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DX DIAGNOSIS

ABBREVIATION	DEFINITION
ACB	Arterio-Cardiac Bypass
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ALL	Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia
AML	Acute Myelogenous Leukemia
ARC	AIDS Related Complex
ARDS	Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome
ARF	Addiction Research Foundation
AVM	Arterio-Ventricular Malformation
AVR	Arterio-ventricular Regurgitation
BAL	Bronchial Alveolar Lavage
BID	Twice a day
BKA	Below Knee Amputation
BPH	Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy
Bx	Biopsy
Ca	Cancer
CAD	Coronary Artery Disease
CAPD	Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis
CCU	Coronary Care Unit
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure
CLL	Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia
COLD	Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CRF	Chronic Renal Failure
CS	Caesarian Section
CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid
CSU	Catheter Specimen Urine
CVA	Cerebrovascular Accident
CVP	Central Venous Pressure
D&C	Dilatation & Curettage
DBU	Day Bed Unit
DIC	Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation
DOA	Dead On Arrival
DOB	Date of Birth
ECW	Edith Cavell Wing
EPS	Expressed Prostatic Secretion
ESBL	Extended Spectrum Beta Lactamase
ESRD	End Stage Renal Disease
ETT	Endo Tracheal Tube
#	Fracture
FUO	Fever Unknown Origin
GI	Gastro-Intestinal
HAA	Hepatitis Associated Antigen

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HBSAg	Hepatitis B Surface Antigen
HPDU	Home Peritoneal Dialysis Unit
Hx	History
ICH	Intracranial Haemorrhage
ICP	Intracranial Pressure
ICP Monitor	Intracranial Pressure Monitor
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IDDM	Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus
IUP	Intrauterine Pregnancy
IVF	In-vitro Fertilization
JP	Jackson Pratt
LP	Lumbar Puncture
LUL	Left Upper Lobe
MI	Mitral Insufficiency
MRSA	Methicillin Resistant Staph. Aureus
MS	Multiple Sclerosis
MSU	Mid Stream Urine
MVA	Motor Vehicle Accident
MVR	Mitral Valve Regurgitation
N/R	Not Remaining
NSICU	Neuro-surgical Intensive Care Unit
NYD	Not Yet Diagnosed
OB	Occult Blood
OD	Oculus Dexter (Right Eye)
OPD	Out Patient Department
OS	Oculus Sinister (Left Eye)
PID	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
POP	Private Out Patient
PROM	Premature Rupture of Membranes
PTC	Percutaneous Transcholangiography
PTFE	Poly-Tetra-Fluoro-Ethylene-a graft used in dialysis patients
PUL	Pulmonary
PUO	Pyrexia Unknown Origin
PVD	Peripheral Vascular Disease
R/O	Rule Out
RA	Rheumatoid Arthritis
RML	Right Middle Lobe
RR	Red Rubber (drain)
SAH	Sub Arachnoid Haemorrhage
SBE	Sub-Acute Bacterial Endocarditis
SICU	Surgical Intensive Care Unit
SLE	Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
SOB	Short of Breath
SROM	Spontaneous Rupture of Membranes
SSU	Short Stay Unit

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TA	Therapeutic Abortion
TAH	Transabdominal Hysterectomy
TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack
TID	Three times a day
TTA	Transtracheal Aspirate
TTP	Thrombo Thrombocytopenic Purpura
TURP	Trans Urethral Removal Prostate
TX	Transplant
URI	Upper Respiratory Tract Infection
UTI	Urinary Tract Infection
VB1	First Voided Urine
VB2	Midstream Urine
VB3	Post prostatic massage urine
VP shunt	Ventriculo-peritoneal Shunt
VRE	Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci

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