

**NAACCR RECOMMENDED ABBREVIATION LIST  
ORDERED BY WORD/TERM(S)**

<b>WORD/TERM(S)</b>	<b>ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL</b>
Abdomen (abdominal)	ABD
Abdominal perineal	AP
Abnormal	ABN
Above	^
Above knee (amputation)	AK(A)
Absent/Absence	ABS
Abstract/Abstracted	ABST
Achilles tendon reflex	ATR
Acid phosphatase	ACID PHOS
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	AIDS
Activities of daily living	ADL
Acute granulocytic leukemia	AGL
Acute lymphocytic leukemia	ALL
Acute myelogenous leukemia	AML
Acute myocardial infarction	AMI
Acute Respiratory Distress (Disease) Syndrome	ARDS
Acute tubular necrosis	ATN
Acute renal failure	ARF
Adenocarcinoma	ADENOCA
Adenosine triphosphate	ATP
Adjacent	ADJ
Adult-onset Diabetes Mellitus	AODM
Admission/Admit	ADM
Adrenal cortical hormone	ACH
Adrenal cortex	AC
Adrenocorticotrophic hormone	ACTH
Affirmative	AFF
Against medical advice	AMA
AIDS-related condition (complex)	ARC
AIDS-related disease	ARD
Air contrast barium enema	ACBE
Albumin	ALB
Alcohol	ETOH
Alkaline phosphatase	ALK PHOS
Alpha-fetoprotein	AFP
Also known as	AKA
Ambulatory	AMB
Amount	AMT
Amputation	AMP
Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	ALS
Anal intraepithelial neoplasia, grade III	AIN III

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Anaplastic	ANAP
And	&
Angiography/Angiogram	ANGIO
Anterior	ANT
Anteroposterior	AP
Antidiuretic hormone	ADH
Antigen	AG
Aortic stenosis	A-STEN
Appendix	APP
Apparently	APPL'Y
Approximately	APPROX
Arrhythmia	ARRHY
Arterial blood gases	ABG
Arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease	ASCVD
Arteriosclerotic heart disease	ASHD
Arteriosclerotic Peripheral Vascular Disease	ASPVD
Arteriosclerosis/Arteriosclerotic	AS
Arteriovenous	AV
Arteriovenous malformation	AVM
Artery (ial)	ART
Ascending colon	A-COLON
Aspiration	ASP
Aspirin, Acetylsalicylic acid	ASA
As soon as possible	ASAP
At	@
Atrial fibrillation	A FIB
Atrial flutter	A FLUTTER
Atrial stenosis/insufficiency/incompetence	AI
Atrial premature complexes	APC
Auscultation & percussion	A&P
Autonomic nervous system	ANS
Autopsy	AUT
Autoimmune hemolytic anemia	AIHA
Average	AVG
Axilla(ry)	AX
Bacillus Calmette-Guerin	BCG
Barium	BA
Barium enema	BE
Bartholin's, Urethral & Skene's	BUS
Basal cell carcinoma	BCC
Before noon	AM
Below knee (amputation)	BK(A)
Benign prostatic hypertrophy/hyperplasia	BPH
Bilateral	BIL

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Bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy	BSO
Bile duct	BD
Biological response modifier	BRM
Biopsy	BX
Bipolar affective disorder	BAD
Black female	B/F
Black male	B/M
Bladder tumor	BT
Blood pressure	BP
Blood urea nitrogen	BUN
Blood volume	BV
Bone marrow	BM
Bone marrow transplant	BMT
Bowel movement	BM
Brother	BRO
Calcium	CA
Capsule (s)	CAP(S)
Carcinoembryonic antigen	CEA
Carcinoma	CA
Carcinoma <i>in situ</i>	CIS
Cardiovascular disease	CVD
CAT/CT scan/Computerized axial tomography	CT
Centimeter	CM
Central nervous system	CNS
Cerebrospinal fluid	CSF
Cerebrovascular accident	CVA
Cervical intraepithelial neoplasia	CIN
Cervical intraepithelial neoplasia, grade III	CIN III
Cervical vertebrae	C1-C7
Cervical spine	C-SPINE
Change	CHG
Chemotherapy	CHEMO
Chest X-ray	CXR
Chronic	CHR
Chronic granulocytic leukemia	CGL
Chronic lymphocytic leukemia	CLL
Chronic myeloid (myelocytic) leukemia	CML
Chronic obstructive lung disease	COLD
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	COPD
Chronic renal failure	CRF
Chronic ulcerative colitis	CUC
Cigarettes	CIG
Clear	CLR
Cobalt 60	CO60

