disabled	dis
discharge	disch, D/C, DC, dc
discontinue	disc, D/C, d/c
Discussed with	D/W
disease	dis
Disease Intervention Specialist	DIS
dislocate, dislocation	disloc
dispense	disp
disseminated	dissem
Disseminated Gonococcal Infection	DGI
dissolved	disssd
distal	D
distal pulses	DP
distance	dis
distribute, disturbance	dist
divide, division	div
Division of Administration & Financial Management	AFM
Division of Laboratory Services	DLS
Division of Maternal & Child Health	MCH
Division of Prevention & Quality Improvement	PQI
Doctor's orders	DO

domestic violence	DV
domestic violence/sexual assault	DV/SA
dominant	dom
Dorsalis pedis pulse	DP
dose, dosage	D,dos
double vision	dv
Down's Syndrome	DS
dram	dr
dressing	Drsg, dsg
drink	bib
driving under influence	DUI
drop by drop	guttat
drops	gtt
drug history	D/H
drug of choice	DOC
dry dressing	DD
duck embryo vaccine	DEV
Ductal Carcinoma in situ – type of breast cancer	DCIS
duplication, duplicate	dup
durable medical equipment	DME
dysfunctional uterine bleeding	DUB
E	
each eye	OU
ear, nose, (and) throat	ENT
early periodic screening diagnosis and treatment	EPSDT
ears, eyes, nose, throat	EENT
ectopic pregnancy	EP
educate, education	educ
effect, effective	eff

effective dose	ED
egg, ovary	ov
elbow	elb
elect, elective	el, elect
elective termination of pregnancy	ETP
electrocardiogram	ECG, EKG
electroencephalogram	EEG
Electronic Disease Notification	EDN
electronic fetal monitor	EFM
elevated blood lead level	EBLL
eligible	elig.
embryo	Emb
emergency	emer
emergency contraception	EC
emergency contraceptive pills	ECP
emergency operations plan	EOP
emergency room	ER
emotional	emot
EndoCervical Curretage	ECC
Endometrial Biopsy	EMB
enhanced-potency Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine	eIPV
enlarged	enl
environment	environ
Environmental Smoke Exposure	ETS
Enzyme Immunoassay	EIA
Enzyme-linked Immunoabsorbent Assay	ELISA
eosinophil	eos
epidemiology	epi
episiotomy	epis

epithelial	EPITH
Epstein-Barr Virus	EBV
equal	eq
equal bilateral breath sounds	EBBS
equipment	equip
equivalent	equiv
erectile dysfunction	ED
erythrocytes per deciliters	ery/dL
Erythromycin	EES
Escherichia coli	E coli
essential	ess
estimated blood loss	EBL
estimated date of confinement	EDC
estimated fetal weight	EFW
estimated gestational age	EGA
estradiol	E2
estrogen	E, ESG
estrogen replacement therapy	ERT
Ethanol or Ethyl alcohol	EtOH, EOH
Ethinyl estradiol	EE
Ethmbutol	EMB
evacuate, evacuation	evac
evaluate and advise	E&A
every 2 hours	q2h
every 3 hours	q3h
every 4 hours	q4h
every 5 hours	q5h
every 8 hours	q8h
every day	qd

every four hours	qgh
every hour, each hour	qh
every morning	qam, qm
every night	qn, qpm
every other day	qod
every other hour	qoh
every other night	qon
examination	Ex, exam
except, excision	exc
Expanded Role Registered Nurse	ERRN
expected date of delivery	EDD
expected, expired	exp
expire, expiration	expir
expressed breast milk	EBM
exterior, external	ext
extremity	ext
eye	E
F	
face-to-face	En face
failure to thrive	FTT
family	fam
family support worker	FSW
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	FERPA
family goal sheet	FGS
family history	F/H, FH, FHx
family nurse practitioner	FNP
family planning	FP
family planning education materials	FPEM
family resource youth services center	FRYSC

