

COMMON MEDICAL TERMS

#	Fracture
+ve	Positive
-ve	Negative
Abs	Antibiotics
AF	Atrial Fibrillation
AM	Amaurosis Fugax (transient loss of sight)
BD	Twice a day
C & S	Culture and sensitivity - looking for cause of infection and what it will respond to
CABG	Coronary artery bypass graft
CDH	Congenital dislocation of hips - looked for at 6 week check
CHD	Coronary heart disease
CI	Contraindicated
COAD/COPD	Chronic obstructive airways disease / Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease i.e. chronic bronchitis, emphysema
CPN	Community psychiatric nurse
CVA	Cerebro vascular accident - i.e. a stroke
CVS	Cardiovascular system (heart)
CXR	Chest X ray
D/W	Deal with
Ditmo	Dip slide - testing for urine infection
DNA or FTA	Did not attend or failed to attend
EMU	Early morning urine sample - used in pregnancy test
EST	Blood test carried out to give a non-specific indication of the disease process
FB	Foreign body
FH	Family History
FTND	Full term normal delivery
Gi	Gastro intestinal (Guts)
GORD	Gastro oesophageal reflux disease

Gu	Genitourinary
HbA1c	Test carried out to determine control of diabetes
HIB	Injection given to babies against a bacteria which causes some cases of meningitis
HS	Heart Sounds
HVS	High vaginal swab - carried out when testing for infection
Hypertension	Raised blood pressure
IBS	Irritable bowel syndrome
IDD	Insulin dependent diabetic
IHD	Ischaemic heart disease
IPT	Pregnancy test
IVU	Intravenous urogram
L	Left
LBP	Low back pain
LFT	Liver function test
LSE	Left sternal edge
Lx	Investigations
Mammogram	Breast X ray
Mane	Morning
Meds	Medications
MI	Myocardial infarction - i.e. a heart attack
MMR	Injection for measles, mumps and rubella
MND	Motor neurone disease
MS	Multiple sclerosis
MSU	Mid-stream urine sample - taken when testing for infection
NAD	Nothing abnormal discovered / detected / denoted
NEG	Negative
NIDD	Non-insulin dependent diabetic

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Nocte	Night
NSAID/nsaid	Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (like Ibuprofen)- used for joint pain when inflammation present
NTRP	North Tyneside Recovery Partnership
o/e	On examination
OA	Osteoarthritis
OCC	Occasionally
ON or OD	One a day
PACI	Partial anterior circulation infarct
Part 2	Second part of cremation form which must be completed by a doctor who did not know the deceased
PD	Parkinson Disease
PID	Prolapsed intervertebral disc
PNR	Percussion note resonant
PRN	As required
prob	Probably
PUD	Peptic ulcer disease
Pyuria	Pus in urine i.e. an infection
QDS	Four times a day
R	Right
RA	Rheumatoid arthritis
red flags	Warnings of serious disease
ref	Referral
ROM/rom	Range of movement
RS	Respiratory sounds / system

RTC	Road traffic collision
Rx	Treatment
SAH	Subarachnoid haemorrhage
Script	Prescription
Slt	Slightly
SSOB	Severe shortness of breath
Sx	Symptoms
TATT	Tired all the time
TCI	To come in
TDS	Three times a day
TFT	Thyroid function test
THR	Total hip replacement
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TIA	Transient ischaemic attack - i.e. a mini-stroke
TKA	Total knee arthroscopy
TKR	Total knee replacement
TOP	Termination of pregnancy
TSH	Thyroid stimulating hormone - measure of thyroid function
TWOC	Trial without catheter
URTI	Upper respiratory tract infection
Us&Es or U+E	Blood test looking at kidney function
UTI	Urinary tract infection
V	Very