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Collaborative stage	CS
Colon, Ascending	A-COLON
Colon, Descending	D-COLON
Colon, Sigmoid	SIG COLON
Colon, Transverse	TRANS-COLON
Colony-stimulating factor	C-SF
Complaint (-ning) of	C/O
Complete blood count	CBC
Congenital heart disease	CHD
Congestive heart failure	CHF
Consistent with	C/W
Continue/continuous	CONT
Contralateral	CONTRA
Coronary artery bypass graft	CABG
Coronary artery disease	CAD
Coronary care unit	CCU
Cubic centimeter	CC
Cystoscopy	CYSTO
Cytology	CYTO
Cystic fibrosis	CF
Date of birth	DOB
Date of death	DOD
Dead on arrival	DOA
Decrease(d)	DECR
Deep tendon reflex	DTR
Deep vein thrombosis	DVT
Deoxyribonucleic acid	DNA
Descending colon	D-COLON
Dermatology	DERM
Diabetes mellitus	DM
Diagnosis	DX
Diameter	DIAM
Diethylstilbestrol	DES
Differentiated/differential	DIFF
Digital rectal examination	DRE
Dilatation and curettage	D&C
Discharge	DISCH
Discontinue(d)	DC
Disease	DZ
Disseminated intravascular coagulopathy	DIC
Ductal carcinoma <i>in situ</i>	DCIS
Dyspnea on exertion	DOE
Ears, nose, and throat	ENT

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Electrocardiogram	ECG/EKG
Electroencephalogram	EEG
Electromyogram	EMG
Emergency room	ER
Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography	ERCP
End stage renal disease	ESRD
Enlarged	ENLGD
Equal(s)	=
Esophagogastro-duodenoscopy	EGD
Estrogen receptor (assay)	ER, ERA
Evaluation	EVAL
Every	Q
Every day	QD
Examination	EXAM
Excision/excised	EXC(D)
Expired	EXP
Exploratory	EXPL
Exploratory laparotomy	EXPL LAP
Extend/extension	EXT
Fever of unknown origin	FUO
Fine needle aspiration	FNA
Fine needle aspiration biopsy	FNAB
Floor of mouth	FOM
Fluid	FL
Fluoroscopy	FLURO
Follow-up	FU
For example	E.G.
Fracture	FX
Frequent/Frequency	FREQ
Frozen section	FS
Full thickness skin graft	FTSG
Gallbladder	GB
Gastroesophageal	GE
Gastroesophageal reflux disease	GERD
Gastrointestinal	GI
General/Generalized	GEN
Genitourinary	GU
Grade	GR
Greater/Greater than	>
Gynecology	GYN
Hematocrit	HCT
Hemoglobin	HGB

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Hepatitis A (virus)	HAV
Hepatitis B (virus)	HBV
Hepatitis C (virus)	HCV
Hepatitis D (virus)	HDV
Hepatosplenomegaly	HSM
History	HX
History and physical	H&P
History of	H/O
Hormone	HORM
Hospital	HOSP
Hour/Hours	HR(S)
Human chorionic gonadotropin	HCG
Human Immunodeficiency Virus	HIV
Human Papilloma Virus	HPV
Human T-Lymphotropic Virus, (Type III)	HTLV
Hypertension	HTN
Hypertensive cardiovascular disease	HCVD
Hypertensive vascular disease	HVD
Hysterectomy	HYST
Idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis	IHSS
Idiopathic thrombocytopenia	ITP
Immunoglobulin	IG
Immunohistochemical	IHC
Impression	IMP
Incision & drainage	I&D
Includes/Including	INCL
Increase(d)	INCR
Inferior	INF
Inferior vena cava	IVC
Infiltrating	INFILT
Inflammatory bowel disease	IBD
Inpatient	IP
Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus	IDDM
Intensive care unit	ICU
Intercostal margin	ICM
Intercostal space	ICS
Intermittent positive pressure breathing	IPPB
Internal	INT
Interstitial lung disease	ILD
Intramuscular	IM
Intrathecal	IT
Intravenous	IV
Intravenous cholangiogram	IVCA
Intravenous pyelogram	IVP