fasting blood glucose	FBG
fasting blood sugar	FBS
fasting lipid panel	FLP
fasting plasma glucose	FPG
fat free	FF
father	F
fecal occult blood test	FOBT
Federal Trade Commission	FTC
feeding	fdg
fee-for-service	FFS
female	Fe
female genital tract	FGT
fertility awareness methods	FAM
fetal alcohol syndrome	FAS
fetal heart rate	FHR
fetal heart sounds	FHS
fetal heart tones	FHT
fetal movements	FM
fever of unknown origin	FUO
fibrocystic breast	FCB
Fibromyalgia Syndrome	FMS
fine needle aspiration (cytology)	FNA(c)
finger stick blood glucose/sugar	FSBG or FSBS
first menstrual period	FMP
flexion	flex
fluid	Fl, fld
fluorescent treponemal antibody absorption test	FTA-ABS
Fluoroquinolone	FQN
foam and condoms	F&C

folic acid	FA, B ₉
follicle-stimulating hormone	FSH
force fluids	ff
follow-up	F/U, FU
follow-up nutrition education by kiosk	FNEK
follow-up nutrition education per protocols (wic abbreviation)	FNEPP
foot, feet	ft
for further appointment	FFA
for your information	FYI
forearm	FA
four times a day	qid
fracture	frac, fx
fragment	frag
from	fr
full mouth series	FMS
full range of motion	FROM
full strength	FS
full term	FT
full term normal delivery	FTND
function	func
fungal elements	FE
G	
Galactosemia	GAL
gallbladder	GB
Gamma Globulin	GG
Gastroesophageal Reflux	GER
Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease	GERD
gastrointestinal	GI

genitourinary	GU
genitourinary system	GUS
gestational diabetes mellitus	GDM
gland	gl
Glaxo Smith Kline	GSK
glomerular filtration rate	GFR
glucose	glu
glucose challenge test	GCT
glucose insulin tolerance test	GITT
glucose tolerance test	GT, GTT
Glutaric academia type II	GA-II
gluteus maximus	glut max, GM
gold	Au
Gonadotropin-releasing hormone	GnRH
Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project	GISP
Gonococcal Urethritis	GU
gonococcus/gonorrhea	gc, GC
government	govt
gradual, gradually	grad
grain	gr
gram	g, gm
gram negative	GN
gram negative bacillus	GNB
gram negative cocci	GNC
gram negative diplococci	GND
gram per deciliter	g/dL
gram positive	GP
gram positive cocci	GPC
grandfather	GF

grandmother	GM
Gravida	G
gravity	grav
Group A streptococcus	GAS
Group B beta-hemolytic streptococcus	GBBS
Group B streptococcus	GBS
Growing Great Families	GGF
Growing Great Kids	GGK
growth hormone	GH
guide, guidance	guid
Guillain-Barré Syndrome	GBS
gynecologist, gynecology	Gyn, GYN
H	
half	Hf
half gallon	HG
hard of hearing	HOH
head and neck	H&N
head, eyes, ears, nose, and throat	HEENT
headache	HA, h/a
Health Access, Nurturing Development Services	HANDS
Health Care Provider	HCP
health care worker	HCW
Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act	HIPAA
health maintenance organization	HMO
health risk assessment	HRA
Healthy Living with Diabetes, Kentucky Department for Public Health	HLWD
healthy balance	HB
heart disease	HD
heart rate, heart risk	HR

heart sounds	HS
Hemagglutination Inhibitor	HI
Hemagglutinin	H
Hematocrit	crit, Hct, HCT
Hemoglobin	HB, Hb, Hgb, Hg
Hemoglobin A	HbA
Hemoglobin A and Hemoglobin S (Sickle cell trait)	HbAS
Hemoglobin B	HbB
Hemoglobin C; a variant/abnormal hemoglobin	HbC
Hemoglobin F	HbF
Hemoglobin S	HbS
Hemoglobin S-C	HbS-C
Hepatitis A antibody	Anti-HAV
Hepatitis A virus	HAV
Hepatitis B core antigen	HBcAg
Hepatitis B e antibody (Antibody to HBeAg)	Anti-HBe
Hepatitis B e Antigen	HBeAg
Hepatitis B immune globulin	HBIG
Hepatitis B surface antibody (Antibody to HBsAg)	Anti-HBs
Hepatitis B surface antigen	HbsAg
Hepatitis B virus	HBV
Hepatitis C Virus	HCV
Hepatitis D virus	HDV
Hepatitis E virus	HEV
Herpes Simplex	HS
Herpes Simplex Virus	HSV
Herpes Simplex, Genitalis	HSG
Herpes zoster virus	HZV
hertz	Hz

