

**ABBREVIATION LIST**  
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ALOC	Altered Level of Consciousness
ABC's	Airway, Breathing, Circulation
ACLS	Advanced Cardiac Life Support
AED	Automatic External Defibrillator
AICD	Automatic Implantable Cardiac Defibrillator
ALS	Advanced Life Support
AMI	Acute Myocardial Infarction
AMS	Altered Mental Status
AMR	American Medical Response
ASA	Aspirin
AV	Atrial Ventricular
BHPC	Base Hospital Physician Contact
BLS	Basic Life Support
BP	Blood Pressure
bpm	Beats Per Minute
BSI	Body Substance Isolation
BVM	Bag Valve Mask
CaCl	Calcium Chloride
CC	Chief Complaint
C-spine	Cervical Spine
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Edema
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CVA	Cerebral Vascular Accident
D <sub>12.5%</sub> W	Dextrose 12.5% in water
D <sub>50%</sub> W	Dextrose 50% in water
DKA	Diabetic Ketoacidosis
DM	Diabetes Mellitus
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
ED	Emergency Department
EKG	Electrocardiogram
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
Epi	Epinephrine
ET	Endotracheal Tube
ETT	Endotracheal Tube
gm	Gram
GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale
HazMat	Hazardous Materials
HEENT	Head, Eyes, Ears, Nose, Throat
HTN	Hypertension
IO	Interosseous
IM	Intramuscular
ITLS	International Trauma Life Support
IV	Intravenous
IVP	Intravenous Push (IV push prefed)

kg	Kilogram
J	Joule
LOC	Loss of Consciousness
Max	Maximum
mcg	Microgram
meds	Medication
mEq	Milliequivalent
min	Minute
mg	Milligram
MI	Myocardial Infarction
mL	Milliliter
MVC	Motor Vehicle Collision
NPA	Nasopharyngeal Airway
NPO	Nothing Per Mouth
NS	Normal Saline
NT	Nasal Tube
NTG	Nitroglycerine
NS	Normal Saline
O2	Oxygen
OB	Obstetrical
OD	Overdose
OPA	Oropharyngeal Airway
OPQRST	Onset, Provoked, Quality, Region and Radiation, Severity, Time
OTC	Over the Counter
PAC	Premature Atrial Contraction
PALS	Pediatric Advanced Life Support
PEA	Pulseless Electrical Activity
PHTLS	Prehospital Trauma Life Support
PID	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
PO	By Mouth
Pt.	Patient
prn	As needed
PVC	Premature Ventricular Contraction
q	Every
QRS	Ventricular Conduction Complex
RMC	Routine Medical Care
R/O	Rule Out
RIVP	Rapid Intravenous Push (rapid IV push preferred)
SAD	Semi-Automatic Defibrillator
SBP	Systolic Blood Pressure
SL	Sublingual
SOB	Shortness of Breath
SIVP	Slow Intravenous Push
STEMI	ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction
SVT	Supraventricular Tachycardia
TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack
TBSA	Total Body Surface Area
TCA	Tricyclic Antidepressant

TCP	Transcutaneous Pacing
V-Fib	Ventricular Fibrillation
V-Tach	Ventricular Tachycardia
w/o	Without