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Invade(s)/invading/invasion	INV
Involve(s)/involvement/involving	INVL
Ipsilateral	IPSI
Irregular	IRREG
Jugular venous distention	JVD
Juvenile rheumatic arthritis	JRA
Kaposi sarcoma	KS
Kidneys, ureters, bladder	KUB
Kilogram	KG
Kilovolt	KV
laboratory	LAB
Lactic dehydrogenase	LDH
Laparotomy	LAP
Large	LRG
Last menstrual period	LMP
Lateral	LAT
Left	LT
Left bundle branch block	LBBB
Left costal margin	LCM
Left lower extremity	LLE
Left lower lobe	LLL
Left lower quadrant	LLQ
Left salpingo-oophorectomy	LSO
Left upper extremity	LUE
Left upper lobe	LUL
Left upper quadrant	LUQ
Left upper outer quadrant	LUOQ
Less/Less than	<
Licensed practical nurse	LPN
Linear accelerator	LINAC
Liver/spleen scan	LS SCAN
Lower extremity	LE
Lower inner quadrant	LIQ
Lower outer quadrant	LOQ
Lumbar vertebra	L1-L5
Lumbar spine	L-SPINE
Lumbosacral	LS
Lymphadenopathy-associated virus	LAV
Lymph node(s)	LN(S)
Lymph node dissection	LND
Lupus erythematosus	LUP ERYTH

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Macrophage colony-stimulating factor	M-CSF
Magnetic resonance imaging	MRI
Magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography	MRCP
Main stem bronchus	MSB
Malignant	MALIG
Mandible/mandibular	MAND
Maximum	MAX
Medical center	MC
Medication	MED
Metastatic/Metastasis	METS
Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus	MRSA
Microgram	MCG
Microscopic	MICRO
Middle lobe	ML
Millicurie (hours)	MC(H)
Milligram (hours)	MG(H)
Milliliter	ML
Millimeter	MM
Million electron volts	MEV
Minimum	MIN
Minus	-
Minute	MIN
Mitral valve prolapse	MVP
Mixed combined immunodeficiency	MCID
Mixed connective tissue disease	MCTD
Moderate (ly)	MOD
Moderately differentiated	MD, MOD DIFF
Modified radical mastectomy	MRM
More/More than	>
Multifocal arterial tachycardia	MAT
Multifocal premature ventricular contraction	MPVC
Multiple	MULT
Multiple sclerosis	MS
Multiple myeloma	MM
Myasthenia gravis	MG
Myocardial infarction	MI
Neck vein distention	NVD
Negative	NEG
Negative	-
Neoplasm	NEOPL
Neurology	NEURO
No evidence of disease	NED
No significant findings	NSF
Non-Hodgkins lymphoma	NHL



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Normal	NL
Non small cell carcinoma	NSCCA
Not applicable	NA
Not otherwise specified	NOS
Not recorded	NR
Number	#
Nursing home	NH
Obstetrics	OB
Obstructed (-ing, -ion)	OBST
Operating room	OR
Operative report	OP RPT
Organic brain syndrome	OBS
Orthopedics	ORTHO
Otology	OTO
Ounce	OZ
Outpatient	OP
Packs per day	PPD
Palpated (-able)	PALP
Papanicolaou smear	PAP
Papillary	PAP
Past/personal (medical) history	PMH
Pathology	PATH
Patient	PT
Pediatrics	PEDS
Pelvic inflammatory disease	PID
Peptic ulcer disease	PUD
Percutaneous	PERC
Percutaneous transhepatic cholecystogram	PTC
Peripheral vascular disease	PVD
Prescription	RX
Primary medical physician	PMP
Phosphorus 32	P32
Physical examination	PE
Physiotherapy/Physical therapy	PT
Platelets	PLT
Plus	+
Poorly differentiated	PD, POOR DIFF
Positive	POS
Positive	+
Positron emission tomography	PET
Possible	POSS
Posterior	POST
Postoperative (-ly)	POST OP