high	hyper
high blood pressure	HBP
high density lipoprotein	HDL, HDLP
high density lipoprotein cholesterol	HDL-C
high efficiency particulate air filtration	HEPA
high grade squamous intraepithelial lesion	HSIL
history	Hx
history and physical	H&P
history of	h/o, H/O
history of present illness	HPI
HIV – post-exposure prophylaxis	HIV-PEP
HIV Counseling and Testing	HIVCT
home blood glucose monitoring	HBM
home visitor	HV
Homocystinuria	HCY
horizontal bitewings	BW
hormone replacement therapy	HRT
hospital	hosp
Home Visit	HV
Human Chorionic Gonadotropin	HCG
Human Delta Virus	HDV
Human diploid cell rabies vaccine	HDCV
Human Immunodeficiency Virus	HIV
Human Papillomavirus	HPV
Human Rabies Immune Globulin	HRIG
Human T-cell Leukemia Virus, Type 1	HTLV-1
husband	husb.
hydrogen	H
hygiene	hyg

Hypermethioninemia	MET
Hyperphenylalaninemia	H-PHE
hypertension	Hpn, HPN, HTN
hypertensive cardiovascular disease	HCVD
hypodermic injection	hypo
hysterectomy	hyst
I	
ideal body weight	IBW
immediate, immediately (at once)	immed, stat
Immune Globulin	IG
Immune Serum Globulin	ISG
immunization	imm
Immunization Action Coalition	IAC
Immunofluorescence Assay	IFA
Immunoglobulin	Ig
Immunoglobulin A	IgA
Immunoglobulin G	IgG
Immunoglobulin M	IgM
impaired fasting glucose	IFG (pre-diabetes)
impaired glucose tolerance	IGT (pre-diabetes)
impaired, impairment	impair
important	import
impression	imp
Inborn error of metabolism	IEM
inch	in
Incisal	I
incision and drainage	I&D
incompatible	incompat
incomplete	incompl

increase	inc, incr
increment	incre
independent	ind
indicate, indication	indic
infant	Inf, I
Infant of diabetic mother	IDM
infect, infection	infect, infx
inflammation	inflam
influence	infl
Influenza A	H1N1
information	info
ingestion	ingest
inguinal	ing
inhalation	inh, inhal
inhibit, inhibitor	inhib
initial family planning	IFP, INF
initial office visit	IOV
Initial Preventive Physical Exam	IPPE
injecting drug user	IDU
injection	inject, inj
injury	inj
inspection, palpation, percussion and auscultation	IPPA
inspiration	insp
Inspiratory/expiratory	I/E
instructor, instructed	instr
instrument	inst
insufficient	insuff
intake and output	I&O
Intensive Care Unit	ICU

Interferon Gamma Release Assay	IGRA
Interferon-gamma	INF- γ
Intermittent positive pressure	IPP
Intermittent positive pressure breathing	IPPB
International Board Certified Lactation Consultant	IBCLC
Interproximal	Interprox.
intestine	intest
intoxication	Intox
Intra Uterine Fetal Demise	IUFD
intra-amniotic	IA
intra-arterial	IA
intra-dermal, intradermally	ID
intramuscular, intramuscularly	IM
intrauterine device	IUD
intrauterine growth retardation	IGR, IUGR
intrauterine system	IUS
intravenous	IV
Intravenous pyelography	IVP
iodine	I
iron	Fe
Iron-deficiency anemia	IDA
irrigate, irrigation	irrig
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	IBS
isolation	isol
Isoniazid	INH
Isovaleric Acidemia	IVA
J	
jaundice	jaund
joint	jnt, jt

