



ACCEPTABLE ABBREVIATIONS FOR DOCUMENTATION OF CLIENT INFORMATION (2020)

To ensure clarity of documentation it is recommended that abbreviations and acronyms be kept to a minimum when documenting in the shared electronic client record, authoring reports, client/family instruction sheets and messages.

Because clients and families and team members may not be familiar with all abbreviations used by various disciplines it is important to ensure that all team members are able to understand the documentation and not feel disadvantaged or confused by the information.

This reference document was developed to support clinical documentation in the shared electronic client record. The listing of acceptable abbreviations and acronyms was developed to provide clarity and assist all team members including clients and families to understand the full meaning of clinical notes while supporting a level of efficiency.

If an abbreviation must be used and it is not listed in this document, ensure the full word appears in the note, report, instruction or message with a reference to the abbreviation or acronym for example;*over the counter(OTC) medicine*.....

APPROVED ABBREVIATION	MEANING
#	Fracture
?	Query
<	Less than
=	Equal
>	Greater than
↑	Increase
↓	Decrease
♀	Female
♂	Male
1°	Primary
2°	Secondary
6F's	F-Words for Childhood Development
A	
A	Analysis
AAC	Augmentative and Alternative Communication
AAROM	Active assisted range of motion
ABA	Applied Behavioural Analysis
ABA-F	Applied Behaviour Analysis Facilitator
Abd	Abduction
ABI	Acquired Brain Injury

ACCS	Augmentative Communication Consultation Service
ACSD	Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
Add	Adduction
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ADOA	Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act
ADOS	Autism Diagnostic Observation Scale
ADP	Assistive Devices Program
AE	Air Entry
AFO	Ankle Foot Orthotic/Orthosis
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AIMS	Alberta Infant Motor Scales
ALR	Age limit reached
alt	Alternate
AM am	Morning
AODA	Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act
approx.	Approximately
appt.	Appointment
APT	Anterior Pelvic Tilt
ARBD	Alcohol Related Birth Defects
ARND	Alcohol Related Neurodevelopmental Disorders
AROM	Active Range of Motion
Artic	Articulation
ASAS	Australian Spasticity Assessment Scale
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
ASL	American Sign Language
ASQ	Ages and Stages Questionnaire
ASQ-SE	Ages and Stages Questionnaire-Social Emotional
Ax.	Assessment

B

b/w	Between
BCBA	Board Certified Behaviour Analyst
BID	Twice daily
Bilat	Bilateral
BLV	Blind Low Vision
BM	Bowel Movement
BP	Blood Pressure
BRS	Brief Resource Service

C

ç	With
c/o	Complains of/complaints of
C1, C2	Cervical Vertebrae 1st or 2nd

CA	Cancer
CANS	Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths
CAPC	Community Action Plan for Children
CAT Scan	Computerized Axial Tomography Scan
CBD	Common Bile Duct
CCE	Childcare Enhancement
CDA	Communicative Disorder Assistant
CDB	Child Disability Benefit
CDS	Child Development Services
CF	Cystic Fibrosis
CFI	Child and Family Interview
CFT	Child and Family Therapist
CHD	Congenital Heart Disease
CIMT	Constraint Induced Movement
Cl	Client
CM	Case Manager
CMC	Complex Medical Consult
CNS	Central Nervous System
Cont'd	Continued
Coord	Coordination
COPM	Canadian Occupational Performance Measure
COVID-19	Coronavirus
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CPM	Continuous Passive Motion
CPR	Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation
C-Section	Caesarean Section
CSN	Complex Special Needs
CSP	Coordinated Service Planning
Cspine	Cervical Spine
CT Scan	Computerized Tomography Scan
CVI	Cortical Visual Impairment
CVL	Central Venous Line
CWAS	Communication and Writing Aids Service

D

D/C	Discontinued
dB.	decibel
DACS	Developmental Assessment and Consultation Service
DAT	diet as tolerated
DD	Developmental Delay
DDK	Diadochokinesis
Dev't	Developmental
DF	Dorsi Flexion
DFO	Direct Funding Option

