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# REMSA Approved Abbreviations

## Administrative Policy



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ACS	acute coronary syndrome	CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure	ICU	intensive care unit
AEMT	advanced emergency medical technician	CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	IDDM	insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus / Type I diabetes
AED	automated external defibrillator	DNR	do not resuscitate order	IM	intramuscular
AICD	automatic implantable cardioverter defibrillator	ECG	electrocardiogram	IO	intraosseous
ALOC	altered level of consciousness	EMT	emergency medical technician	IOP	intraosseous push
ALS	advanced life support	EMT-P	emergency medical technician - paramedic	IV	intravenous
AMS	altered mental status	ePCR	electronic patient care record	IVP	Intravenous push
APGAR	appearance, pulse, grimace, activity, respiration	EtCO <sub>2</sub>	end-tidal carbon dioxide	kg	kilogram(s)
BG	blood glucose	ETT	endotracheal tube – (refers to the tube itself)	LLQ	left lower quadrant
BLS	basic life support	FBAO	foreign body airway obstruction	LUQ	left upper quadrant
BP	blood pressure	FR	French sizing	mcg	microgram(s)
BRUE	brief resolved unexplained event	ga	gauge	MDV	multidose vial
BVM	bag-valve-mask	GCS	Glasgow coma score	mg	milligram(s)
CHF	congestive heart failure	gm	gram(s)	MICN	mobile intensive care nurse
cm	centimeter	GSW	gunshot wound	mL	milliliter
CO <sub>2</sub>	carbon dioxide	H <sub>2</sub> O	water	mm	millimeter
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	HTN	hypertension	MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
CP	chest pain	Hx	history	NIDDM	non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus / Type II diabetes
ACS	acute coronary syndrome	CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	NKDA	no known drug allergies

NPA	nasopharyngeal airway	SNF	skilled nursing facility
IDDM	insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus / Type I diabetes	SOB	shortness of breath
NPO	" <i>nil per os</i> ," nothing by mouth	SpO <sub>2</sub>	oxygen saturation of peripheral hemoglobin
NS	normal saline	STD	sexually transmitted disease
NSAID	non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug	STEMI	ST elevated myocardial infarction
"NSAID criteria"	criteria used to determine the need for cervical spine immobilization	Sx	symptoms
		TCP	transcutaneous cardiac pacing
NTG	nitroglycerin	TB	tuberculosis
O <sub>2</sub>	oxygen	VF	ventricular fibrillation
OD	overdose	VT	ventricular tachycardia
OPA	oropharyngeal airway	X (Times)	(used as multiplication sign)
OTI	orotracheal intubation ( <i>refers to the skill only</i> )		
PO	" <i>per os</i> ," by mouth		
POLST	physician orders for life-sustaining treatment		
PRN	" <i>pro re nata</i> ," when necessary		
PSFA	public safety first aid		
RLQ	right lower quadrant		
RN	registered nurse		
ROSC	return of spontaneous circulation		
RSV	respiratory syncytial virus		
RUQ	right upper quadrant		
SL	sublingual		