juvenile	juv
Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis	JRA
K	
Kentucky AIDS Drug Assistance Program	KADAP
Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program	KCHIP
Kentucky Colon Cancer Program	KCCP
Kentucky Department of Education	KDE
Kentucky Diabetes Prevention and Control Program	KDPCP
Kentucky Domestic Violence Association	KDVA
Kentucky Early Intervention System	KEIS
Kentucky Health Insurance Assistance Program	KHIAP
Kentucky HIV Care Coordinator Program	KHCCP
Kentucky Revised Statutes	KRS
Kentucky Vaccines Program	KVP
Kentucky Women's Cancer Screening Program	KWCSP
Ketoacidosis	KA
Ketone bodies	KB
kilocalorie	kcal
Kosher	K
Kosher-Dairy	K-D
Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs	KASAP
Kentucky Association of Child Advocacy Centers	KACAC
Kentucky Department of Aging and Independent Living	DAIL
L	
laboratory procedure	lab proc
lactating	lact
lactation amenorrhea method	LAM
lactic acid	LA
Lactic dehydrogenase	LDH

large	lg, mag
large-for-gestational-age	LGA
Laryngotracheo bronchitis	LTB
last (normal) menstrual period	LNMP
last menstrual period	LMP
latent TB infection	LTBI
lateral	lat
lead	Pb
left arm	LA
left deltoid	LD
left eye	LE
left forearm	LFA
left leg	LL
left lower lobe	LLL
left lower quadrant	LLQ
left lung	LL
Left Otitis Media, Suppurative, Acute	LOMSA
Left Otitis Media, Suppurative, Chronic	LOMSCH
Left quadrant	LQ
left to right	L-R, L/R
Left upper lobe	LUL
left upper quadrant	LUQ
left, length	L, lt
lethal dose	LD
Levodopa	L-dopa
Levogogestrel IUD	LNG IUD
Licensed Practical Nurse	LPN
Light and Accommodation	L&A
limited	Lmtd

Limited English Proficiency (Title VI)	LEP
lithium	Li
Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine	LAIV
live birth	LB
live vaccine	LV
liver function test	LFT
Local Health Operations Branch	LHO
Long Acting	LA
Long-acting thyroid stimulator	LATS
Long-acting thyroid stimulator protector	LATS-P
Long-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency	LCAD
Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedure	LEEP, LOOP, LETZ
loss of consciousness	LOC
loss of motion	LOM
Lost to Follow-up	LTF
low birth weight	LBW
low blood pressure	LBP
low carbohydrate	LoCHO
low cholesterol	LoChol
low density lipoprotein	LDL, LDLP
low density lipoprotein cholesterol	LDL-C
low fat diet	LFD
low grade squamous intraepithelial lesion	LSIL
low or below	hypo
low sodium	LoNa
lower arch of the jaw	MAND
lower extremity	LE
Lunelle	MPA/E ₂ C
lung	L

Lupus Erythematosus	LE
Luteinizing Hormone	LH
Lymphogranuloma venerum	LGV
M	
magnesium	Mag, Mg
Magnetic Resonance Imaging	MRI
Make Yours A Fresh Start Family	MYFSF
mammogram	Mammo
mandibular	md.
manifest	manif
Maple Syrup Urine Disease (WIC abbreviation)	MSUD
Marginal, margin	Marg.
marijuana	MJ
mastectomy	mast
Master Patient Index	MPI
Master's Degree in Nursing	MSN
Masters of Public Health	MPH
Material Safety Data Sheets	MSDS
Maternal and Child Health Services	MCH
maternal grandfather/grandmother	MGF, MGM
Maxillary	mx.
median	md
medical history	M/Hx
medical nutrition therapy	MNT
medical record	MR
medical technologist	MT
Medium-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency	MCAD
Medroxyprogesterone acetate and estradiol cypionate	MPA/E2C
megahertz	mHz

member	mem
membrane	memb
Memorandum of Agreement	MOA
menstrual	menst
menstrual history	MH
menstrual period	MP
mental age	MA
mental health	MH
Mercury	Hg
metabolic, metabolism	metab
metastasis, metastasize	M, metas
Methotrexate	MTX
Methylmalonyl-CoA mutase deficiency	MUT
Microgram	mcg
microgram – 0.000001 gram	ug
Microhemagglutination assay for antibody to Treponema pallidum	MHA-TP
midline	mid
Milk of Magnesia	MOM
milliequivalent	mEq, meq
milliequivalent per liter	mEq/l
milligrams per deciliter	mg/dL
milligrams per kilogram	mg/kg
millimeters of mercury	mm Hg, mmttg
millimicron	m μ
minim	min
minimal effective dose	MED
minimum inhibitory concentration	MIDC
misoprotol	MIS
missed opportunity	MO

