



**INLAND COUNTIES  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL AGENCY  
POLICY AND PROTOCOL MANUAL**

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ICEMA ABBREVIATION LIST

**I. PURPOSE**

To provide uniform documentation and universal understanding of approved abbreviations.

**II. REQUIREMENTS**

All EMS providers will only use ICEMA approved abbreviations provided on this list to prevent confusion on documentation.

DEFINITION	ABBREVIATION
Abdomen, abdominal	Abd
Abdominal aortic aneurysm	AAA
Abduction	Abd; abd
Above knee	AK
Above knee amputation	AKA
Acquired immune deficiency syndrome	AIDS
Active range of motion	AROM
Activities of daily living	ADL
Acute myocardial infarction	AMI
Acute renal failure	ARF
Admission, admitted	Adm
Adult respiratory distress syndrome	ARDS
Advanced Cardiac Life Support	ACLS
Advanced life support	ALS
After surgery	Post op
Against medical advice	AMA
Airway, breathing, circulation	ABC
Alcohol Intoxication	ETOH
Alert & oriented to (person, place, time & event)	A & O x 4
Alert, verbal, pain, unresponsive	AVPU
Altered level of consciousness	ALOC
Ambulance patient offload delay	APOD
Ambulance patient offload time	APOT
Ambulate, ambulating, ambulated, etc.	Amb
Amount	Amt
Ampule	Amp
And	&
Antecubital	AC
Anterior	Ant
Apparent Life Threatening Event	ALTE
Appearance, pulse, grimace, activity, respiration	APGAR
Appointment	Appt
Approximate	approx
Arterial blood gas	ABG
As soon as possible	ASAP; asap
Aspirin	ASA
At	@
Atherosclerotic heart disease	ASHD
Atrial fibrillation	A-fib; afib
Atrial flutter	A-flutter

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Atrial tachycardia	A-Tach
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	ADHD
Auscultation	Ausc
Automated External Defibrillator	AED
Automatic Implanted Cardiac Defibrillator	AICD
Bag of waters	BOW
Bag valve mask	BVM
Base Station Order	BSO
Base Station	Base
Basic Life Support	BLS
Beats per minute	Bpm
Below knee amputation	BKA
Bicarbonate, NaCO <sub>3</sub>	bicarb
Bilateral	Bilat
Blood alcohol content	BAC
Blood pressure	BP
Body Surface Area	BSA
Bowel movement	BM
Breath/bowel sounds	BS; b.s.
Bundle branch block	BBB
By mouth	PO; p.o.
Calcium	Ca
Calcium Chloride	CACL
Cancer, carcinoma	CA
Carbon dioxide	CO <sub>2</sub>
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation	CPR
Centimeter	Cm
Central Nervous System	CNS
Cerebral spinal fluid	CSF
Cerebrovascular accident	CVA
Cervical collar	C-collar
Cervical immobilization device	CID
Cervical spine	C-spine
Chest pain	CP
Chief complaint	CC; C/C
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	COPD
Circulation, motor and sensation	CMS
Clear bi-lateral	CBL
Complains of	C/O; c/o
Complete blood count	CBC
Computerized axial tomography	CAT
Congestive heart failure	CHF
Conscious, alert & oriented to person, place, time & event	CAOx4
Continue, continuous	cont.
Continuous positive airway pressure	CPAP
Coronary artery bypass graft	CABG
Coronary artery disease	CAD
Date of birth	DOB
Days old	d/o
Dead on arrival	DOA
Deep vein thrombosis	DVT
Defibrillation	Defib

