APPENDIX J:
ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

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ABBREVIATIONS

The VCR requires all cases to include text information to support specific coded fields. Complete and descriptive text is vital to the quality control efforts of the VCR. Often it is necessary to use abbreviations to provide adequate descriptions within the limited size of the text fields. However, a reader may interpret many standard medical abbreviations differently. The VCR will rely on the attached abbreviation list to indicate how VCR staff will interpret the abbreviation when its use is unclear. It is a combination of the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR)'s *Standards for Cancer Registries, Volume II: Data Standards and Data Dictionary, Sixteenth Edition; Layout Version 12.2 -- Appendix G: Recommended Abbreviations for Abstractors.*

The Abbreviations Listings consist of two main lists word/terms and their recommended abbreviations, as well as a special table delineating context-sensitive abbreviations and one for symbols. The first main listing is ordered by word/term to enable the look-up of a recommended abbreviation for a particular word or term, and the second main listing is ordered by abbreviation to enable the look-up of the word or term for a particular abbreviation. The context-sensitive abbreviations list consists of a subset of the abbreviations from the main lists where a different context for the same abbreviation conveys a different meaning (for example, CA may mean calcium or carcinoma/ML may mean milliliter or middle lobe). For these context-sensitive abbreviations, the meaning of the abbreviation should be readily apparent from the context in which it is used.

The listings are not exhaustive, but many of the most commonly used terms were included. Abbreviations for chemotherapy drugs and/or regimens are not included. For short names and acronyms of antineoplastic drugs, consult the SEER Program *Self Instructional Manual for Tumor Registrars: Book 8-Antineoplastic Drugs, Third Edition or SEER RX* at http://seer.cancer.gov/tools/seerrx/.

Please note that although abbreviations are presented in uppercase, either upper- or lowercase may be utilized when entering abbreviations within abstraction software. When abstracting into text fields, the use of abbreviations should be limited to those that appear on these lists whenever practical. Abbreviations and symbols should be used carefully.

The abbreviations list does not include an abbreviation for the word **cancer**. While the abbreviation "CA" is often used in the medical record to mean either the term **cancer** or **carcinoma**, it should be used in text reported to the VCR to indicate the histologic term of carcinoma. This distinction is very important when verifying histologic coding for cancer, NOS (8000/3) and carcinoma, NOS (8010/3).

This appendix contains two tables for abbreviations, one in term order and one in abbreviation order.

ABBREVIATIONS

ORDERED BY WORD/TERM

WORD/TERM (S)	ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL
Abdomen (abdominal)	ABD
Abdominal hysterectomy	ABD HYST
Abdominal perineal (Abdominoperineal)	AP
Abdominoperineal resection	APR
Abnormal	ABN
Abnormal liver function test	ALFT
Above	^
Above knee (amputation)	AK(A)
Absent/Absence	ABS
Abstract/Abstracted	ABST
Achilles tendon reflex	ATR
Acid phosphatase	ACID PHOS
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	AIDS
Acral lentiginous melanoma	ALM
Activities of daily living	ADL
Acute erythroleukemia	AEL
Acute granulocytic leukemia	AGL
Acute leukemia	AL
Acute lymphocytic leukemia	ALL
Acute megakaryoblastic leukemia	AMEGL
Acute myeloblastic leukemia	AMBL
Acute myelogenous leukemia	AML
Acute myelomonocytic leukemia	AMML
Acute myocardial infarction	AMI
Acute promyelocytic leukemia	APL
Acute renal failure	ARF
Acute Respiratory Distress (Disease) Syndrome	ARDS
Acute tubular necrosis	ATN
Acute undifferentiated leukemia	AUL
Adenocarcinoma	ADENOCA, ACA
Adenosine triphosphate	ATP
Adjacent	ADJ
Admission/Admit	ADM
Adrenal cortex	AC
Adrenal cortical hormone	ACH
Adrenocorticotrophic hormone	ACTH

ABBREVIATIONS

WORD/TERM (S)	ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL
Adult T-cell leukemia	ATL
Adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma	ATLL
Adult-onset Diabetes Mellitus	AODM
Affirmative	AFF
Against medical advice	AMA
AIDS-related condition (complex)	ARC
AIDS-related disease	ARD
Air contrast barium enema	ACBE
Albumin	ALB
Alcohol	ETOH
Alkaline phosphatase	ALK PHOS
Alpha chain disease	ACD
Alpha-fetoprotein	AFP
Also known as	AKA
Alternate	ALT
Ambulatory	AMB
Amount	AMT
Amputation	AMP
Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	ALS
Anal intraepithelial neoplasia, grade III	AIN III
Anaplastic	ANAP
And	&
Angioblastic immunoblastic lymphadenopathy	AIL
Angiography/Angiogram	ANGIO
Anterior	ANT
Anteroposterior	AP
Antidiuretic hormone	ADH
Antigen	AG
Aortic stenosis	A-STEN
Apparently	APPL'Y
Appendix	APP
Approximately	APPROX
Arrhythmia	ARRHY
Arterial blood gases	ABG
Arteriosclerosis/Arteriosclerotic	AS
Arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease	ASCVD
Arteriosclerotic heart disease	ASHD

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WORD/TERM (S)	ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL
Arteriosclerotic Peripheral Vascular Disease	ASPVD
Arteriovenous	AV
Arteriovenous malformation	AVM
Artery (ial)	ART
As soon as possible	ASAP
Ascending	ASC
Ascending colon	A-COLON
Aspiration	ASP
Aspiration biopsy cytology	ABC
Aspirin, Acetylsalicylic acid	ASA
At	@
Atrial fibrillation	A FIB
Atrial flutter	A FLUTTER
Atrial premature complexes	APC
Atrial stenosis/insufficiency/incompetence	AI
Auscultation & percussion	A&P
Autoimmune hemolytic anemia	AIHA
Autologous bone marrow	ABM
Autologous bone marrow transplantation	ABMT
Autonomic nervous system	ANS
Autopsy	AUT
Average	AVG
Axilla(ry)	AX
Bacillus Calmette-Guerin	BCG
Barium	BA
Barium enema	BE
Barium swallow	BAS
Bartholin's, Urethral & Skene's	BUS
Basal cell carcinoma	BCC
Before noon	AM
Below knee (amputation)	BK(A)
Benign prostatic hypertrophy/hyperplasia	BPH
Bilateral	BIL
Bilateral hilar lymphadenopathy	BHL
Bilateral lower lobes	BLL
Bilateral pelvic lymph node dissection	BPLND
Bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy	BSO

