

RIVER FALLS AMBULANCE ACCEPTED ABBREVIATIONS:

↑	increase(d)	CVA	cerebrovascular (stroke)	accident	OD	overdose
∅	none	D ₅₀ W	50% dextrose		p	after
↓	decrease(d)	D ₅ W	5% dextrose in water		P	pulse
≈	approximately	DC	discontinue		p.o.	by mouth, orally
Δ	change	DOA	dead on arrival		p.r.n.	as needed
O→	male	DTs	delirium tremens		PAC	premature atrial contraction
O+	female	Dx	diagnosis		palp.	palpated, palpation
(L)	left	ECG	electrocardiogram		PASG	pneumatic antishock garment
@	at	ER	emergency room		PAT	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
@	right	ET	endotracheal		PE	physical exam, pulmonary embolism
a	before	ETOH	ethyl alcohol		ped.	pediatric
A & O x3	alert and oriented to person, place, time	exp.	expiratory		PERRL	pupils equal, round, react to light
A-fib	atrial fibrillation	extr.	extremities		PG	pregnant, pregnancy
A-flut	atrial flutter	FBAO	foreign body airway obstruction		PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
A-tach	atrial tachycardia	Fx	fracture		PMH	past medical history
AB	abortion, miscarriage	GCS	Glasgow coma scale		PNB	pulseless, not breathing
ABCs	airway, breathing, and circulation	GI	gastrointestinal		pos./+	positive
ABD	abdomen	GSW	gunshot wound		Post.	posterior
AED	automatic external defibrillator	h/o	history of		PSVT	paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia
AMA	against medical advice	HA	headache		Pt.	patient
AMI	acute myocardial infarction	HPI	History of present illness/injury		PVC	premature ventricular contraction
amt.	amount	HTN	hypertension		q.	every
ant.	anterior	Hx	history		R	respirations
approx.	approximately	IM	intramuscular		R/O	rule out
ASA	acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin)	JVD	jugular vein distention		RLQ	right lower quadrant
ASHD	arteriosclerotic heart disease	L-1, etc.	first lumbar vertebrae		RLS	red lights and siren
ATV	automatic transport ventilator	LLQ	left lower quadrant		ROM	range of motion
AV	atrioventricular	LMP	last menstrual period		RUQ	right upper quadrant
BBB	bundle branch block	LOC	loss/level of consciousness		Rx	treatment
bilat.	bilateral	LS	lung sounds		s	without
BM	bowel movement	LUQ	left upper quadrant		S-brady	sinus bradycardia
BP	blood pressure	MCA	motorcycle accident		S-tach	sinus tachycardia
brady	bradycardia	mg	milligram		SIDS	sudden infant death syndrome
BS	blood sugar, breath sounds	MI	myocardial infarction		SL	sublingual
BSI	body substance isolation	mid	middle		SO	standing order
BVM	bag-valve mask	ml	milliliter		SOB	shortness of breath
c	with	mm	millimeter		SQ	subcutaneous
C-1, etc.	first cervical vertebrae	mod	moderate		SVT	supraventricular tachycardia
C/O	complaining of	MS	Multiple sclerosis/morphine sulfate		Sx	symptoms
Ca	cancer	MVA	motor vehicle accident		Tach.	tachycardia
CC	chief complaint	N & V	nausea and vomiting		TB	tuberculosis
cc	cubic centimeter	NAD	no acute distress		TBSA	total body surface area
CHF	congestive heart failure	neg./-	negative		TIA	transient ischemic attack
CHI	closed head injury	NKA	no known allergies		TKO	to keep open
CMS	circulation, movement, sensation	NRB	non-rebreather		URI	upper respiratory infection
CNS	central nervous system	NS	normal saline		UTI	urinary tract infection
CO	carbon monoxide	NSR	normal sinus rhythm		V-fib	ventricular fibrillation
CO ₂	carbon dioxide	O ₂	oxygen		V-tach	ventricular tachycardia
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	O ₂ sat	oxygen saturation		VO	verbal order
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	OB	obstetrical		VS	vital signs
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid	occ.	occasional		WNL	within normal limits