DIP	Distal Interphalangeal Joint
DIS	Discharged
DISC	Diagnostic Inventory for Screening Children
DISP	Diagnostic Inventory for Screening Preschoolers
DM	Document Manager
DMD	Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
DOB	Date of Birth
Dp	Diplegia
Dr.	Doctor
drsg	Dressing (wound)
DSO	Developmental Services Ontario
DT	Dietitian
DTC	Disability Tax Credit
DTR	Deep tendon reflex
Dx	Diagnosis

E

e.g.	For example
EA	Educational Assistant
ECE	Early Childhood Education or Early Childhood Educators
EDC	Expected Date of Confinement
EDD	Expected Date of Delivery
EDITH	Expected Death in the Home
EI	Early Intervention
EIP	Early Intervention Program
EIS	Early Intervention Services
EIW	Early Intervention Worker
emerg	Emergency Department
EMG	electromyogram
EMS	Electrical Muscle Stimulation
ENT	Ear, nose and throat
ER	External Rotation
ERF/REF	Enhanced Respite Funding/Respite Enhancement Funding
Erhardt/EDPA	Erhardt Developmental Prehension Assessment
ext.	extension

F

f/u; F/U	Follow-up
FAC	Family Advisory Committee
FACS	Feeding Assessment and Consultation Service
FAE	Fetal Alcohol Effects
FAS	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FASD	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
FIM Score	Functional Independence Measurement

FM	Fine Motor
FNMI	First Nations, Métis, and Inuit
FRI	Febrile Respiratory Illness
FRW	Family Resource Worker
FSP	Family Service Plan
FSW	Family Support Worker
Func.	Function
Fx	Function
FYI	For your information

G

G	Goal
G&D	Growth and Development
GAS	Goal Attainment Scale
GD	Global Delay
GERD	Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease
GFTA	Goldman-Fristoe Test of Articulation
GH	Glenohumeral joint
GI	Gastrointestinal
gm	Gram
GM	Gross Motor
GMFCS	Gross Motor Functional Classification System
GP	General Practitioner
grav.	Gravida; number of pregnancies
G-tube	gastrostomy tube

H

h.s.	Bedtime
HAFO	Hinged Ankle Foot Orthosis
HBHC	Healthy Babies Healthy Children
HCN	Health Card Number
HIC	Health Information Custodian
HINP	Health Information Network Provider
Hp	Hemiplegia
hrs	Hours
Ht	height
HV	Home visit
Hx	History

I - K

I & O	Intake and Output
IBI	Intensive Behavioural Intervention
ICD-9	International Classification of Diseases – Version 9
ICD-10	International Classification of Diseases – Version 10
ICDP	Infant Development Program
ICDW	Infant Development Worker

ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IDDM	Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus
IEP	Individual Education Plan
IFSP	Individual Family Service Plan
IHP	Infant Hearing Program
Incl	include
Indep	independent
IM	Intramuscular
IP joint	Interphalangeal joint
IPC	Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario
IPP	Individual Program Plan
IPRC	Identification, Placement and Review Committee
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
IR	Internal Rotation
irreg.	irregular
IT	Information Technology
IUGR	Intrauterine Growth Retardation
IV	Intravenous
IVH	Intraventricular Hemorrhage
JK	Junior Kindergarten
JRA	Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis
KAFO	Knee ankle foot orthosis
KSS	Key Services and Support
KSSW	Key Services and Support Worker

L

L	Left
L1, L2	Lumbar Vertebrae levels
lb.	pound
LBW	Low birth weight
LD	Learning Disability
LDAO	Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario
LE	Lower extremity
LOC	Loss of Consciousness
LOS	Length of Stay
LTF	Local Team Facilitator

M

MACS	Manual Ability Classification Scale
MAS	Modified Ashworth Scale
max	maximum
MBC	Medical Behavioural Clinic
mCIMT	Modified Constraint Induced Movement
MCP	Metacarpal phalangeal
MD	Muscular Dystrophy

med.	Medial
meds	Medications
M-FUN-PS	Miller Function & Participation Scales
MH	Mental Health
min(s)	Minute(s)
MLU	Mean length of utterance
MMT	Manual Muscle Test
MPOC	Measures of Processes of Care
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MRO	Multi-drug Resistant Organism
MRSA	Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus
MS	Multiple Sclerosis
Msg	Message
MVA	Motor Vehicle Accident
MVPT	Motor Free Visual Perception Test