ABBREVIATIONS

WORD/TERM (S)	ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL
Bile duct	BD
Biological response modifier	BRM
Biopsy	BX
Bipolar affective disorder	BAD
Black female	B/F
Black male	B/M
Bladder outlet obstruction	BOO
Bladder tumor	BT
Blood pressure	BP
Blood urea nitrogen	BUN
Blood volume	BV
Bone Marrow	BM
Bone marrow aspirate	BMA
Bone marrow biopsy	BMBX
Bone Marrow Transplant	BMT
Bowel Movement	BM
Bowel sounds	BS
Breast self examination	BSE
Breath sounds	BRS
Bright red blood	BRB
Bright red blood per rectum	BRBPR
Bronchial lymph node	BLN
Bronchoalveolar washing	BAW
Bronchogenic carcinoma	BGCA
Burkitt lymphoma	BL
Calcium	CA
Capsule (s)	CAP(S)
Carcinoembryonic antigen	CEA
Carcinoma	CA
Carcinoma *in situ*	CIS
Carcinoma unknown primary	CUP
Cardioesophageal junction	CEJ
Cardiovascular disease	CVD
CAT/CT scan/Computerized axial tomography	CT
Ceased to breath	CTB
Centigram	CGM
Centigray	CGY

ABBREVIATIONS

WORD/TERM (S)	ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL
Centimeter	CM
Central nervous system	CNS
Cerebrospinal fluid	CSF
Cerebrovascular accident	CVA
Cervical intraepithelial neoplasia	CIN
Cervical intraepithelial neoplasia, grade III	CIN III
Cervical spine	C-SPINE
Cervical vertebrae	C1-C7
Cervix	CX
Change	CHG
Chemotherapy	CHEMO
Chest X-ray	CXR
Chief complaint	C/C
Cholecystectomy	CHOLE
Chronic	CHR
Chronic granulocytic leukemia	CGL
Chronic leukemia	CL
Chronic lymphocytic leukemia	CLL
Chronic lymphosarcoma leukemia	CLSL
Chronic myelodysplastic syndrome	CMS
Chronic myeloid (myelocytic) leukemia	CML
Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia	CMML
Chronic obstructive lung disease	COLD
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	COPD
Chronic renal failure	CRF
Chronic ulcerative colitis	CUC
Cigarettes	CIG
Clear	CLR
Clinical tumor, nodes, metastases	CTNM
Cobalt 60	CO60
Collaborative stage	CS
Colon, Ascending	A-COLON
Colon, Descending	D-COLON
Colon, Sigmoid	SIG-COLON
Colon, Transverse	TRANS-COLON
Colony-stimulating factor	C-SF
Common bile duct	CBD

ABBREVIATIONS

WORD/TERM (S)	ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL
Complaint (-ning) of	C/O
Complete blood count	CBC
Complete continuous remission	CCR
Computerized axial tomography scan	CT, CAT
Congenital heart disease	CHD
Congestive heart failure	CHF
Consistent with	C/W
Continue/continuous	CONT
Contralateral	CONTRA
Coronary artery bypass graft	CABG
Coronary artery disease	CAD
Coronary care unit	CCU
Cubic centimeter	CC
Curie	CU
Cutaneous	CUT
Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma	CTCL
Cystic fibrosis	CF
Cystoscopy	CYSTO
Cytology	CYTO
Date of birth	DOB
Date of death	DOD
Dead on arrival	DOA
Debridement	DEB
Decrease(d)	DECR
Deep tendon reflex	DTR
Deep vein thrombosis	DVT
Deoxyribonucleic acid	DNA
Dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans	DFSP
Dermatology	DERM
Descending	DESC
Descending colon	D-COLON
Diabetes mellitus	DM
Diagnosis	DX
Diagnostic laparoscopy	DL
Diameter	DIAM
Died of other causes	DOC
Died with disease	DWD

ABBREVIATIONS

WORD/TERM (S)	ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL
Diethylstilbestrol	DES
Differentiated/differential	DIFF
Digital rectal examination	DRE
Dilatation and curettage	D&C
Direct extension	DE
Discharge	DISCH
Discontinue(d)	DC
Disease	DZ
Disease free interval	DFI
Disseminated	DISSEM
Disseminated intravascular coagulopathy	DIC
Distant metastases	DM
Doctor	DR
Ductal carcinoma *in situ*	DCIS
Dyspnea on exertion	DOE
Ears, nose, and throat	ENT
Electrocardiogram	ECG/EKG
Electroencephalogram	EEG
Electromyogram	EMG
Emergency room	ER
Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography	ERCP
Enlarged	ENLGD
Equal(s)	=
esophagogastroduodenoscopy	EGD
Esophagus	ESO
Estrogen receptor assay	ERA
Evaluation	EVAL
Every	Q
Every day	QD
Examination	EXAM
Examination under anesthesia	EUA
Excision/excised	EXC(D)
Expired	EXP
Exploratory	EXPL
Exploratory laparotomy	EXPL LAP
Extend/extension	EXT
Extended care facility	ECF

ABBREVIATIONS

WORD/TERM (S)	ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL
External	EX
Extremity	EXTR
Eyes, ears, nose and throat	EENT
Family history	FHX
Family medical history	FMH
Fever of unknown origin	FUO
Fine needle aspiration	FNA
Fine needle aspiration biopsy	FNAB
Fingerbreadth	FB
Flexible sigmoidoscopy	FLEX SIG
Floor of mouth	FOM
Fluid	FL
Fluoroscopy	FLURO
Follow-up	FU
For example	E.G
Fracture	FX
French-American-British	FAB
Frequent/Frequency	FREQ
Frozen section	FS
Full thickness skin graft	FTSG
Gallbladder	GB
Gastroesophageal	GE
Gastroesophageal reflux disease	GERD
Gastrointestinal	GI
General/Generalized	GEN
Genitourinary	GU
Grade	GR
Gram	GM
Greater/Greater than	>
Gynecology	GYN
Head, eyes, ears, nose, throat	HEENT
Hematocrit	HCT
Hematology	HEMO
Hemoglobin	HGB
Hepatitis A (virus)	HAV
Hepatitis B (virus)	HBV
Hepatitis C (virus)	HCV