mitral valve	MV
mitral valve prolapse	MVP
mixture	mixt
Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partners	MAPP
monoamine oxidase	MAO
monocytes	monos
Mononucleosis	mono
Monosodium glutamate	MSG
Monozygotic	MZ
months old	MO
mother	M
mother & father	M&F
mouth	os
moves all extremities	MAE
moves all extremities well	MAEW
Mucopurulent cervicitis	MPC
Mucous Membrane	MM
Multi-drug resistant	MDR
Multi-drug resistant TB	MDR TB
Multipara	multip
multiple	mult
Multiple carboxylase deficiency	MCD
Multiple Sclerosis	MS
Multi-Vitamin	MVI
murmur	mm
muscle	musc
musculoskeletal	MS
Mycobacteria other than TB	MOTT
Mycobacterium avium complex	MAC

Mycobacterium Tuberculosis	MTB
Myocardial infarction	MI
N	
nanogram	ng
nanoliter	nl
nanometer	nm
nanosecond	ns
natural family planning	NFP
nausea and vomiting	N&V
nausea, vomiting, diarrhea	NVD
Necrotizing enterocolitis	NEC
Negative Intraepithelial Lesion	NIL
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	NICU
nervous	nerv
nervous system	NS
Neural Tube Defect	NTD
New tuberculin (tuberculin residue)	TR
newborn	NB
Newborn, Term, Normal, Female/Male	NBTNF/M
nickel	Ni
Nicotine Replacement Therapy	NRT
nitrogen	N
nitroglycerin	NTG
no acute distress or no apparent distress	NAD
no complaints	N/C
no evidence of disease	NED
no known drug allergies	NKA, NKDA
no previous complaints	NPC
no previous history	NPH

nocturnal, night	Noc, noct
non stress test	NST
nondistended	ND
Nongonococcal urethritis	NGU
Nonketotic Hyperglycinemia	NKHG
Non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors	NNRTI
Nonspecific urethritis	NSU
Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory analgesic	NSAIA
Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug	NSAID
non-tender	NT
Non-tender/Nondistended	NT/ND
Nontuberculosis mycobacteria	NTM
normal	N, n, NL, norm
normal full term delivery	NFTD
normal record	NR
normal shape, size & consistency	nssc
normal sinus rhythm	NSR
normal spontaneous (full term) delivery	NSD, NSFTD
normal spontaneous vaginal delivery	NSVD
normal vaginal delivery	NVD
not elsewhere classified	NEC
not known	NK
not significant	ns
not yet diagnosed	NYD
nothing by mouth	NPO
nothing per mouth (at night)	npo, npo/hs
Nucleic Acid Amplification	NAA
Nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors	NRTI
nulliparous	Nullip

Nurse Case Manager	NCM
Nurse Practitioner	NP
nursing	nsg
Nutrition Education Per Protocols (WIC abbreviation)	NEPP
Nutritional Risk Criteria Code	NRCC
O	
observation and examination	O&E
observed	obsd
obstruct, obstruction	obst
occasional	occ, occas
occlusal	O
occlusal radiograph	OR
oculus dexter – right eye	OD
oculus sinister – left eye	OS
office visit	OV
ointment	oint, ung
Old Tuberculin	OT
once a day	id
on examination	O/E
one-half	ss
opening	opg
ophthalmology, ophthalmoscope	Oph, Ophth
opposite	opp
optimal	opt
oral contraceptive	OC
oral contraceptive pills	OCP
Oral Glucose Tolerance Test	OGTT
Oral Poliovirus vaccine, live, trivalent	OPV
organization	org