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Pound(s)	LB(S)
Pound(s)	#
Premature atrial contraction	PAC
Preoperative (-ly)	PRE OP
Previous	PREV
Prior to admission	PTA
Probable (-ly)	PROB
Proctoscopy	PROCTO
Progesterone receptor (assay)	PR, PRA
Prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia, grade III	PIN III
Prostatic specific antigen	PSA
Pulmonary	PULM
Quadrant	QUAD
Radiation absorbed dose	RAD
Radiation therapy	RT
Radioimmunoassay	RIA
Received	REC'D
Red blood cells (count)	RBC
Regarding	RE
Regional medical center	RMC
Regular	REG
Regular sinus rhythm	RSR
Resection (ed)	RESEC
Review of outside films	ROF
Review of outside slides	ROS
Rheumatoid arthritis	RA
Rheumatic heart disease	RHD
Right	RT
Right bundle branch block	RBBB
Right costal margin	RCM
Right inner quadrant	RIQ
Right lower extremity	RLE
Right lower lobe	RLL
Right lower quadrant	RLQ
Right middle lobe	RML
Right outer quadrant	ROQ
Right salpingo-oophorectomy	RSO
Right upper extremity	RUE
Right upper lobe	RUL
Right upper quadrant	RUQ
Rule out	R/O
Sacral spine	S-SPINE

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Sacral vertebra	S1-S5
Salpingo-oophorectomy	SO
Satisfactory	SATIS
Serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase	SGOT
Serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase	SGPT
Severe combined immunodeficiency syndrome	SCID
Short(ness) of breath	SOB
Sick sinus syndrome	SSS
Sigmoid colon	SIG COLON
Small	SM
Small bowel	SB
Specimen	SPEC
Spine, Cervical	C-SPINE
Spine, Lumbar	L-SPINE
Spine, Sacral	S-SPINE
Spine, Thoracic	T-SPINE
Split thickness skin graft	STSG
Squamous	SQ
Squamous cell carcinoma	SCC
Status post	S/P
Subcutaneous	SUBCU
Summary stage	SS
Superior vena cava	SVC
Surgery/Surgical	SURG
Suspicious/suspected	SUSP
Symptoms	SX
Syndrome of inappropriate ADH	SIADH
Systemic lupus erythematosus	SLE
Thoracic spine	T-SPINE
Thromboticthrombocytopenia purpura	TTP
Times	X
Total abdominal hysterectomy	TAH
Total abdominal hysterectomy- bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy	TAH-BSO
Total vaginal hysterectomy	TVH
Transient ischemic attack	TIA
Transitional cell carcinoma	TCC
Transurethral resection	TUR
Transurethral resection bladder	TURB
Transurethral resection prostate	TURP
Transverse colon	TRANS-COLON
Treatment	TX
True vocal cord	TVC
Tuberculosis	TB
Twice a day (daily)	BID

<b>WORD/TERM(S)</b>	<b>ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL</b>
Ultrasound	US
Undifferentiated	UNDIFF
Unknown	UNK
Upper extremity	UE
Upper gastrointestinal (series)	UGI
Upper inner quadrant	UIQ
Upper outer quadrant	UOQ
Upper respiratory infection	URI
Urinary tract infection	UTI
Vagina/Vaginal	VAG
Vaginal hysterectomy	VAG HYST
Vaginal intraepithelial neoplasia (grade III)	VAIN III
Vulvar intraepithelial neoplasia (grade III)	VIN III
Well differentiated	WD, WELL DIFF
White blood cells (count)	WBC
White female	W/F
White male	W/M
With	W/
Within normal limits	WNL
Without	W/O
Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome	WPW
Work-up	W/U
Xray	XR
Year	YR