ABBREVIATIONS

WORD/TERM (S)	ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL
Hepatitis D (virus)	HDV
Hepatocellular carcinoma	HCC
Hepatosplenomegaly	HSM
History	HX
History and physical	H&P
History of	H/O
History of present illness	HPI
Hodgkin disease	HD
Hormone	HORM
Hospital	HOSP
Hour/Hours	HR(S)
Human chorionic gonadotropin	HCG
Human Immunodeficiency Virus	HIV
Human Papilloma Virus	HPV
Human T-Lymphotrophic Virus, (Type III)	HTLV
Hypertension	HTN
Hypertensive cardiovascular disease	HCVD
Hypertensive vascular disease	HVD
Hysterectomy	HYST
Idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis	IHSS
Idiopathic thrombocytopenia	ITP
Immunoglobulin	IG
Immunohistochemical	IHC
Impression	IMP
Inch	IN
Incision & drainage	I&D
Includes/Including	INCL
Increase(d)	INCR
Inferior	INF
Inferior vena cava	IVC
Infiltrating	INFILT
Inflammatory bowel disease	IBD
Inpatient	IP
Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus	IDDM
Intensive care unit	ICU
Intercostal margin	ICM
Intercostal space	ICS

ABBREVIATIONS

WORD/TERM (S)	ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL
Intermittent positive pressure breathing	IPPB
Internal	INT
Internal mammary artery	IMA
Interstitial lung disease	ILD
Intra abdominal	IAB
Intramuscular	IM
Intrathecal	IT
Intravenous	IV
Intravenous cholangiogram	IVCA
Intravenous pyelogram	IVP
Invade(s)/invading/invasion	INV
Involve(s)/involvement/involving	INVL
Iodine	I
Ipsilateral	IPSI
Irregular	IRREG
Joule	J
Jugular venous distention	JVD
Junction	JCT, JX
Juvenile rheumatic arthritis	JRA
Kaposi sarcoma	KS
Kidneys, ureters, bladder	KUB
Kilogram	KG
Kilovolt	KV
Laboratory	LAB
Lactic Dehydrogenase	LDH
Laparotomy	LAP
Large	LRG
Large bowel resection	LBR
Large cleaved cell	LCC
Last menstrual period	LMP
Lateral	LAT
Left	LT
Left breast biopsy	LBBX
Left bundle branch block	LBBB
Left costal margin	LCM
Left eye	OS
Left lower extremity	LLE

ABBREVIATIONS

WORD/TERM (S)	ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL
Left lower lobe	LLL
Left lower quadrant	LLQ
Left salpingo-oophorectomy	LSO
Left upper extremity	LUE
Left upper lobe	LUL
Left upper outer quadrant	LUOQ
Left upper quadrant	LUQ
Left ureteral orifice	LUO
Less/Less than	<
Licensed practical nurse	LPN
Linear accelerator	LINAC
Liver, kidney, spleen	LKS
Liver, kidney, spleen, bladder	LKSB
Liver/spleen scan	LS SCAN
Lobular carcinoma in situ	LCIS
Lobular in situ	LIS
Lobular neoplasia, grade 2	LN2
Long Term Care Facility	LTCF
Lower extremity	LE
Lower inner quadrant	LIQ
Lower outer quadrant	LOQ
Lower right quadrant	LRQ
Lumbar puncture	LP
Lumbar spine	L-SPINE
Lumbar vertebra	L1-L5
Lumbosacral	LS
Lupus erythematosus	LUP ERYTH
Lymph node biopsy	LNBX
Lymph node dissection	LND
Lymph node resection	LNR
Lymph node(s)	LN(S)
Lymphadenopathy-associated virus	LAV
Lymphangiography/lymphangiogram	LAG
Macrophage colony-stimulating factor	M-CSF
Magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography	MRCP
Magnetic resonance imaging	MRI
Main stem bronchus	MSB

ABBREVIATIONS

WORD/TERM (S)	ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL
Malignant	MALIG
Malignant carcinoid syndrome	MCS
Malignant fibrous histiocytoma	MFH
Mandible/mandibular	MAND
Mastectomy	MAST, MX
Maximum	MAX
Medical center	MC
Medical history	MHX
Medication	MED
Melanoma associated antigen	MAA
Metastatic/Metastasis	METS
Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus	MRSA
Microgram	MCG
Microscopic	MICRO
Midclavicular line	MCL
Middle	MID
Middle lobe	ML
Millicurie (hours)	MC(H)
Milligram (hours)	MG(H)
Milliliter	ML
Millimeter	MM
Million electron volts	MEV
Minimum	MIN
Minus	-
Minute	MIN
Mitral valve prolapse	MVP
Mixed combined immunodeficiency	MCID
Mixed connective tissue disease	MCTD
Moderate (ly)	MOD
Moderately differentiated	MD, MOD DIFF
Modified radical mastectomy	MRM
Monoclonal antibody	MC-AB, MCAB, MAB, MOAB
More/More than	>
Multifocal arterial tachycardia	MAT
Multifocal premature ventricular contraction	MPVC
Multiple	MULT
Multiple myeloma	MM