DEFINITION	ABBREVIATION
Delirium tremor	DT
Department	dept.
Dextrose 25% (diluted D50)	D25
Dextrose in water	D5W 5%
Dextrose solution	D50 50%
Diabetes mellitus	DM
Diagnosis	Dx
Did not obtain/Did not order	DNO
Difficulty breathing	Diff Breath
Dilation and curettage	D&C
Discontinue or discharged	DC; D/C; dc
Do not resuscitate	DNR
Drops	gtts
Dyspnea on exertion	DOE
Electrocardiogram	EKG; ECG
Electroencephalogram	EEG
Emergency department	ED; E.D.
Emergency Medical Services	EMS
Emergency medical technician	EMT
Emergency medical technician-paramedic	EMT-P
Emergency room	E.R.
Endotracheal tube	ET
Epinephrine	EPI
Equal	=
Esophageal Tracheal Airway Device	ETAD
Estimated blood loss	EBL
Estimated Time of Arrival	ETA; eta
Et cetra	Etc
Ethanol (alcohol)	ETOH
Evaluation	eval.
Evening	Pm
Every	Q
Extension	ext.
Eyes, ears, nose, throat	EENT
Female	F
Fire department	FD
Flexion	Flex
Foot, feet (not anatomy)	ft.
Foreign body	Fb
Fracture	Fx; fx
Full range of motion	From
Gallbladder	GB
Gastrointestinal	GI
Gavida 1, 2, 3 etc.	G
Glasgow Coma Scale	GCS
Grain	Gr
Gram	Gm
Gunshot wound	GSW
Gynecology	GYN
Head, eyes, ears, nose, throat	HEENT
Headache	HA; H/A
Heart rate	HR

DEFINITION	ABBREVIATION
Height	ht.
Hematocrit	Hct
Hemoglobin	Hb; hgb
History	Hx
History & physical	H&P
History of	h/o
Hour	h; hr
Human immunodeficiency virus	HIV
Hydrochlorothiazide	HCTZ
Hypertension	Htn; HTN
Immediately	Stat
Inch	in.
Incident Commander	IC
Infant respiratory distress syndrome	IRDS
Inferior	Inf
Intake (input) & output	I&O
Intensive care unit	ICU
Intracranial pressure	ICP
Intramuscular	IM
Inranasal	IN
Intraosseous	IO
Intrauterine Device	IUD
Intravenous	IV
Intravenous piggy back	IVPB
Intravenous push	IVP
Intravenously	IV
Irregular	irreg
Joules	J
Jugular venous distension	JVD
Kilograms	Kg
Kilometer	Km
Labor and delivery	L&D
Laboratory	Lab
Laceration	LAC
Landing Zone	LZ
Last menstrual period	LMP
Lateral	Lat
Left	L; Lt
Left bundle branch block	LBBB
Left lower extremity	LLE
Left lower lobe	LLL
Left lower quadrant	LLQ
Left lower quadrant of abd	LLQ
Left upper extremity	LUE
Left upper lobe of lung	LUL
Left upper quadrant of abd	LUQ
Level or loss of consciousness	LOC; loc; KO
Licensed practical nurse	LPN
Lidocaine	Lido
Liter	L
Liter per minute	Lpm; l/m
Long back board	LBB

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Loss/level of consciousness (as noted by context)	LOC
Lumbar puncture	LP
Lung sounds	L/S
Magnesium Sulfate	Mag
Maximum	Max
Mechanism of injury	MOI
Medical Doctor	MD; M.D.
Medications	Meds
Mercury	Hg
Microgram(s)	Mcg
Miles per hour	Mph
Military anti-shock trousers	MAST
Millidrops, microdrops	Mgtt
Milliequivalents	mEq
Milligram(s)	mg
Milliliter	ml
Millimeter	mm
Millivolt	mV
Minimal	Min
Minute(s)	min.
Mobile intensive care nurse	MICN
Mobile intensive care unit	MICU
Moderate	Mod
Month, months old	mo; m/o
Morning	a.m.
Motor Vehicle Accident (Multi-Victim Accident)	MVA
Multiple Casualty Incident	MCI
Multiple sclerosis, morphine sulfate	MS
Myocardial infarction	MI
Narcotic	NARC
Nasal cannula	Nc
Nasogastric	NG; ng
Nasogastric (tube)	NG
Nausea/vomiting	n/v
Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea	n/v/d
Negative	neg.
Nitroglycerin	Nitro; NTG
No Acute Distress	NAD
No known allergies	NKA
No known drug allergies	NKDA
Non rebreather mask	NRB
Non Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs	NSAIDS
Normal saline	NS
Normal sinus rhythm	NSR
Not applicable	N/A
Nothing by mouth	NPO
Obstetrics	OB
Occupational therapist/therapy	OT
Onset, provocation, quality, radiation, severity, time	OPQRST
Operating room	OR
Orally dissolving tablet; Under the tongue	ODT
Orogastric (tube)	OG

