

MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

ABBREVIATIONS

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ABG	Arterial blood gas
ABO	A system of classifying blood groups
a.c.	Before meals
ACE	Angiotensin converting enzyme
ACTH	Adrenocorticotrophic hormone, corticotropin
ADH	Antidiuretic hormone
ADL	Activities of daily living
ad lib	As desired
AFIB	Atrial fibrillation
AFL	Atrial flutter
AFP	Alpha-fetoprotein
AIDS	Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
ALT	Alanine aminotransferase (formerly SGPT)
AST	Aspartate aminotransferase (formerly SGOT)
ANA	Antinuclear antibody
AP	Anteroposterior
A&P	Anterior and posterior
AQ	Water
ARDS	Adult respiratory distress syndrome
ASHD	Atherosclerotic heart disease
ASO	Amistreptolysin-O
AV	Arteriovenous Afrioventricular
bact	Bacteriology
b.i.d.	Twice a day