ABBREVIATIONS

WORD/TERM (S)	ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL
Multiple sclerosis	MS
Myasthenia gravis	MG
Myelodysplasia/myelodysplastic syndrome	MDS
Myeloproliferative disease	MPD
Myocardial infarction	MI
Natural killer	NK
Nausea and vomiting	N&V
Neck vein distention	NVD
Needle biopsy	NBX
Needle liver biopsy	NLBX
Negative	NEG, -
Neoplasm	NEOPL
Neoplasm embryonic antigen	NEA
Nephrectomy	NX
Nerves, Cranial 1-12	N-I - N-XII
Neurology	NEURO
No acute/active disease	NAD
No evidence of disease	NED
No evidence of recurrence	NER
No significant findings	NSF
Nodular & diffuse lymphoma	NDL
Non small cell carcinoma	NSCCA
Non-Hodgkin malignant lymphoma	NHML
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	NHL
Non-small cell lung cancer	NSCLC
Normal	NL
Not applicable	NA
Not elsewhere classified/classifiable	NEC
Not otherwise specified	NOS
Not recorded	NR
Number	#
Nursing home	NH
Obstetrics	OB
Obstructed (-ing, -ion)	OBST
Occult primary malignancy	OPM
Oncology	ONC
Operating room	OR

ABBREVIATIONS

WORD/TERM (S)	ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL
Operation	OP
Operative report	OP RPT
Organic brain syndrome	OBS
Orthopedics	ORTHO
Otology	OTO
Ounce	OZ
Outpatient	OP
Outpatient surgery	OPS
Packs per day	PPD
Palpated (-able)	PALP
Papanicolaou smear	PAP
Papillary	PAP
Past/personal (medical) history	PMH
Pathologic tumor, nodes, metastases	PTNM
Pathology	PATH
Patient	PT
Pediatrics	PEDS
Pelvic inflammatory disease	PID
Peptic ulcer disease	PUD
Percussion and auscultation	P&A
Percutaneous	PERC
Percutaneous transhepatic cholecystogram	PTC
Peripheral vascular disease	PVD
Phosphorus 32	P32
Physical examination	PE
Physiotherapy/Physical therapy	PT
Plasma cell leukemia	PCL
Platelets	PLT
Plus	+
Polycythemia vera	PCV
Poorly differentiated	PD, POOR DIFF
Positive	POS, +
Positron emission tomography	PET
Possible	POSS
Posterior	POST
Posteroanterior	PA
Postoperative (-ly)	POST OP

ABBREVIATIONS

WORD/TERM (S)	ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL
Pound(s)	LB(S), #
Premature atrial contraction	PAC
Preoperative (-ly)	PRE OP
Prescription	RX
Present illness	PI
Previous	PREV
Primary medical physician	PMP
Primitive neuroectodermal tumor	PNET
Prior to admission	PTA
Probable (-ly)	PROB
Proctoscopy	PROCTO
Progesterone receptor assay	PRA
Prolymphocyctic leukemia	PLL
Prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia	PIN
Prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia, grade III	PIN III
Prostatic specific antigen	PSA
Pulmonary	PULM
Pulmonary artery	PULM ART
Quadrant	QUAD
Radiation absorbed dose	RAD
Radiation therapy	RT
Radical neck dissection	RND
Radioactive iodine	RAI
Radioimmunoassay	RIA
Received	REC'D
Red blood cells (count)	RBC
Regarding	RE
Regional medical center R	MC
Regular	REG
Regular sinus rhythm	RSR
Resection (ed)	RESEC
Respiratory	RESPIR, RESP
Review of outside films	ROF
Review of outside slides	ROS
Rheumatic heart disease	RHD
Rheumatoid arthritis	RA
Right	RT

ABBREVIATIONS

WORD/TERM (S)	ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL
Right breast biopsy	RBBX
Right bundle branch block	RBBB
Right costal margin	RCM
Right eye	OD
Right inner quadrant	RIQ
Right lower extremity	RLE
Right lower lobe	RLL
Right lower quadrant	RLQ
Right middle lobe	RML
Right outer quadrant	ROQ
Right salpingo-oophorectomy	RSO
Right upper extremity	RUE
Right upper lobe	RUL
Right upper quadrant	RUQ
Right ureteral orifice	RUO
Rule out	R/O
Sacral spine	S-SPINE
Sacral vertebra	S1-S5
Salpingo-oophorectomy	SO
Sarcoma	SARC
Satisfactory	SATIS
Sequential multiple analysis	SMA
Serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase	SGOT
Serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase	SGPT
Severe combined immunodeficiency syndrome	SCID
Short(ness) of breath	SOB
Sick sinus syndrome	SSS
Sigmoid colon	SIG COLON
Skilled nursing facility	SNF
Small	SM
Small bowel	SB
Small bowel obstruction	SBO
Small bowel resection	SBR
Small cell lung carcinoma	SCLC
Specimen	SPEC
Spine, Cervical	C-SPINE
Spine, Lumbar	L-SPINE

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WORD/TERM (S)	ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL
Spine, Sacral	S-SPINE
Spine, Thoracic	T-SPINE
Split thickness skin graft	STSG
Squamous	SQ
Squamous cell carcinoma	SCC
Status post	S/P
Subcutaneous	SUBQ
Summary stage	SS
Superior vena cava	SVC
Surgery/Surgical	SURG
Suspicious/suspected	SUSP
Symptoms	SX
Syndrome of inappropriate ADH	SIADH
Systemic lupus erythematosus	SLE
T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia	T-ALL
T-cell chronic lymphatic leukemia	T-CLL
Thoracic spine	T-SPINE
Thrombotic thrombocytopenia purpura	TTP
Times	X
Total abdominal hysterectomy	TAH
Total abdominal hysterectomy- bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy	TAH-BSO
Total axial (lymph) node irradiation	TANI
Total parenteral nutrition	TPN
Total vaginal hysterectomy	TVH
Transbronchial biopsy	TBBX
Transient ischemic attack	TIA
Transitional cell carcinoma	TCC
Transrectal ultrasound	TRUS
Transrectal ultrasound of prostate	TRUSP
Transurethral resection	TUR
Transurethral resection bladder	TURB
Transurethral resection bladder tumor	TURBT
Transurethral resection prostate	TURP
Transverse colon	TRANS-COLON
Transverse rectus abdominous myocutaneous	TRAM
Treatment	TX
True vocal cord	TVC
Tumor size	TS

