

Accepted Maternity Abbreviations

Key Points

- Abbreviations are commonly used in the medical world to save time and space whilst writing in the patients' medical records.
- The Maternity Departments of Frimley Health Foundation Trust have developed a collection of local, commonly used abbreviations within their practice.
- The purpose of this guideline is to aid the multidisciplinary team members to correctly use and interpret the local maternity abbreviations.

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Abbreviation	Meaning
AC	Abdominal Circumference
Abx	Antibiotics
AN	Antenatal
ANC	Antenatal Clinic
AFP	Alpha - fetoprotein
APH	Antepartum Haemorrhage
ARM	Artificial Rupture of Membranes
A/F	Artificial feeding
AID	Artificial Insemination by Donor
AES	Antiembolism Stocking
BBA	Born Before Arrival
BC	Birth centre
BO	Bowels Open
BNO	Bowels Not Open
BP	Blood Pressure

BM/BG	Blood monitoring/blood sugar
BMI	Body Mass Index
BPD	Bi-Parietal Diameter
BPM	Beats Per Minute
B/F	Breast feeding
BD	Twice Daily
BCG	Bacillus Calmette Guerin Vaccine (TB Vaccine)
BW	Birth Weight
BSOTS	Birmingham Symptom Specific Obstetric Triage System
cBGM	Capillary blood glucose monitoring
CCT	Controlled Cord Traction
CDH	Congenital Dislocation of the Hips
Ceph	Cephalic
CLC	Consultant led care
C/O	Complaining of
CPAP	Continuous Positive Airways Pressure
CPD	Cephalo Pelvic Disproportion
CRL	Crown Rump Length
CS	Caesarean section
CTG	Cardiotocograph
Cx	Cervix
DANC	Diabetic antenatal clinic
DCDA	Dichorionic diamniotic
DDH	Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip
DNA	Did Not Attend
DOA	Direct Occipito Anterior
DOB	Date Of Birth
DVT	Deep Vein Thrombosis
DAU	Day Assessment Unit (Antenatal)
D&V	Diarrhoea and Vomiting
D/W	Discussed with
DIC	Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation
DM	Diabetes Mellitus
EAS	External Anal Sphincter
EBL	Estimated Blood Loss
EBM	Expressed Breast Milk
ECV	External Cephalic version
ED	Emergency Department
EDD	Expected Date of Delivery
EFW	Estimated Fetal Weight

EL	Elective
EL LSCS	Elective Lower Segment Caesarean Section
EM	Emergency
EM LSCS	Emergency Lower Segment Caesarean Section
EPU	Early Pregnancy Unit
EUA	Examination Under Anaesthetic
ERPC	Evacuation of Retained Products of Conception
FBC	Full Blood Count
FBS	Fetal Blood Sampling
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
FGR	Fetal Growth Restriction
FH(H)	Fetal Heart (Heard)
FHHR	Fetal Heart Heard and Regular
FHR	Fetal Heart Rate
FL	Femur Length
FM	Fetal Movements
FMF	Fetal Movements Felt
FSE	Fetal Scalp Electrode
FPH	Frimley Park Hospital
GAD	General anxiety disorder
GAP&GROW/G&G	Growth assessment protocol/Gestational related optimal weight
GBS	Group B Strep
GDM	Gestational Diabetes mellitus
GIDDM	Gestational Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus
GIFT	Gamete Intra Fallopian Transfer
GA	General Anaesthesia
GP	General Practitioner
G&S	Group and Save
GTT	Glucose Tolerance Test
HAI	Haemagglutination Antibodies Inhibition
HC	Head Circumference
Hb	Haemoglobin
HIE	Hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy
HNPU	Has not passed urine
H/O	History of
HPU	Has Passed urine
HR	Heart Rate
HV	Health Visitor
HVS	High Vaginal Swab
HIV	Human Immuno Deficiency Virus

