

Figure 2-4

Health Care Practitioners' Abbreviations

GENERAL/DIAGNOSTIC INFORMATION			
Pt	Patient	IPPB	Intermittent positive pressure breathing
Dx	Diagnosis	LBP	Low back pain
Tx	Therapy	CTS	Carpal tunnel syndrome
Hx	History	VS	Vital signs :
Sx	symptom	BP	Blood pressure
Sz	seizure	P	Pulse, or
fx	fracture	HR	Heart rate
wt	weight	T	Temperature
		RR	Respiratory rate
TEST TYPE/ BODY PART INFORMATION			
PE	Physical exam	CXR	chest x-ray
EKG	Electrocardiogram	PA	Posterior-anterior (x-ray view)
ECG	Electrocardiogram	Lat	Lateral (x-ray view)
EEG	Electroencephalogram	RUQ	Right upper quadrant (abdomen)
CBC	complete blood count	LUQ	Left upper quadrant (abdomen)
UA	urinalysis	RLQ	Right lower quadrant (abdomen)
		LLQ	Left lower quadrant (abdomen)
TREATMENT/PRESCRIPTION INFORMATION			
Rx	Prescription/treatment	b.i.d.	twice daily
QOD	Every other day	t.i.d.	three times a day
q.h.	Every hour	q.i.d.	four times a day
q.i.d.	Four times a day	p.r.n.	as necessary
pc	Post prandial (after meals)	q.s.	as sufficient
mg	Milligram	q.d.	per day
p.o.	By mouth	c	with
IV	Intravenous	p	after
p.r.	per rectum		
SMA CHEMISTRY TEST: (Sequential Multiple Analysis method of testing for chemicals/ impurities in the body)			
Alb	Albumin	Glu	Glucose
Alk phos	Alkaline phosphatase	K	Potassium
Bili	Bilirubin	Na	Sodium
BUN	Blood urea nitrogen	P	Phosphate
Ca	Calcium	SGOT	Liver enzyme
Chol	Cholesterol	SGPT	Liver enzyme
Cl	Chloride	GGTP	Liver enzyme
Cr	Creatinine		