oriented	Orx
Orthodox Union	OU
osteo myelitis	osteo
other	O, o
Otitis Externa	OE
Otitis Media	OM
otoscope	oto
ova and parasites	O&P
oxygen	O, O2
Oxytocin Challenge Test	OCT
P	
pack per day	ppd
pair	pr
palatal	P
palpable	palp
panoramics	PAN
Papanicolaou smear	pap
Papillary	Pap.
Para-aminobenzoid acid	PABA
Para-aminosalicyclic acid	PAS
Parathyroid hormone	PH
parent visitor	PV
parity	PARA
partial thromboplastin time	PTT, ptt
parts per million	ppm
past family and social history	PFSH
past history	PH
past medical history	PMH
paternal grandfather/grandmother	PGF, PGM

pathologist	path
patient complains of	pt %
patient, patients	Pat, pt, pts
pediatrician	PED
pediatrics	Peds
Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	PID
penicillin	PCN, pen
per high density field	/hdf
per low density field	/ldf
percussion and auscultation	P&A
perforation	perf
periapicals	PA
perimeter	perim
P eriod late, abnormal bleeding; A bdominal pains, pain with intercourse; I nfection, STD, abnormal discharge; N ot feeling well, fever, chills; S tring missing, shorter or longer	PAINS
periodic	per
peripheral	periph
permanent	perm
permanent teeth	1-32
Pertussis vaccine	P
Pervasive Development Disorder	PDD
pharmacy	pharm
Phenylketonuria	PKU
phone order	PO
phosphate	phos, HPO ₄
phosphorus	P
Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia	PCP
pneumothorax	Pnx
point of entry	POE

Poliomyelitis	polio
Polycystic kidney disease	PKD
Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome	PCOS
Polymerase chain reaction	PCR
Polysaccharide-ribitol-phosphate vaccine	PRP
Positive Pregnancy Test	PPT
positive pressure breathing	PPB
possible	poss
post-exposure prophylaxis	PEP
post nasal drip	PND
posterior	post
posterior/anterior	P/A
postpartum	P.P., PP
postprandial	PP
Postprandial Blood Sugar	PPBS
potassium	K, K+
potassium chloride	KCL
Potassium hydroxide	KOH
Prausnitz-küstner test	PK test
Pregnancy Induced Hypertension	PIH
pregnancy, pregnant	Pg, preg
Pregnancy Test Education Materials	PTEM
Premature Rupture of Membranes	PROM
premenstrual tension	PMT
prenatal	PN
pre-pregnancy weight	PPW
prescription	Rx
present illness	PI
Presumptive Eligibility	PE

Preventative Medicine	PM
prevention, preventive, previous	prev
previous menstrual period	PMP
Primary Care Physician	PCP
primipara	primip
private medical doctor	PMD
probable, problem	prob
Progestin-only contraceptive pills	POPs
prognosis	Px
progress	progr
Propionic Acidemia	PA
Prostate specific antigen	PSA
Protease inhibitors	PI
protein	Prot
Protein bound iodine	PBI
Protein Energy Malnutrition	PEM
Prothrombin time	proTime, PT
proximal	prox
psychiatry, psychology	psy, psych
Public Health Nurse	PHN
pulmonary	pul, pulm
pulmonary embolism	PE
pulse	P
pulse and respiration	P & R
pupils equal and react to light	PERL
pupils equal, round, reactive to light and accommodation	PERRLA
pupils equally round and reactive to light	PERRL
purified chick embryo cell	PCEC
purified protein derivative (tuberculin)	PPD

Pyrazinamide	PZA
Pyridoxine	Vitamin B6, B ₆
Q	
quadrant	quad
quality control	QC
Quality Improvement Section	QIS
QuantiFERON-TB Gold In-Tube test®	QFT-GIT
quantitative	quant
quantity not sufficient	QNS
quantity sufficient	qs
Quinolone-resistant Neisseria gonorrhoeae	QRNG
R	
Rabies Immune globulin	RIG
Rabies vaccine, adsorbed	RVA
radium	Ra
range of motion, rupture of membranes	ROM
rapid eye movement	REM
Rapid plasma reagent (test), Rapid Plasma Regain	RPR
rate	R, r
rate and rhythm	R&R
reaction	react
ready to feed	RTF
recommendation	recc
recommended dietary allowance	RDA
Recurrent vulvovaginal candidiasis	RVVC
red blood cells	RBC
reflex	refl
refuse(s) medical assistance	RMA
Registered Dietician	RD