DEFINITION	ABBREVIATION
Ounce	oz.
Out of hospital cardiac arrest	OHCA
Overdose	OD
Oxygen	O2
Oxygen Saturation	O2 sat
Palpable	Palp
Para, number of pregnancies	P
Paramedic	Medic
Paroxysmal Nocturnal Dyspnea	PAT
Paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia	PSVT
Passenger space intrusion	PSI
Past history	P.H.; PHx
Past medical history	PMH
Patient	Pt; pt
Pediatric	Ped
Pediatric Advanced Life Support	PALS
Pelvic inflammatory disease	PID
Percutaneously Inserted Central Catheter	PICC
Phencyclidine	PCP
Physical exam, pulmonary embolism, pedal Edema (as noted by context)	PE
Physician's Assistant	P.A.; PA
Police department	PD
Positive	pos.
Possible	Poss
Post, after	P
Posterior	Post
Potassium	K
Potassium Chloride	KCL
Pound	lb; #
Pregnancy Induced Hypertension	PIH
Premature atrial contraction	PAC
Premature junctional contraction	PJC
Premature ventricular contraction	PVC
Prescription; intervention plan; therapy	Rx
Prior to (our) arrival	PTOA; PTA
Privately owned vehicle	POV
Psychiatric	Psych
Pulse, motor, sensation	PMS
Pulse, motor, sensory, cap refill	PMSC
Pulseless electrical activity	PEA
Pupils equal reactive to light	PERL; PEARL; PERRLA
Quart	qt.
Range of motion	ROM
Red blood cell (count)	RBC
Regarding	re:
Registered nurse	RN
Rehabilitation	Rehab
Respiration, respiratory	Resp
Respiratory rate	RR
Respiratory Therapist	RT
Response	RESPS

DEFINITION	ABBREVIATION
Return of spontaneous circulation	ROSC
Rheumatoid arthritis	RA
Right	R
Right bundle branch block	RBBB
Right lower extremity	RLE
Right lower quadrant of abd	RLQ
Right upper lobe of lung	RUL
Right upper quadrant of abd	RUQ
Right ventricular infarct	RVI
Ringer's Lactate	RL
Rule out	R/O; r/o
Saline Lock	SL
Second(s)	sec.
Sexually transmitted disease	STD
Short(ness) of breath	SOB
Signs and symptoms	S/S; s/s
Signs, symptoms, allergies medications, past history, last intake, events	SAMPLE
Sinus Bradycardia	SB; S-Brady
Sinus Tachycardia	ST; S-Tach
Sodium	Na
Sodium bicarbonate	NaCO3
Sodium chloride	NaCl
Streptococcus	Strep
Strong and regular	S&R
Subcutaneous	sc; subQ
Sublingual	SL
Sudden Acute Respiratory Syndrome	SARS
Sudden infant death syndrome	SIDS
Supraventricular tachycardia	SVT
Systolic blood pressure	SBP
Tablespoon	Tbsp
Tablet	Tab
Teaspoon	Tsp
Temperature	Temp
Temperature, pulse, respirations	TPR
Three times a day	Tid
Tidal Volume	TV
Times	X
To keep open	TKO
Total body surface area	TBSA
Tracheostomy	Trach
Traffic collision	TC
Tranexamic Acid	TXA
Transient ischemic attack	TIA
Transport	Trans
Traumatic brain injury	TBI
Treatment	Tx
Tuberculosis	TB
Twice a day	BID; b.i.d.
Tylenol	APAP
Ultraviolet	UV

DEFINITION	ABBREVIATION
Unable to locate	UTL
Under the tongue; orally dissolving tablet	ODT
Unknown	Unk
Upper respiratory infection	URI
Urinary tract infection	UTI
Venereal disease	VD
Ventricular fibrillation	V-Fib; VF
Ventricular tachycardia	V-Tach; VT
Versus	Vs
Vital signs	v.s.
Volume	Vol
Warm, dry and pink	w/d/p
Water	H <sub>2</sub> O
Watts per second	W/S
Weight	Wt
Wheelchair	w/c
Whenever necessary, as needed	Prn
White (Caucasian)	Wht
White blood cell (count)	WBC
With	- c
Within normal limits	WNL; wnl
Without	- s
Wolf-Parkinson-White	WPW
Year	Yr
Years old	Y/O; y.o.