

## Standard Abbreviations GRCC Nursing Programs

Note: Always review the list of abbreviations that are approved for each individual clinical facility for any discrepancies from those listed below.

@ - at	abd - abdomen
NPO - nothing by mouth	NS - normal saline
ABR - absolute bedrest	O <sub>2</sub> - oxygen
ac - before meals	O.T. - occupational therapy
ad lib - freely, as desired	p - after
am - morning	pc - after meals
AMA - against medical advice	per - by
bid - twice a day	pm - afternoon
BP - blood pressure	po - by mouth
BRP - bathroom privileges	prn - as desired, as needed
BR - bedrest	pt - patient
BSC - bedside commode	QID - four times a day
bm - bowel movement	Rx - prescription
bx - biopsy	post-op - postoperative
c - with	pre-op - preoperative
c/o - complains of	P.T. - physical therapy
CPR - cardiopulmonary resuscitation	prep - preparation
CBR - complete bedrest	P - pulse
dx - diagnosis	PMH - past medical history
DNR - do not resuscitate (no code)	r/o - rule out
fx - fracture	ROM - range of motion
Gm - gram	sx - suction
GI - gastrointestinal	stat - at once, immediately
GU - genitourinary	s - without
hr - hour	subQ - subcutaneous
h/o - history of	supp - suppository
IM - intramuscular	TID - three times a day
IV - intravenous	TPR - temp, pulse, respirations
I & O - intake and output	T - temperature
L - liter	tsp - teaspoon
mcg - microgram	tbsp - tablespoon
mg - milligram	tx - treatment
mL - milliliter	VS - vital signs
meq - milliequivalent	WNL - within normal limits
neg - negative	

**Diseases:**

ASHD - arteriosclerotic heart disease  
ARDS - acute respiratory distress syndrome  
BPH - benign prostatic hypertrophy  
Ca - cancer  
CAD - coronary artery disease  
CHF - congestive heart failure  
COPD - chronic obstructive heart disease  
CVA - cerebral vascular accident (stroke)  
DM - diabetes mellitus  
HTN - hypertension  
MI - myocardial infarction (heart attack)  
PVD - peripheral vascular disease  
PAD - peripheral arterial disease  
PID - pelvic inflammatory disease  
PCP - pneumocystic carini pneumonia  
STD - sexually transmitted disease

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**Diagnostic Studies:**

ABG's - arterial blood gases  
BE - barium enema  
CBC - complete blood count  
CO2 - carbon dioxide  
C & S - culture & sensitivity  
CXR - chest X ray  
ECG, EKG - electrocardiogram  
Lytes - electrolytes  
RBC - red blood cells  
UA - urinalysis  
UGI - upper GI  
WBC - white blood cell