Registered Nurse	RN
Registered Therapist	RT
regular rate and rhythm	RRR
respiratory rate	RR
related, relative	rel
related to	r/t
release of information	ROI
Report of Verified Case Tuberculosis	RVCT
residue	res
Respiration	R
Respiratory Distress Syndrome	RDS
resuscitation	resc
return to clinic	rtc, RTC
reverse, review	rev
review of systems	ROS
Rhesus (blood factor)	Rh
riboflavin	Vitamin B2, B ₂
Ribonucleic acid	RNA
rifabutin	RFB
rifampin	RIF
Rifapentine	RPT
right	D, R, rt
right arm	RA
right deltoid	RD
right eye	RE
right leg	RL
right lower lobe	RLL
right to left	R-L, R/L
right upper leg	RUL

right upper lobe	RUL
risk management	RM
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	RMSF
roentgenogram	X-ray
rule out	R/O, r/o
rupture	rupt
S	
Salicylic acid	SA
Sanofi Pasteur	SP
Saquinavir	SAQ
science	sci
screen, ask, validate, evaluate/educate	SAVE
second, secondary	sec, 2 ^o
second hand smoke	SHS
seizure	Sz
self breast examination	SBE
self monitoring blood glucose	SMBG
self testicular exam	STE
sensitivity	sens
sequence	seq
Serologic Test for Syphilis	STS
Serous Otitis Media	SOM
Serum glutamicoxaloacetic transaminase	SGOT
Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome	SARS
Severe Combined Immunodeficiency	SCID
sexual assault	SA
Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Exam	SAFE
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner	SANE
Sexual Maturity Rating	SMR

Sexually Transmissible Infection	STI
Sexually Transmitted Disease	STD
Short-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency	SCAD
shortness of breath	SOB
shortness of breath on exertion	SOBE
shoulder	shld
sibling	sib
sickle cell trait	AS, A/S
sickle-cell hemoglobin	HbS
side effects	S/E
signal	sig
signature	sign.
signs and symptoms	S/S
Silver Nitrate	AgNO ₃
simultaneously	simul
slight	sl
small	sm
small for dates	SFD
small for gestational age	SGA
social history	SH
social worker	SW
sodium	Na
Sodium Bicarbonate	NaHCO ₃
Sodium chloride	NaCl
son	S
South Eastern National Tuberculosis Center	SNTC
space	sp
specific gravity	sp gr
specimen	spec

spontaneous	spont
Spontaneous abortion	SAB, spon AB
Squamous Intraepithelial Lesions	SIL
standard of care	SOC
standard operating procedures	SOP
staphylococcus	staph
status post	s/p
Stavudine	d4t
Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs	SAID
stillborn	stb
stimulation	stim
straight	st
Strategic National Stockpile	SNS
<i>streptococcus</i>	strep
streptomycin	SM
structure	struct
Study of Tamixofen and Raloxifene	STAR
subcutaneous, subcutaneously	SQ, subcu, SC
Subjective, Objective, Assessment and Plan	SOAP
substance	subst
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	SIDS
sulfate	SO ₄
sulfur	S
sulfuric acid	H ₂ SO ₄
sunlight protection factor	SPF
superior, supervision	supr
surgery	surg, Sx
symmetrical	sym
symptoms	Sx, symp

syndrome	syn
synthetic	synth
syphilis	syph
syringe	syr
T	
tablet	tab
Tachycardia	tachy
TB skin test	TST
telephone call	t.c.
telephone order	TO
temperature	T
temperature, Pulse, Respiration	TPR
term birth, live child	TBLC
terminal	term
Tetanus antitoxin	TAT
Tetanus immune globulin	TIG
Tetanus toxoid	TT
Tetracycline	TC
the same	id
therapeutic abortion	TAB
therapeutic lifestyle changes	TLC
therapeutic, therapy	ther
Thiamin	Vitamin B ₁ , B ₁
thigh	Fem, T
three times a day	tid
three times a night	tin
three times a week	tiwk
through	per
Thyroid Stimulating Hormone	TSH