ABBREVIATIONS

WORD/TERM (S)	ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL
Tumor, node, metastasis	TNM
Twice a day (daily)	BID
Ultrasound	US
Undetermined	UNDET
Undetermined origin	UDO
Undifferentiated	UNDIFF
Unilateral salpingo-oophorectomy	USO
Unknown	UNK
Upper extremity	UE
Upper gastrointestinal (series)	UGI
Upper inner quadrant	UIQ
Upper outer quadrant	UOQ
Upper respiratory infection	URI
Upper right quadrant	URQ
Urinary tract infection	UTI
Vagina/Vaginal	VAG
Vaginal hysterectomy	VAG HYST
Vaginal intraepithelial neoplasia	VAIN
Vaginal intraepithelial neoplasia (grade III)	VAIN III
Vascular	VASC
Versus	VS
Vulvar intraepithelial neoplasia	VIN
Vulvar intraepithelial neoplasia (grade III)	VIN III
Well differentiated	WD, WELL DIFF
White blood cells (count)	WBC
White female	W/F
White male	W/M
Will follow (in) office	WF-O
Wilms (tumor), aniridia, genitourinary (abnormalities), and (mental)	WAGR
With	W/
Within normal limits	WNL
Without	W/O
Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome	WPW
Work-up	W/U
Xray	XR
Year	YR
Yolk Sac Tumor	YST

ABBREVIATIONS

ORDER BY ABBREVIATION

ABBREVIATION	WORD/TERM(S)
A FIB	Atrial fibrillation
A FLUTTER	Atrial flutter
A&P	Auscultation & percussion
ABC	Aspiration biopsy cytology
ABD	Abdomen (abdominal)
ABD HYST	Abdominal hysterectomy
ABG	Arterial blood gases
ABM	Autologous bone marrow
ABMT	Autologous bone marrow transplantation
ABN	Abnormal
ABS	Absent/Absence
ABST	Abstract/Abstracted
AC	Adrenal cortex
ACA	Adenocarcinoma
ACBE	Air contrast barium enema
ACD	Alpha chain disease
ACH	Adrenal cortical hormone
ACID PHOS	Acid phosphatase
A-COLON	Ascending colon
ACTH	Adrenocorticotrophic hormone
ADENOCA, ACA	Adenocarcinoma
ADH	Antidiuretic hormone
ADH SIADH	Syndrome of inappropriate ADH
ADJ	Adjacent
ADL	Activities of daily living
ADM	Admission/Admit
AEL	Acute erythroleukemia
AFF	Affirmative
AFP	Alpha-fetoprotein
AG	Antigen
AGL	Acute granulocytic leukemia
AI	Atrial stenosis/insufficiency/incompetence
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AIHA	Autoimmune hemolytic anemia
AIL	Angioblastic immunoblastic lymphadenopathy
AIN III	Anal intraepithelial neoplasia, grade III

ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	WORD/TERM(S)
AK(A)	Above knee (amputation)
AKA	Also known as
AL	Acute leukemia
ALB	Albumin
ALFT	Abnormal liver function test
ALK PHOS	Alkaline phosphatase
ALL	Acute lymphocytic leukemia
ALM	Acral lentiginous melanoma
ALS	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
ALT	Alternate
AM	Before noon
AMA	Against medical advice
AMB	Ambulatory
AMBL	Acute myeloblastic leukemia
AMEGL	Acute megakaryoblastic leukemia
AMI	Acute myocardial infarction
AML	Acute myelogenous leukemia
AMML	Acute myelomonocytic leukemia
AMP	Amputation
AMT	Amount
ANAP	Anaplastic
ANGIO	Angiography/Angiogram
ANS	Autonomic nervous system
ANT	Anterior
AODM	Adult-onset Diabetes Mellitus
AP	Abdominal perineal (Abdominoperineal)
AP	Anteroposterior
APC	Atrial premature complexes
APL	Acute promyelocytic leukemia
APP	Appendix
APPL'Y	Apparently
APPROX	Approximately
APR	Abdominoperineal resection
ARC	AIDS-related condition (complex)
ARD	AIDS-related disease
ARDS	Acute Respiratory Distress (Disease) Syndrome
ARF	Acute renal failure

ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	WORD/TERM(S)
ARRHY	Arrhythmia
ART	Artery (ial)
AS	Arteriosclerosis/Arteriosclerotic
ASA	Aspirin, Acetylsalicylic acid
ASAP	As soon as possible
ASC	Ascending
ASCVD	Arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease
ASHD	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
ASP	Aspiration
ASPVD	Arteriosclerotic Peripheral Vascular Disease
A-STEN	Aortic stenosis
ATL	Adult T-cell leukemia
ATLL	Adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma
ATN	Acute tubular necrosis
ATP	Adenosine triphosphate
ATR	Achilles tendon reflex
AUL	Acute undifferentiated leukemia
AUT	Autopsy
AV	Arteriovenous
AVG	Average
AVM	Arteriovenous malformation
AX	Axilla(ry)
B/F	Black female
B/M	Black male
BA	Barium
BAD	Bipolar affective disorder
BAS	Barium swallow
BAW	Bronchoalveolar washing
BCC	Basal cell carcinoma
BCG	Bacillus Calmette-Guerin
BD	Bile duct
BE	Barium enema
BGCA	Bronchogenic carcinoma
BHL	Bilateral hilar lymphadenopathy
BID	Twice a day (daily)
BIL	Bilateral
BK(A)	Below knee (amputation)

ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	WORD/TERM(S)
BKA	Below knee amputation
BL	Burkitt lymphoma
BLL	Bilateral lower lobes
BLN	Bronchial lymph node
BM	Bone Marrow
BM	Bowel Movement
BMA	Bone marrow aspirate
BMBX	Bone marrow biopsy
BMT	Bone Marrow Transplant
BOO	Bladder outlet obstruction
BP	Blood pressure
BPH	Benign prostatic hypertrophy/hyperplasia
BPLND	Bilateral pelvic lymph node dissection
BRB	Bright red blood
BRBPR	Bright red blood per rectum
BRM	Biological response modifier
BRS	Breath sounds
BS	Bowel sounds
BSE	Breast self examination
BSO	Bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy
BT	Bladder tumor
BUN	Blood urea nitrogen
BUS	Bartholin's, Urethral & Skene's
BV	Blood volume
BX	Biopsy
C/C	Chief complaint
C/O	Complaint (-ning) of
C/W	Consistent with
C1-C7	Cervical vertebrae
CA	Calcium
CA	Carcinoma
CABG	Coronary artery bypass graft
CAD	Coronary artery disease
CAP(S)	Capsule (s)
CBC	Complete blood count
CBD	Common bile duct
CC	Cubic centimeter

ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	WORD/TERM(S)
CCR	Complete continuous remission
CCU	Coronary care unit
CEA	Carcinoembryonic antigen
CEJ	Cardioesophageal junction
CF	Cystic fibrosis
CGL	Chronic granulocytic leukemia
CGM	Centigram
CGY	Centigray
CHD	Congenital heart disease
CHEMO	Chemotherapy
CHF	Congestive heart failure
CHG	Change
CHOLE	Cholecystectomy
CHR	Chronic
CIG	Cigarettes
CIN	Cervical intraepithelial neoplasia
CIN III	Cervical intraepithelial neoplasia, grade III
CIS	Carcinoma *in situ*
CL	Chronic leukemia
CLL	Chronic lymphocytic leukemia
CLR	Clear
CLSL	Chronic lymphosarcoma leukemia
CM	Centimeter
CML	Chronic myeloid (myelocytic) leukemia
CMML	Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia
CMS	Chronic myelodysplastic syndrome
CNS	Central nervous system
CO60	Cobalt 60
COLD	Chronic obstructive lung disease
CONT	Continue/continuous
CONTRA	Contralateral
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CRF	Chronic renal failure
CS	Collaborative stage
CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid
C-SF	Colony-stimulating factor
C-SPINE	Cervical spine

ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	WORD/TERM(S)
CT	CAT/CT scan/Computerized axial tomography
CT, CAT	Computerized axial tomography scan
CTB	Ceased to breath
CTCL	Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma
CTNM	Clinical tumor, nodes, metastases
CU	Curie
CUC	Chronic ulcerative colitis
CUP	Carcinoma unknown primary
CUT	Cutaneous
CVA	Cerebrovascular accident
CVD	Cardiovascular disease
CX	Cervix
CXR	Chest X-ray
CYSTO	Cystoscopy
CYTO	Cytology
D&C	Dilatation and curettage
DC	Discontinue(d)
DCIS	Ductal carcinoma *in situ*
D-COLON	Descending colon
DE	Direct extension
DEB	Debridement
DECR	Decrease(d)
DERM	Dermatology
DES	Diethylstilbestrol
DESC	Descending
DFI	Disease free interval
DFSP	Dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans
DIAM	Diameter
DIC	Disseminated intravascular coagulopathy
DIFF	Differentiated/differential
DISCH	Discharge
DISSEM	Disseminated
DL	Diagnostic laparoscopy
DM	Diabetes mellitus
DM	Distant metastases
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
DOA	Dead on arrival

ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	WORD/TERM(S)
DOB	Date of birth
DOC	Died of other causes
DOD	Date of death
DOE	Dyspnea on exertion
DR	Doctor
DRE	Digital rectal examination
DTR	Deep tendon reflex
DVT	Deep vein thrombosis
DWD	Died with disease
DX	Diagnosis
DZ	Disease
E.G	For example
ECF	Extended care facility
ECG/EKG	Electrocardiogram
EEG	Electroencephalogram
EENT	Eyes, ears, nose and throat
EGD	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy
EMG	Electromyogram
ENLGD	Enlarged
ENT	Ears, nose, and throat
ER	Emergency room
ERA	Estrogen receptor assay
ERCP	Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography
ESO	Esophagus
ETOH	Alcohol
EUA	Examination under anesthesia
EVAL	Evaluation
EX	External
EXAM	Examination
EXC(D)	Excision/excised
EXP	Expired
EXPL	Exploratory
EXPL LAP	Exploratory laparotomy
EXT	Extend/extension
EXTR	Extremity
FAB	French-American-British
FB	Fingerbreadth

ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	WORD/TERM(S)
FHX	Family history
FL	Fluid
FLEX SIG	Flexible sigmoidoscopy
FLURO	Fluoroscopy
FMH	Family medical history
FNA	Fine needle aspiration
FNAB	Fine needle aspiration biopsy
FOM	Floor of mouth
FREQ	Frequent/Frequency
FS	Frozen section
FTSG	Full thickness skin graft
FU	Follow-up
FUO	Fever of unknown origin
FX	Fracture
GB	Gallbladder
GE	Gastroesophageal
GEN	General/Generalized
GERD	Gastroesophageal reflux disease
GI	Gastrointestinal
GM	Gram
GR	Grade
GU	Genitourinary
GYN	Gynecology
H&P	History and physical
H/O	History of
HAV	Hepatitis A (virus)
HBV	Hepatitis B (virus)
HCC	Hepatocellular carcinoma
HCG	Human chorionic gonadotropin
HCT	Hematocrit
HCV	Hepatitis C (virus)
HCVD	Hypertensive cardiovascular disease
HD	Hodgkin disease
HDV	Hepatitis D (virus)
HEENT	Head, eyes, ears, nose, throat
HEMO	Hematology
HGB	Hemoglobin

ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	WORD/TERM(S)
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HORM	Hormone
HOSP	Hospital
HPI	History of present illness
HPV	Human Papilloma Virus
HR(S)	Hour/Hours
HSM	Hepatosplenomegaly
HTLV	Human T-Lymphotrophic Virus, (Type III)
HTN	Hypertension
HVD	Hypertensive vascular disease
HX	History
HYST	Hysterectomy
I	Iodine
I&D	Incision & drainage
IAB	Intra abdominal
IBD	Inflammatory bowel disease
ICM	Intercostal margin
ICS	Intercostal space
ICU	Intensive care unit
IDDM	Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus
IG	Immunoglobulin
IHC	Immunohistochemical
IHSS	Idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis
ILD	Interstitial lung disease
IM	Intramuscular
IMA	Internal mammary artery
IMP	Impression
IN	Inch
INCL	Includes/Including
INCR	Increase(d)
INF	Inferior
INFILT	Infiltrating
INT	Internal
INV	Invade(s)/invading/invasion
INVL	Involve(s)/involvement/involving
IP	Inpatient
IPPB	Intermittent positive pressure breathing

ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	WORD/TERM(S)
IPSI	Ipsilateral
IRREG	Irregular
IT	Intrathecal
ITP	Idiopathic thrombocytopenia
IV	Intravenous
IVC	Inferior vena cava
IVCA	Intravenous cholangiogram
IVP	Intravenous pyelogram
J	Joule
JCT	Junction
JRA	Juvenile rheumatic arthritis
JVD	Jugular venous distention
JX	Junction
KG	Kilogram
KS	Kaposi sarcoma
KUB	Kidneys, ureters, bladder
KV	Kilovolt
L1-L5	Lumbar vertebra
LAB	Laboratory
LAG	Lymphangiography/lymphangiogram
LAP	Laparotomy
LAT	Lateral
LAV	Lymphadenopathy-associated virus
LB(S)	Pound(s)
LBBB	Left bundle branch block
LBBX	Left breast biopsy
LBR	Large bowel resection
LCC	Large cleaved cell
LCIS	Lobular carcinoma in situ
LCM	Left costal margin
LDH	Lactic dehydrogenase
LE	Lower extremity
LINAC	Linear accelerator
LIQ	Lower inner quadrant
LIS	Lobular in situ
LKS	Liver, kidney, spleen
LKSB	Liver, kidney, spleen, bladder

ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	WORD/TERM(S)
LLE	Left lower extremity
LLL	Left lower lobe
LLQ	Left lower quadrant
LMP	Last menstrual period
LN(S)	Lymph node(s)
LN2	Lobular neoplasia, grade 2
LNBX	Lymph node biopsy
LND	Lymph node dissection
LNR	Lymph node resection
LOQ	Lower outer quadrant
LP	Lumbar puncture
LPN	Licensed practical nurse
LRG	Large
LRQ	Lower right quadrant
LS	Lumbosacral
LS SCAN	Liver/spleen scan
LSO	Left salpingo-oophorectomy
L-SPINE	Lumbar spine
LT	Left
LTCF	Long Term Care Facility
LUE	Left upper extremity
LUL	Left upper lobe
LUO	Left ureteral orifice
LUOQ	Left upper outer quadrant
LUP ERYTH	Lupus erythematosus
LUQ	Left upper quadrant
MAA	Melanoma associated antigen
MAB	Monoclonal antibody
MALIG	Malignant
MAND	Mandible/mandibular
MAST	Mastectomy
MAT	Multifocal arterial tachycardia
MAX	Maximum
MC	Medical center
MC(H)	Millicurie (hours)
MC-AB, MCAB	Monoclonal antibody
MCG	Microgram

ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	WORD/TERM(S)
MCID	Mixed combined immunodeficiency
MCL	Midclavicular line
MCS	Malignant carcinoid syndrome
M-CSF	Macrophage colony-stimulating factor
MCTD	Mixed connective tissue disease
MD	Moderately differentiated
MDS	Myelodysplasia/myelodysplastic syndrome
MED	Medication
MED	Medicine
METS	Metastatic/Metastasis
MEV	Million electron volts
MFH	Malignant fibrous histiocytoma
MG	Myasthenia gravis
MG(H)	Milligram (hours)
MHX	Medical history
MI	Myocardial infarction
MICRO	Microscopic
MID	Middle
MIN	Minimum
MIN	Minute
ML	Middle lobe
ML	Milliliter
MM	Millimeter
MM	Multiple myeloma
MOAB	Monoclonal antibody
MOD	Moderate (ly)
MOD DIFF	Moderately differentiated
MPD	Myeloproliferative disease
MPVC	Multifocal premature ventricular contraction
MRCP	Magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
MRM	Modified radical mastectomy
MRSA	Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus
MS	Multiple sclerosis
MSB	Main stem bronchus
MULT	Multiple
MVP	Mitral valve prolapse

ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	WORD/TERM(S)
MX	Mastectomy
N&V	Nausea and vomiting
NA	Not applicable
NAD	No acute/active disease
NBX	Needle biopsy
NDL	Nodular & diffuse lymphoma
NEA	Neoplasm embryonic antigen
NEC	Not elsewhere classified/classifiable
NED	No evidence of disease
NEG	Negative
NEOPL	Neoplasm
NER	No evidence of recurrence
NEURO	Neurology
NH	Nursing home
NHL	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma
NHML	Non-Hodgkin malignant lymphoma
N-I - N-XII	Nerves, Cranial 1-12
NK	Natural killer
NL	Normal
NLBX	Needle liver biopsy
NOS	Not otherwise specified
NR	Not recorded
NSCCA	Non small cell carcinoma
NSCLC	Non-small cell lung cancer
NSF	No significant findings
NVD	Neck vein distention
NX	Nephrectomy
OB	Obstetrics
OBS	Organic brain syndrome
OBST	Obstructed (-ing, -ion)
OD	Right eye
ONC	Oncology
OP	Operation
OP	Outpatient
OP RPT	Operative report
OPM	Occult primary malignancy
OPS	Outpatient surgery

ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	WORD/TERM(S)
OR	Operating room
ORTHO	Orthopedics
OS	Left eye
OTO	Otology
OZ	Ounce
P&A	Percussion and auscultation
P32	Phosphorus 32
PA	Posteroanterior
PAC	Premature atrial contraction
PALP	Palpated (-able)
PAP	Papanicolaou smear
PAP	Papillary
PATH	Pathology
PCL	Plasma cell leukemia
PCV	Polycythemia vera
PD	Poorly differentiated
PE	Physical examination
PEDS	Pediatrics
PERC	Percutaneous
PET	Positron emission tomography
PI	Present illness
PID	Pelvic inflammatory disease
PIN	Prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia
PIN III	Prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia, grade III
PLL	Prolymphocyctic leukemia
PLT	Platelets
PMH	Past/personal (medical) history
PMP	Primary medical physician
PNET	Primitive neuroectodermal tumor
POOR DIFF	Poorly differentiated
POS	Positive
POSS	Possible
POST	Posterior
POST OP	Postoperative (-ly)
PPD	Packs per day
PRA	Progesterone receptor assay
PRE OP	Preoperative (-ly)

ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	WORD/TERM(S)
PREV	Previous
PROB	Probable (-ly)
PROCTO	Proctoscopy
PSA	Prostatic specific antigen
PT	Patient
PT	Physiotherapy/Physical therapy
PTA	Prior to admission
PTC	Percutaneous transhepatic cholecystogram
PTNM	Pathologic tumor, nodes, metastases
PUD	Peptic ulcer disease
PULM	Pulmonary
PULM ART	Pulmonary artery
PVD	Peripheral vascular disease
Q	Every
QD	Every day
QUAD	Quadrant
R/O	Rule out
RA	Rheumatoid arthritis
RAD	Radiation absorbed dose
RAI	Radioactive iodine
RBBB	Right bundle branch block
RBBX	Right breast biopsy
RBC	Red blood cells (count)
RCM	Right costal margin
RE	Regarding
REC'D	Received
REG	Regular
RESEC	Resection (ed)
RESP	Respiratory
RESPIR	Respiratory
RHD	Rheumatic heart disease
RIA	Radioimmunoassay
RIQ	Right inner quadrant
RLE	Right lower extremity
RLL	Right lower lobe
RLQ	Right lower quadrant
RMC	Regional medical center

ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	WORD/TERM(S)
RML	Right middle lobe
RND	Radical neck dissection
ROF	Review of outside films
ROQ	Right outer quadrant
ROS	Review of outside slides
RSO	Right salpingo-oophorectomy
RSR	Regular sinus rhythm
RT	Radiation therapy
RT	Right
RUE	Right upper extremity
RUL	Right upper lobe
RUO	Right ureteral orifice
RUQ	Right upper quadrant
RX	Prescription
S/P	Status post
S1-S5	Sacral vertebra
SARC	Sarcoma
SATIS	Satisfactory
SB	Small bowel
SBO	Small bowel obstruction
SBR	Small bowel resection
SCC	Squamous cell carcinoma
SCID	Severe combined immunodeficiency syndrome
SCLC	Small cell lung carcinoma
SGOT	Serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase
SGPT	Serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase
SIG COLON	Sigmoid colon
SLE	Systemic lupus erythematosus
SM	Small
SMA	Sequential multiple analysis
SNF	Skilled nursing facility
SO	Salpingo-oophorectomy
SOB	Short(ness) of breath
SPEC	Specimen
SQ	Squamous
SS	Summary stage
S-SPINE	Sacral spine

ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	WORD/TERM(S)
SSS	Sick sinus syndrome
STSG	Split thickness skin graft
SUBQ	Subcutaneous
SURG	Surgery/Surgical
SUSP	Suspicious/suspected
SVC	Superior vena cava
SX	Symptoms
TAH	Total abdominal hysterectomy
TAH-BSO	Total abdominal hysterectomy- bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy
T-ALL	T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia
TANI	Total axial (lymph) node irradiation
TBBX	Transbronchial biopsy
TCC	Transitional cell carcinoma
T-CLL	T-cell chronic lymphatic leukemia
TIA	Transient ischemic attack
TNM	Tumor, node, metastasis
TPN	Total parenteral nutrition
TRAM	Transverse rectus abdominous myocutaneous
TRANS-COLON	Transverse colon
TRUS	Transrectal ultrasound
TRUSP	Transrectal ultrasound of prostate
TS	Tumor size
T-SPINE	Thoracic spine
TTP	Thromboticthrombocytopenia purpura
TUR	Transurethral resection
TURB	Transurethral resection bladder
TURBT	Transurethral resection bladder tumor
TURP	Transurethral resection prostate
TVC	True vocal cord
TVH	Total vaginal hysterectomy
TX	Treatment
UDO	Undetermined origin
UE	Upper extremity
UGI	Upper gastrointestinal (series)
UIQ	Upper inner quadrant
UNDET	Undetermined
UNDIFF	Undifferentiated

ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	WORD/TERM(S)
UNK	Unknown
UOQ	Upper outer quadrant
URI	Upper respiratory infection
URQ	Upper right quadrant
US	Ultrasound
USO	Unilateral salpingo-oophorectomy
UTI	Urinary tract infection
VAG	Vagina/Vaginal
VAG HYST	Vaginal hysterectomy
VAIN	Vaginal intraepithelial neoplasia
VAIN III	Vaginal intraepithelial neoplasia (grade III)
VASC	Vascular
VIN	Vulvar intraepithelial neoplasia
VIN III	Vulvar intraepithelial neoplasia (grade III)
VS	Versus
W/	With
W/F	White female W/F
W/M	White male
W/O	Without
W/U	Work-up
WAGR	Wilms (tumor), aniridia, genitourinary (abnormalities), and (mental)
WBC	White blood cells (count)
WD	Well differentiated
WELL DIFF	Well differentiated
WF-O	Will follow (in) office
WNL	Within normal limits
WPW	Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome
XR	Xray
YR	Year
YST	Yolk Sac Tumor

ABBREVIATIONS

CONTEXT-SENSITIVE ABBREVIATIONS

When using these abbreviations, make sure the meaning of the abbreviation is readily apparent in the context in which it is used.

ABBREVIATION	WORD/TERM(S)
AP	Anteroposterior
	Abdominal perineal
BM	Bone marrow
	Bowel movement
CA	Calcium
	Carcinoma
DM	Diabetes mellitus
	Distant metastases
MIN	Minimum
	Minute
ML	Milliliter
	Middle lobe
MM	Millimeter
	Multiple myeloma
OP	Operation
	Outpatient
PAP	Papillary
	Papanicolaou smear
PT	Patient
	Physiotherapy/Physical therapy
RT	Right
	Radiation therapy

ABBREVIATIONS

SYMBOLS

SYMBOL	WORD/TERM (S)
-	Negative, minus
#	Number, pound(s)
&	And
@	At
^	Above
+	Plus, Positive
<	Less/Less than
=	Equal(s)
>	Greater/Greater than, More/more than
X	Times

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