HELLP	Haemolysis Elevated Liver Enzymes and Low Platelets
Hx	History
IAS	Internal anal sphincter
ICP	Integrated Care Pathway
ICSI	Intra-cytoplasmic sperm injection
IOL	Induction of Labour
IPPV	Intermittent Positive Pressure Ventilation
IM	Intramuscular
IUGR	Intra Uterine Growth Restriction
IVI	Intra Venous Infusion
IV	Intra Venous
IVAbx	Intravenous antibiotics
IVF	Invitro fertilisation
IUD	Intra uterine Death
IUCD	Intra Uterine Contraceptive Device
IUS	Intra Uterine System
IUI	Intra Uterine Insemination
(L)	Left
LFT	Liver Function Test
LGA	Large for gestational age
LMP	Last Menstrual Period
LMWH	Low Molecular Weight Heparin
LOC	Loss of Contact
LA	Local Anaesthetic
LVS	Low vaginal swab
LW	Labour Ward
MBL	Measured Blood Loss
MCA	Maternity Care Assistant
MCADD	Medium Chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency
MCDA	Monochorionic diamniotic
MDAU	Maternity Day assessment Unit
MAC	Maternity Assessment Centre
MEOWS	Modified Emergency Obstetric Warning System
MEC	Meconium
MROP	Manual Removal of Placenta
MP	Maternal Pulse
MLC	Midwifery led care
MLU	Midwifery led unit
MOH	Major Obstetric Haemorrhage
MSU	Midstream Specimen of Urine

MSW	Maternity Support Worker
MW	Midwife
MAT A/B	Maternity Ward A/B
MC&S	Microscopy, culture and sensitivities
NAD	Nothing Abnormal Detected
NBM	Nil By Mouth
NBBS	Newborn Bloodspot Screening
NEWTT	Neonatal Early Warning Trigger and Track
NIPE	Newborn Infant Physical Examination
NND	Neonatal Death
NNU	Neonatal Unit
NE	Not Engaged
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NKDA	No Known Drug Allergy
NT	Nuchal Translucency
N	Normal
OASI	Obstetric Anal Sphincter Injury
OBS	Observations
OC	Obstetric Cholestasis
OD	Once Daily
ODP	Operating department Practitioner
O/E	On Examination
O&G	Obstetrics and Gynaecology
OPD	Outpatients Department
OA	Occipito Anterior
OP	Occipito Posterior
OT	Occipito Transverse
OTT	Out To Toilet
PE	Pulmonary Embolism
PET	Pre-eclamptic Toxaemia
PCA	Patient controlled analgesia
PCEA	Patient controlled epidural analgesia
PCR	Protein Creatinine Ratio
PDM	Practice Development Midwife
PID	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
PIH	Pregnancy Induced Hypertension
PKU	Phenylketonuria
(P)	Plan
PM	Postmortem
PMH	Previous medical history

PN	Post Natal
PNC	Postnatal Check
PO	by mouth
PPH	Post Partum Haemorrhage
PP	Presenting Part
PR	Per rectum
PRN	As Required
PPROM	Premature Prelabour Rupture of Membranes
PROM	Prolonged Rupture Of Membranes
PT	Patient
PTSD	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
PU	Passed urine
PV	Per Vagina
QDS	Four times daily
(R)	Right
RBS	Random Blood Sugar
RDS	Respiratory distress Syndrome
RFM	Reduced Fetal Movements
Rh	Rhesus
RTC/RTI/RTA	Road Traffic Collision/Incident/Accident
RM	Registered Midwife
RGN	Registered General Nurse
RV	Review
Rx	Treatment
ROS	Removal of Sutures
RR	Respiratory rate
SB	Stillbirth
SBR	Serum Bilirubin
SGA	Small for gestational age
SD	Shoulder Dystocia
SDEC	Same Day Emergency Centre
SLE	Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
SRM/ROM	Spontaneous Rupture of Membranes
SVD	Spontaneous Vertex Delivery
SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
SMM	Surgical management of miscarriage
SPD	Symphysis Pubis Dysfunction
Stat	Straight Away
St MW	Student Midwife
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection

T+	Number of day past the EDD
TCI	To Come In
TCU	Transitional Care Unit
TOB	Time of Birth
TOP	Termination Of Pregnancy
TPTL	Threatened preterm labour
TTO(s)	To Take Out(s)
TENS	Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation
TDS	Three Times Daily
TWOC	Trial Without Catheter
UGCC	Urgent Gynaecology Care Centre
US	Ultrasound
USS	Ultrasound Scan
UTI	Urinary Tract Infection
U&E's	Urea and Electrolytes
VBAC	Vaginal Birth After Caesarean
VE	Vaginal Examination
VTE	Venous Thrombo Embolism
Vx	Vertex
WPH	Wexham Park Hospital
>	More Than
<	Less Than
Δ	Diagnosis
♂	Male
♀	Female

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