N

N	Normal
N/A	Not Applicable
NEADS	National Educational Association of Disabled Students
Neg.	negative
NG	Nasogastric tube
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NKA	No known allergies
NNFU	Neonatal Follow- up Clinic
NOS	Not otherwise specified
NPO	Nothing by mouth
NS	Nursery School
nsg	Nursing
NT	Not Tested
NWB	Non weight bearing
NYD	Not yet diagnosed

O

O	Objective
∅	Negative
OAP	Ontario Autism Program
ODB	Ontario Drug Benefit
ODSP	Ontario Disability Support Pension
OGC	Ongoing Consultation
OSAP	Ontario Student Assistance Program
OSR	Ontario Student Record
OT	Occupational Therapist
OTA	Occupational Therapy Assistant
OTA/PTA	Occupational Therapy Assistant/Physiotherapy Assistant

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P

P	Plan
p/u	Pick up
PACS	Psychological Assessment and Consultation Services
PAED	Paediatrician
PDA	Patent Ductus Arteriosus
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PDD-NOS	Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified
PDMS-2	Peabody Development Assessment
PECS	Picture Exchange Communication System
PF	Plantar Flexion
pFAS	Partial Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
PGT	Public Guardian and Trustee
PHIPA	Personal Health Information Protection Act
PHN	Public Health Nurse
PIP	Proximal Interphalangeal Joint
PKU	phenylketonuria
PM / p.m.	Evening
PMH	Past Medical History
PO	By mouth
PO#	Purchase Order number
POA	Power of Attorney
Post-op	Post Operatively
PPT	Posterior Pelvic Tilt
PR	Prescription Review
prn	As needed/when required
PROM	Passive Range of Motion
PSL	Preschool Speech and Language Program
PSW	Personal Support Worker
Psych	Psychological
PT	Physiotherapist
PTA	Physiotherapy Assistant
PVL	Periventricular Leukomalacia
PWB	Partial weight bearing

Q

q	Every
qhs	Every night
QID	Four times a day
Qp	Quadriplegia

R

R	Right
rf+	Positive reinforcement

rf-	Negative reinforcement
r/t	Related to
R1	Angle of muscle reaction- the angle of catch following a fast velocity stretch
R2	Angle of full range of motion- Passive ROM following a slow velocity stretch
RA	Rheumatoid Arthritis
RAM	Rapid Alternating Movement
RC	Resource Consultant
RD	Registered Dietitian
RDS	Respiratory Distress Syndrome
RDSP	Registered Disability Savings Plan
re:	Regarding
Rec	Recommendations
rec'd	Received
REF	Respite Enhanced Funding
rehab	Rehabilitation
RN	Registered Nurse
ROM	Range of Motion
ROP	Retinopathy of Prematurity
RPN	Registered Practical Nurse
RSR	Regional Service Resolution
RT	Resource Teacher
Rx	Prescription

S

S	Subjective
S&S	Signs and Symptoms
s/a	Same as above
S/L	Speech and Language
SAO	Special Agreements Office
SBRS	School Based Rehabilitation Services
SC	Service Coordination
SCI	Spinal Cord Injury
SCM	Sternocleidomastoid
SD	Service Delivery
SDM	Substitute Decision Maker
SDR	Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy
SEAE	Static Encephalopathy Alcohol Exposed
SERT	Special Education Resource Teacher
SI	Sensory Integration
Sib.	Sibling
SIDS	Sudden infant death syndrome
SK	Senior Kindergarten

SLP	Speech and Language Pathologist
SLR	Straight leg raise
SLS	Single Limb Stance
SMA	Spinal muscular atrophy
SMO	Supramalleolar Orthosis
SN	Service Navigator/Navigation
SOR	Sensory Over Responsiveness
SP	Sensory Processing
SPC	Service Planning Coordinator
SPD	Sensory Processing Disorder/Dysfunction
SPO	Service Provider Organization
SPOC	Single Plan of Care
SSAH	Special Services At Home
SSD	Speech Sound Disorder
SSI	Stuttering Severity Index
SW	Social Worker/Social Work

