

**MEHLVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
GUIDELINES FOR PREHOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE**

**SUBJECT: Appendix D
EMS Formulary
List of Approved Medical Abbreviations**

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Please limit your use of abbreviation to this list. When using these abbreviations they are to be typed or written as they appear on this page.

A&O x 3	alert and oriented to person, place, and time
A&O x 4	alert and orient to person, place, time, and event
A-FIB	atrial fibrillation
AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm
ABC	airway, breathing, and circulation
ABD	abdomen or abdominal
ACLS	advanced cardiac life support
ALS	advanced life support
AMA	against medical advice
AMT	amount
APPROX	approx
ASA	aspirin
ATF	arrive to find
ATLE	apparent life threatening event
BG	blood glucose
BGL	blood glucose level
BILAT	bilateral or bilaterally
BLS	basic life support
BM	bowel movement
BP	blood pressure
B/P	blood pressure
BS	breath sounds
BVM	bag valve mask
C-SPINE	cervical spine
C/O	complaint of, complains of, or complaining of
CA	cancer
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft
CAD	coronary artery disease
CATH	catheter
CC	chief complaint
CHF	congestive heart failure
CNS	central nervous system
CO2	carbon dioxide
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

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CP	chest pain
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
CT	cat scan
CVA	cerebral vascular accident
D5W	5% dextrose in water
DKA	diabetic ketoacidosis
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DNR	do not resuscitate
DOA	dead on arrival
DT	delirium tremens
Dx	diagnosis
ECG	electrocardiogram
ET	endotracheal
ETOH	ethanol alcohol
ETT	endotracheal tube
F	female
FB	foreign body
Fx	fracture
g	grams
GI	gastrointestinal
GSW	gunshot wound
gtts	drops
GYN	gynecology or gynecological
H/A	headache
HEENT	head, eyes, ears, nose, throat
HR	heart rate per minute
HTN	hypertension
Hx	history
ICP	intracranial pressure
ICU	intensive care unit
IM	intramuscular
IO	intraosseous
IV	intravenous
JVD	jugular venous distension

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kg	kilogram
KVO	keep vein open
LBBB	left bundle branch block
L-SPINE	lumbar spine
L/S Spine	lumbar sacral spine
L&D	labor and delivery
LAT	lateral
lb	pound
LLQ	left lower quadrant
LMP	last menstrual period
LOC	level of consciousness
LR	lactated ringers
LUQ	left upper quadrant
M	male
MAST	military anti-shock trousers
mcg	micrograms
MED	medicine
mg	milligram
MI	myocardial infarction
min	minute or minimum
MS	mental status or muscular sclerosis
MSΔ	mental status change
MSO4	morphine sulfate
MVC	motor vehicle collision
N/V	nausea and vomiting
N/V/D	nausea, vomiting and diarrhea
NAD	no apparent distress
NC	nasal cannula
NEB	nebulizer
NKDA	no known drug allergies
NRB	nonrebreather
NS	normal saline
NSR	normal sinus rhythm
O2	oxygen
OB/GYN	obstetrics & gynecology
PALP	palpation

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PAC	premature atrial contraction
PE	pulmonary embolus or physical examination
PEARRL	pupils equal round reactive to light
PMHx	past medical history
PO	by mouth
PRN	as needed
PT	patient
PVC	premature ventricular contraction
RBBB	right bundle branch block
RLQ	right lower quadrant
RUQ	right upper quadrant
Rx	medicine
S/P	status post
SIDS	sudden infant death syndrome
SOB	shortness of breath
SQ	subcutaneous
ST	sinus tachycardia
SVT	supraventricular tachycardia
Sx	symptoms
Sz	seizures
T-SPINE	thoracic spine
T	temperature
TIA	transient ischemic attack
TKO	to keep open
Tx	treatment
UOA	upon our arrival
URI	upper respiratory infection
UTI	urinary tract infection
VF	ventricular fibrillation
VS	vital signs
VT	ventricular tachycardia
WNL	within normal limits
YO	years old

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?	questionable
+	positive
-	negative
∧	approximately
>	greater than
<	less than
=	equal
↑	higher or increased
↓	lower or decreased
1°	primary
2°	secondary
Δ	change
♀	female
♂	male
ĉ	with
ŝ	without
â	before
p	after