Thyroxine	T ₄
to be taken 3x a day	tds
tolerance, tolerate	tol
too numerous to count	TNTC
Toxic Shock Syndrome	TSS
toxic, toxicity, toxicology	tox
Toxoplasmic encephalitis	TE
Toxoplasmosis, Other, Rubella, Cytomeglovirus, Herpes simplex (titer)	TORCH
trachea, tracheotomy	trach
Transformation Zone	TZ
Transient Ischemic Attack	TIA
transverse	trans
treatment	tr, Tr, Treat, Tx
Trichloroacetic acid	TCA
Trichomonas	Trich
Triglycerides	Trig
tubal ligation	TL
Tubercle Bacillus	TB
Tuberculin Units	TU
Tuberculosis	TB
twice	b
twice a day	bd, bid
twice a week	bi-wk
Tympanic Membrane	TM
Tyrosinemia type-III	TYR-3
U	
ultimate	ult
ultrasound	U/S, US
ultraviolet germicidal irradiation	UVGI

umbilical, umbilicus	umb
unchanged	UC
unilateral	unilat.
unknown	unk
up to date	UTD
upper and lower	U/L
upper arch of the jaw	MAX
upper gastrointestinal	UGI
upper respiratory	UR
upper respiratory infection	URI
upper respiratory tract infection	URTI
upper right quadrant	URQ
urinalysis	UA, U/A
urinary chorionic gonadotropin	UCG
urinary output	UOP
urinary tract infection	UTI
urine	U, ur
urogenital	UG
V	
vaccine administrator	VA
Vaccine Adverse Reporting System	VAERS
Vaccines for Children	VFC
Vaccine Information Sheet or Statements	VIS
Vaccinia Immune Globulin	VIG
vagina, vaginal	vag
vaginal birth after delivery	VBAC
vaginal contraceptive film	VCF
vaginal hysterectomy	Vag Hyst
valve	val

variation, variety	var
Varicella zoster Virus	VZV
Varicella-zoster Immune Globulin	VZIG
vascular	Vasc
Vastus Lateralis	VL
Venereal Disease Research Laboratory Non-treponemal test for Syphilis	VDRL
venipuncture	VP
Venous Thromboembolism	VTE
Ventricular Septal defect	VSD
Verbal Lead Risk Assessment	VLRA
verbal order	VO
verification of certification	VOC
vertical bitewings	VBW
very high density lipoprotein	VHDL
Very Long-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency	VLCAD
very low birth weight	VLBW
very low density lipoprotein	VLDL
Victims Identification and Notification Everyday	VINE
vision	vis
vital signs	VS, V/S, v/s
Voucher Pick-up	VP
Vulvovaginal candidiasis	VVC
W	
warm and dry	w/d
warm, pink, dry (skin signs)	WPD
well developed	WD
well developed, well nourished	WD/WN
well nourished	WN, w/n
Western blot	WB

wet mount	WM
white	wh
white blood cells, white blood count	WBC
white female	W/F, wf
white male	W/M, wm
WIC Food Instruments (WIC abbreviation)	WICFI
with	c, w, w/ ⁻
within normal limits	WNL or wnl
within the uterus	in utero
without	ŝ, w/o
woman who has given birth	para
Women, Infants, & Children	WIC
Women's Health Nurse Practitioner	WHNP
work up	w/u
wound	wd
Z	
zero	Z
Zidovudine	ZDV
zinc	Zn

Symbols

birth	*
change	Δ
death	†
difference between	~
female	♀, O
male	♂
microgram	μg
microliter	μl
micrometer	μm

micromicro-	μμ
mu, micro-	μ
once a day	i/d
one	I
one half	ss
pending	(p)
primary	1°
secondary	2°

Vaccine Manufacturers

Glaxo Smith Kline	GSK
AstraZeneca/Med Immune	AZN/MED
Merck	MRK
DYNAVAX	DVAX
Pfizer	PFZ
Sanofi Pasteur	SP
Seqirus	WYE