T

T/C	Telephone call
TA	Team Assistant
TAS	Team Assessment Summaries
TBA	To be arranged
TBC	To Be Confirmed
TBD	To Be Determined
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TENS	Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation
TID	Three times a day
TIPP	Transitional Integrated Program Plan
TNR	Tonic Neck Reflex
TPN	Total Parenteral Nutrition
TPR	temperature, pulse, respiration
Trach.	Tracheostomy
TVMS	Test of Visual Motor Skills
TVPS	Test of Visual Perceptual Skills
Tx	Treatment

U

U/E	Upper Extremity
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V

V/M	Voice mail
VAC Therapy	Vacuum Therapy
Vest.	Vestibular
VFSS	Videofluoroscopic Study of Swallowing
via	By way of
VM	Visual motor

W

w.r.t.	With respect to
w/c	Wheelchair
w/e	Weekend
W/L	Waitlist
WA	Waiting Assessment
wb	Weight bearing
WBAT	Weight Bearing as Tolerated
WFC	Waiting for Consultation
WFL	Within functional limits
WFS	Waiting for Service
WHO	World Health Organization
Wk	Week
WNL	Within Normal Limits
WR	Waiting Response
Wt.	Weight

X

X	Times (multiple)
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This list will be updated on an semi-annual basis.

The following lists the Acronyms and names of various partner organizations, agencies, and Ministries.

APPROVED ABBREVIATION	MEANING
1TO1	1to1 Therapy Services
ACCESS	CTN Access
BANAC	Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle
BDSB	Blue Water District School Board
BLOOM	Blooming Acres Group Home
BPED	Barrie Pediatrics
CARF	Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
CAS	Children's Aid Society
CBHS	Centre for Behavioural Health Sciences
CHEO	Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario
CHIGAMIK	CHIGAMIK Community Health Centre
CLASS	Community Living Association South Simcoe
CLCY	Community Living Central York
CLH (CLHDSS)	CLH Development Support Services
CLYS	Community Living in York South (Markham, Vaughan, Richmond Hill)
CNIB	Canadian National Institute for the Blind

CSCMA	Consiel scolaire catholique Mon Avenir
CSDCC	Conseil Scolaire Catholique Centre-Sud
CSV	Conseil Scolaire Viamonde
CTC	Children's Treatment Centre
CTG	Closing the Gap Healthcare
CTN	Children's Treatment Network of Simcoe York
DBCFSF	Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child and Family Services
DSO	Developmental Services Ontario
eCHN	electronic Child Health Network
EIS York Region	Early Intervention Services York Region
EKO	Empowered Kids Ontario
ES	Empower Simcoe
HBKR	Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital
HSC	Hospital for Sick Children
KINSC	Kinark Simcoe County
KINYR	Kinark York Region
KPAS	Kerry's Place Autism Services
LCB	La Cle de la Baie
LDAO	Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario
LHIN	Local Health Integration Network
MCCSS	Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services
MOHLTC	Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
MSH	Markham Stouffville Hospital
NCFST	Native Child and Family Services of Toronto
NPATH	New Path Youth and Family Services
NSMLHIN	North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network
OEYC	Ontario Early Years Centre
OSMH	Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital
OTN	Ontario Telemedicine Network
OW	Ontario Works
PSSBP	Protestant School Authority
RMY	Regional Municipality of York
RVH	Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre
SCDSB	Simcoe County District School Board
SCPSLP	Simcoe County Preschool Speech and Language Program
SMCDSB	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board
SMFC	Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions
SRHC	Southlake Regional Health Centre
TCSB	Toronto Catholic School Board
TDSB	Toronto District School Board
TLDSB	Trillium Lakelands District School Board
TSC	The Speech Clinic
VHA	VHA Rehab Solutions
YCDSB	York Catholic District School Board

YRDSB	York Region District School Board
YRPSLP	York Region Preschool Speech and Language Program
YSSN	York Support Services Network

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