

# MOST COMMON ABBREVIATIONS IN NURSING PRACTICE



## Procedure-related

|         |                                   |      |  |
|---------|-----------------------------------|------|--|
| CBC     | Complete Blood Count              | H&H  | Hemoglobin & Hematocrit                                |
| CMP     | Comprehensive Metabolic Panel     | I&D  | Incision and Drainage (skin and soft tissue abscesses) |
| CT      | Computed Tomography (or CAT scan) | KUB  | Kidney, ureters, and bladder X-Ray                     |
| C&S     | Culture and sensitivity           | LFTs | Liver Function Tests                                   |
| CXR     | Chest X-Ray                       | MRI  | Magnetic Resonance Imaging                             |
| EEG     | Electroencephalogram              | UA   | Urinalysis   |
| EKG/ECG | Electrocardiogram                 |      |  |

## Medication-related

|     |                      |     |                                  |
|-----|----------------------|-----|----------------------------------|
| BID | Twice a day          | LR  | Lactated Ringers                 |
| TID | Three times a day    | NS  | Normal Saline                    |
| D5W | Dextrose 5% in water | NPO | Nothing by mouth to eat or drink |
| i   | Tablet               | PO  | By mouth                         |
| ii  | Two tablets          | Q4H | Every 4 hours                    |
| iii | Three tablets        | QHS | At bedtime                       |

## Charting-related

|     |             |             |                   |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| DX  | Diagnosis   | I&O         | Intake and Output |
| HOB | Head of Bed | S/S or S/Sx | Signs & Symptoms  |
| HX  | History     | Sx          | Symptoms          |

## Do not use!

|     |                         |
|-----|-------------------------|
| QD  | Instead write daily     |
| D/C | Instead write discharge |

## TIP:

K is important for the heart → an eKg is for the heart

## NOTES