


# Good to Know Vocabulary

Bolded term definitions are VERY good to know!

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<b>ADLs</b>	<b>activities of daily living</b>
<b>AROM</b>	<b>active range of motion</b>
<b>BID, b.i.d.</b>	two times a day
<b>BP, B/P</b>	blood pressure
<b>C</b>	<b>centigrade, Celsius</b>

<b>C. diff</b>	<i>clostridium difficile</i>
<b>CHF</b>	congestive heart failure
<b>cm</b>	<b>centimeter</b>

<b>c/o</b>	<b>complains of, in care of</b>
<b>COPD</b>	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

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<b>CVA</b>	cerebrovascular accident, stroke
<b>DM</b>	diabetes mellitus
<b>DNR</b>	<b>do not resuscitate</b>
<b>DVT</b>	deep vein thrombosis

<b>ECG, EKG</b>	electrocardiogram
<b>ETOH</b>	alcohol
<b>F</b>	<b>Fahrenheit, female</b>



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<b>FS</b>	finger stick
<b>FSBS</b>	finger stick blood sugar
<b>FWB</b>	<b>full weight-bearing</b>
<b>fx</b>	fracture
<b>g</b>	<b>gram</b>
<b>GERD</b>	gastroesophageal reflux disease
<b>GI</b>	gastrointestinal

<b>HIPAA</b>	<b>Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act</b>
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<b>HIV</b>	human immunodeficiency virus
<b>HOB</b>	<b>head of bed</b>
<b>HOH</b>	<b>hard of hearing</b>
<b>HTN</b>	hypertension
<b>hyper</b>	<b>above normal, too fast, rapid</b>
<b>hypo</b>	<b>low, less than normal</b>
<b>I&amp;O</b>	<b>intake and output</b>

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<b>I.V., IV</b>	<b>intravenous</b>
<b>kg</b>	kilogram
<b>I, L</b>	liter
<b>lb</b>	pound
<b>LE</b>	lower extremity
<b>LLE</b>	left lower extremity
<b>LLQ</b>	left lower quadrant
<b>LOC</b>	level of consciousness, <b>level of care</b>
<b>LPN</b>	<b>Licensed Practical Nurse</b>
<b>LTC</b>	long-term care
<b>LUQ</b>	left upper quadrant


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<b>LVN</b>	Licensed Vocational Nurse
<b>meds</b>	<b>medications</b>
<b>mg</b>	milligram
<b>MI</b>	myocardial infarction (heart attack)
<b>min</b>	<b>minute</b>
<b>mL</b>	<b>milliliter</b>
<b>mm</b>	millimeter
<b>mm Hg</b>	<b>millimeters of mercury</b>

<b>MRI</b>	magnetic resonance imaging
<b>MRSA</b>	<b>methicillin-resistant <i>staphylococcus aureus</i></b>
<b>MS</b>	multiple sclerosis
<b>NA</b>	<b>nursing assistant</b>

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<b>NKA</b>	<b>no known allergies</b>
<b>no</b>	<b>number</b>
<b>NPO</b>	<b>nothing by mouth</b>
<b>NWB</b>	<b>non-weight-bearing</b>
<b>O<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>oxygen</b>
<b>OBRA</b>	<b>Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (protects the patient)</b>

<b>OSHA</b>	<b>Occupational Safety and Health Administration (protects Nas)</b>
<b>OT</b>	occupational therapist, occupational therapy

<b>OTC</b>	Over-the-counter (medication)
<b>oz</b>	ounce
<b>P.A.</b>	physician's assistant
<b>peri care</b>	<b>perineal care</b>

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<b>PO</b>	<b>(per os) by mouth</b>
<b>post op</b>	after surgery
<b>PPE</b>	<b>personal protective equipment</b>
<b>pre op</b>	before surgery

<b>p.r.n., prn</b>	<b>when necessary</b>
<b>Pt/pt</b>	<b>patient</b>
<b>PT</b>	physical therapist, physical therapy
<b>PWB</b>	partial weight-bearing
<b>q</b>	<b>every</b>
<b>q2h</b>	<b>every two hours</b>
<b>q3h</b>	<b>every three hours</b>
<b>q4h</b>	<b>every four hours</b>


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<b>qd</b>	<b>every day</b>
<b>qh, qhr</b>	every hour
<b>qhs</b>	every night at bedtime
<b>quad</b>	quadrant, quadriplegic
<b>RLE</b>	<b>right lower extremity</b>

<b>RLQ</b>	<b>right lower quadrant</b>
<b>ROM</b>	<b>range of motion</b>
<b>RT</b>	respiratory therapy/therapist
<b>RUE</b>	<b>right upper extremity</b>
<b>RUQ</b>	<b>right upper quadrant</b>
<b>S/S</b>	signs and symptoms

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<b>SOB</b>	shortness of breath
<b>SP</b>	<b>Standard Precautions</b>

<b>STAT/stat</b>	<b>immediately</b>
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<b>STDs</b>	sexually-transmitted disease
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<b>TB</b>	tuberculosis
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<b>tbsp.</b>	<b>tablespoon</b>
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<b>TIA</b>	transient ischemic attack
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<b>t.i.d., tid</b>	three times a day
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<b>trach.</b>	tracheostomy
<b>tsp.</b>	<b>teaspoon</b>
<b>UE</b>	<b>upper extremity</b>
<b>UTI</b>	<b>urinary tract infection</b>

<b>VD</b>	venereal disease
<b>VS, vs</b>	<b>vital signs</b>
<b>w/c, W/C</b>	<b>wheelchair</b>
<b>WNL</b>	<b>within normal limits</b>
<b>wt.</b>	<b>weight</b>

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