

EMSP Official Abbreviations:

A	
\bar{a}	Before
A&Ox__	Alert and oriented x 1,2,3 with qualifiers (to name, to date, to place)
A/TCEMS	Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services
AAA	Abdominal aortic aneurysm
ABDO (ABD)	Abdomen
ABG	Arterial blood gas
AC	Antecubital
ACS	Acute Coronary Syndrome
AFD	Austin Fire Department
AIDS	Acquired immune deficiency syndrome
AKA	Above knee amputation
a.m.	Morning
AMA	Against medical advice
AMI	Acute myocardial infarction
APAP	Acetaminophen (Tylenol)
APD	Austin Police Department
APGAR	Appearance, Pulse, Grimace, Activity, Respiratory effort
ARDS	Adult respiratory distress syndrome (Acute respiratory distress syndrome)
ARF	Acute renal failure
ASA	Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin)
ausc.	Auscultation
B	
BAMC	Brooks Army Medical Center
b.i.d	Twice daily
BBB	Bundle branch block
BCP	Birth control pills
BER	Brackenridge Hospital Emergency Room
BGL	Blood Glucose Level
BiPap	Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure
BKA	Below knee amputation
BM	Bowel movement
BP	Blood pressure
BPM	Beats per minute
BSA	Body surface area
BVM	Bag Valve Mask
C	
C	Centigrade
\bar{c}	With
c/o	Complains of

C1...C7	Cervical vertebrae 1-7
CA	Carcinoma (cancer)
CABG	Coronary artery bypass graft
C	
CAD	Coronary artery disease
CAT	Computerized axial tomography
cath	Catheter; catheterization
CBC	Complete blood count
CCU	Coronary care unit
CF	Cystic fibrosis
chemo	Chemotherapy
CHF	Congestive heart failure
CHI	Closed head injury
CHOA	Children's Hospital of Austin
chr	Chronic
cm	Centimeter
CNS	Central nervous system
CO	Carbon monoxide
CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPAP	Continuous positive airway pressure
CPR	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CRF	Chronic renal failure
C-section	Cesarean section
CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid
CT	Computed tomography
CT-scan	Computed tomography scan
CVA	Cerebrovascular accident
D	
D&C	Dilation and curettage
D ₅ W	Dextrose 5% in water
D ₁₀ W	Dextrose 10% in water
D ₅₀	Dextrose 50%
Dept.	Department
DIC	Disseminated intravascular coagulation
DKA	Diabetic Ketoacidosis
DM	Diabetes mellitus
DOB	Date of birth
DOE	Dyspnea on exertion
DOS	Dead on scene
dsg	Dressing
DT's	Delirium tremens
DVT	Deep venous thrombosis

Dx	Diagnosis
E	
ECG	Electrocardiogram
ED	Emergency department
EDC	Estimated date of confinement (delivery date)
EENT	Ears, eyes, nose and throat
EKG	Electrocardiogram
EMS	Emergency medical services
epi	Epinephrine
ER (ED)	Emergency room (Emergency Department)
ESRD	End stage renal disease
ET	Endotracheal
ETOH	Alcohol
ETT	Endotracheal tube
ext	Extremities
F	
F	Fahrenheit
FB	Foreign body
FBAO	Foreign body airway obstruction
Fe	Iron
FH	Family history
FHTs	Fetal heart tones
fib	Fibula; fibrillation
FiO ₂	Fractional inspired oxygen concentration
Fr.	French
fx	Fracture
G	
g (gm)	Gram
ga	Gauge
GB	Gallbladder
GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale
GER	Georgetown Hospital Emergency Room
GERD	Gastroesophageal reflux disease
GI	Gastrointestinal
gr.	Grain
GSW	Gunshot wound
gtts	Drops
gtts/min	Drops per minute
GU	Genitourinary
G _x P _y A _z	Gravidity, parity, abortions (subscripts are #'s of each)
GYN	Gynecology
H	

H ₂ O	Water
HA (H/A)	Headache
HCO ₃	bicarbonate
HEENT	Head, eyes ears, nose, throat
Hg	Mercury
HHOA	Heart Hospital of Austin
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
hr	Hour
HR	Heart rate
HTN	Hypertension
Hx	History
I	
ICD	Implantable cardioverter-defibrillator
ICP	Intracranial pressure
ICU	Intensive care unit
IDDM	Insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
IM	Intramuscular
IO	Intraosseous
irreg	Irregular
irrig.	Irrigate
IV	Intravenous
IVB ?	Intravenous Bolus
IVF	Intravenous fluid
IVPB	Intravenous piggyback
J	
J	Joules
JCH	John's Community Hospital
JVD	Jugular vein distension
K	
K	Potassium
KED	Kendrick Extrication Device
kg	Kilogram
KVO	Keep vein open
L	
l	Liter
L	Left
L&D	Labor & delivery
L1...L5	Lumbar vertebrae 1-5
lb.	Pound
LLQ	Left lower quadrant (abdomen)
LMA	Laryngeal Mask Airway
LMP	Last menstrual period
LOC	Loss of consciousness

