## Medical Abbreviations

1. A & P anatomy and physiology
2. ad lib freely, at will
3. ac before meals
4. adm admission
5. AED automated external defibrillator
6. amb ambulate
7. ASAP as soon as possible
8. ax axillary
9. bid twice a day
10. BM bowel movement
11. BMI body mass index
12. BMR basal metabolic rate
13. BP blood pressure
14. BRP bathroom privileges
15. c with (there should be a line over the c)
16. CBC complete blood count
17. CC chief complaint
18. CHO carbohydrate
19. cl liq clear liquids
20. c/o complains of
21. CPR cardiopulmonary resuscitation
22. CT computerized tomography
23. D/C discontinue
24. DNR do not resuscitate
25. Dx diagnosis
26. EEG electroencephalogram
27. EKG, ECG electrocardiogram
28. FBAO foreign body airway obstruction
29. FBS fasting blood sugar
30. FF force fluids
31. GB gallbladder
32. Hgb hemoglobin
33. Hct hematocrit
34. HOB head of bed
35. hs hour of sleep, bedtime
36. ht height
37. hx history
38. IM intramuscular
39. IV intravenous
40. LOC level of consciousness
41. LPN, LVN licensed practical (vocational) nurse
42. LTC long-term care
43. L left (there should be a circle around the L)
44. MD Medical Doctor
45. MI Myocardial Infarction
46. MRI magnetic resonance imaging
47. N/A not applicable
48. neg negative
49. NG nasogastric
50. noct night
51. NKA no known allergies
52. NPO nothing by mouth
53. O2 oxygen
54. OOB out of bed
55. OR operating room
56. OTC over the counter
57. p after (there should be a line over the p)
58. pc after meals
59. po by mouth
60. PPE personal protective equipment
61. prn as necessary
62. pt patient
63. q2h every 2 hours
64. qhs every night at bedtime
65. qs quantity sufficient
66. qid four times a day
67. R respiration
68. R right (there should be a circle around the R)
69. RBC red blood cell
70. RN registered nurse
71. R/O rule out
72. ROM range of motion
73. Rx prescription, take, treatment
74. s without (there should be a line over the s)
75. ss one half (there should be a line over the ss)
76. STAT immediately
77. STD sexually transmitted disease
78. T temperature
79. tab tablet
80. tid three times a day
81. TPR temperature, pulse, respiration
82. UA urinalysis
83. VS vital signs
84. WBC white blood cells
85. w/c wheelchair
86. wt weight
87. WNL within normal limits