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APPROVED ABBREVIATIONS

(Please limit the use of these abbreviations in reports.)

♀	female	ARDS	adult respiratory distress syndrome	CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
♂	male	artic.	articulation	ct	client
#	number	AS	left ear (auris sinistra)	CVA	cerebrovascular accident (stroke)
¶	paragraph	ASAP	as soon as possible	Ⓓ	dependent
%	percent	AU	both ears (aures unitas)	DAT	diet as tolerated
?s	questions	Ⓑ	bilateral	dB	decibels
↑	increase (↑'d; ↑'ing)	Ba	barium	d/c	discontinue; discharge
↓	decrease (↓'d; ↓'ing)	BAER	brainstem auditory evoked response	demo.	demonstrate, -ation
@	at	BID	(or bid) twice a day	DM	diabetes mellitus
Δ	change	bil.	bilateral	DNR	do not resuscitate
≈	approximately	BOM	bilateral otitis media	DOB	date of birth
⊕	present; positive	BW	birth weight	DOE	date of eval
⊖	absent; negative	b/t	between	d/t	due to
\$	stimulus	\bar{c}	with	Dx	diagnosis
2°	secondary to	Ca	cancer; carcinoma	EAC	external auditory canal
A&A	awake and alert	CABG	coronary artery bypass graft (say as "cabbage")	e.g.	for example
ABR	auditory brainstem response (See BAER)	CC	chief complaint	ENT	ear, nose and throat specialist
acc.	accuracy; accurate	CHF	congestive heart failure	ETOH	ethanol (drinking alcohol)
AD	right ear (auris dextra)	CHI	closed head injury (See TBI)	eval.	evaluation
ADLs	activities of daily living	cln	clinician	FT	feeding tube
adm.	admitted	CN	cranial nerve	F/u	follow-up
ALS	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	CNS	central nervous system	Fx	function
AMA	against medical advice	c/o	complaint of	GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale
AMB	ambulatory	comm.	communicate; communication	GSW	gunshot wound
AODM	adult-onset diabetes mellitus	comp.	comprehension	GT	gastric feeding tube
A-P	anteroposterior	COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	HEENT	head, eyes, ears, nose and throat
approp.	appropriate			HH	home health
				HOB	head of bed
				HOH	hard of hearing

HTN	hypertension	O ₂	oxygen	stat.	immediately
Hx	history	OX3	oriented times 3 (person, place, year)	STM	short-term memory
H&P	History and Physical			TBI	traumatic brain injury (See CHI)
Ⓘ	independent	OBS	organic brain syndrome	TEP	tracheoesophageal puncture
ICA	internal carotid artery	od	right eye (<i>oculus dextra</i>)	TF	tube feeding
ICU	Intensive Care Unit	OOB	out of bed	TIA	transient ischemic attack
id.	identify	OM	otitis media	tid	three times a day
IDDM	insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus	os	left eye (<i>oculus sinister</i>)	TM	tympenic membrane
Imp	impression	OT	occupational therapy	trach.	tracheostomy
Ⓛ	left	Ⓕ	after	TICU	trauma intensive care unit (See ICU)
lang.	language	PEG	percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (feeding tube)	TVC	true vocal cords (See VC; TVF)
LL	lower lobe (either LLL or RLL) of a lung			TVF	true vocal folds (See TVC; VC)
LOC	loss of consciousness	p.o.	by mouth	tx	treatment; therapy
LOS	length of stay	PRN	as needed	UL	upper lobe (either RUL or LUL) of a lung
LTM	long-term memory	Pt.	patient	utt.	utterances
MBS	Modified Barium Swallow	PT	physical therapy	VC	vocal cords (See TVC; TVF)
MCA	middle cerebral artery	q	every; each	vent.	ventilator
MHz	megahertz	qd	every day	VF	visual field (as in, "VF deficit" or "VF cut")
min.	minimum	qid	four times a day	W/C	wheelchair
mod.	moderate	Ⓡ	right	WFL	within functional limits
MS	mental status; Multiple Sclerosis	Rx	recommendation; prescription	WNL	within normal limits
MVA	motor vehicle accident	Ⓖ	without	Ⓕ	except
NC	nasal cannula	SCI	spinal cord injury	X	time(s)
NGT	nasogastric tube	sev.	severe	Y/N	yes/no
NIDDM	non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus	SNF	skilled nursing facility	y/o	years old
NPO	nothing by mouth	SOA	shortness of air		
NR	no response	spont.	spontaneous(ly)		

Example: Ct will Ⓘly answer oral Y/N comparison ?s @ 80%.