lpm	Liters per minute
LRS	Lactated ringers solution (also LR, RL, RLS)
LSB	Long spine board
LUQ	Left upper quadrant (abdomen)
LVH	Left ventricular hypertrophy
M	
mA	Milliamp
MAE	Moves all extremities
MAP	Mean arterial pressure
mcg	microgram
MCI	Multiple/Mass Casualty Incident
mEq	Milliequivalents
M	
mg	Milligram
MI	Myocardial infarction
min	Minute
ml	Milliliter
mm	Millimeter
mmHg	Millimeters of mercury
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
MVC	Motor vehicle collision
MVP	Mitral Valve Prolapse
N	
n/a	Not applicable
N/V/D	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
NaCl	Sodium chloride
NC	Nasal Cannula
NAMC	North Austin Medical Center
neb	Nebulizer treatment or Nebulizer
neg	Negative
neuro	Neurological
NG	Nasogastric
NG tube	Nasogastric tube
NIDDM	Non-Insulin Dependant Diabetes Mellitus
NKDA	No known drug allergies
NPA	Nasopharyngeal Airway
NPO	Nothing by mouth
NRB	Nonrebreather mask
NS	Normal Saline
NSAID	Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug
NTG	Nitroglycerine
O	
O ₂	Oxygen
OB	Obstetrics
OB/GYN	Obstetrics and gynecology
OD	Overdose

OOH-DNR	Out of hospital -Do not resuscitate
OPA	Oropharyngeal airway
OR	Operating room
OTC	Over the counter
oz	Ounce
P	
\bar{p}	After
P	Pulse
PAI	Pharmacologically assisted intubation
palp.	Palpation
Para _x	Live births (subscript = number of live births)
PCN	Penicillin
PCO ₂	Partial pressure of carbon dioxide
PDR	Physician's desk reference
P	
PE	Pulmonary embolism
pedi	Pediatrics
per	By or through
PERRL	Pupils equal, round, and reactive to light
PICU	Pediatric intensive care unit
PID	Pelvic inflammatory disease
p.m.	Afternoon
PMD	Private medical doctor
PMH	Past or pertinent medical history
PMI	Point of maximal impulse
PND	Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
PO	By mouth
PO ₂	Partial pressure of oxygen
preg.	Pregnancy
prima	Prima gravida (1 st pregnancy)
prn	Whenever necessary
psi	Pounds per square inch
pt	Patient
PTA	Prior to arrival
Q	
\bar{q}	Every
\bar{qd}	Every day
\bar{qh}	Every hour
q.i.d.	Four times a day
R	
R	Right
R/O	Rule out
RBC	Red blood cell
RDS	Respiratory distress syndrome
reg.	Regular

resp.	Respiration
RLQ	Right lower quadrant (abdomen)
RN	Registered nurse
ROM	Range of motion; Rupture of Membranes (delete)
ROSC	Return of spontaneous circulation
RRER	Round Rock Hospital Emergency Room
RSV	Respiratory syncytial virus
RUQ	Right upper quadrant
RVH	Right ventricular hypertrophy
Rx	Prescription
S	
̄	Without
S/S	Signs and symptoms
S ₁ ...S ₄	(Heart) sound 1- sound 4
SAH	South Austin Hospital
SC (sub-Q)	Subcutaneous (see also SQ)
SIDS	Sudden infant death syndrome
S	
SL	Sublingual
SMC	Seton Medical Center
SNW	Seton Northwest Hospital
SOAPE	Subjective, Objective, Assessment, Plan and Enroute
SOB	Shortness of breath
SQ (sub-Q)	Subcutaneous (see also SC)
SROM	Spontaneous rupture of membranes
SSW	Seton Southwest Hospital
stat	Immediately, at once
STD	Sexually transmitted disease
STDER	Saint David's Hospital Emergency Room
strep.	Streptococcus
SWER	Scott & White Hospital Emergency Room
Sx	Symptoms
Sz	Seizure
T	
T1...T12	Thoracic vertebrae 1 through 12
tab	Tablet
TB	Tuberculosis
Tbs	Tablespoon
TCP	Transcutaneous pacing
TIA	Transient ischemic attack
tib	Tibia
t.i.d.	Three times a day
TKO	To keep open
TMJ	Temporomandibular joint

TPA	Tissue plasminogen activator
TPN	Total parenteral nutrition
tsp.	Teaspoon
Tx	Treatment
U	
URI	Upper respiratory infection
US	Ultrasound
UTI	Urinary tract infection
UTL	Unable to locate
V	
vag	Vagina; vaginal
vent	Mechanical ventilator
vis.	Visual; visualization
VS	Vital signs
W	
W/D	Warm and dry
WBC	White blood cell
WCEMS	Williamson County Emergency Medical Service
WPW	Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome
X	
x	times
Y	
y/o	Years old
yoa	Years of age
Arrhythmia Section	
1° AVB	First degree atrioventricular block
2° AVB	Second degree atrioventricular block
3° AVB	Third degree atrioventricular block
AF	Atrial flutter
Afib	Atrial fibrillation
BBB	Bundle branch block
IVR	Idioventricular rhythm
JER	Junctional escape rhythm
NSR	Normal sinus rhythm
PAC	Premature atrial contraction
PAT	Paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
PEA	Pulseless electrical activity
PJC	Premature junctional contraction
PVC	Premature ventricular contraction
SB	Sinus bradycardia
SR	Sinus rhythm
ST	Sinus tachycardia
SVT	Supraventricular tachycardia

VF	Ventricular fibrillation
VT	Ventricular tachycardia
WAP	Wandering atrial pacemaker
Symbols	
Δ	Change
↓	Down; Lower
⊖	Equal
♀	Female
♂	Male
∅	Negative; not; none
⊕	Not equal
⊕	Positive
↑	Up; Upper