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SUBJECT: TREATMENT PROTOCOL – ABBREVIATION LIST

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**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TREATMENT PROTOCOL**  
**ABBREVIATION LIST**

AHA	American Heart Association
AED	Automated External Defibrillator
AEMT	Advanced EMT
AICD	Automatic Implanted Cardiac Defibrillator
ALS	Advanced Life Support
ALTE	Apparent Life-Threatening Event
AV	Arteriovenous (fistula)
BEF	Basic Emergency Facility
BH	Base Hospital
BHO	Base Hospital Order
<u>BHPO</u>	Base Hospital Physician Order
BLS	Basic Life Support
BP	Blood Pressure
BPM	Beats per Minute
BS	Blood Sugar (Blood Glucose)
BSA	Body Surface Area
CaCl <sub>2</sub>	Calcium Chloride
C/C	Chief Complaint
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure
CO	Carbon Monoxide
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon Dioxide
CPAP	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CVA	Cerebrovascular Accident
d/c	Discontinue
DCI	Decompression Illness
dL	Deciliter
D <sub>10</sub>	10% Dextrose
D <sub>25</sub>	25% Dextrose (diluted D <sub>50</sub> )
D <sub>50</sub>	50% Dextrose
EKG	Electrocardiogram
ePCR	Electronic Patient Care Record
EpiPen	Brand name for auto-injector containing Epinephrine
ET	Endotracheal Tube
ETAD	Esophageal Tracheal Airway Device
EtCO <sub>2</sub>	End tidal CO <sub>2</sub>
GM or Gm	Gram
HR	Heart Rate
ICS	Intercostal Space
IM	Intramuscular
IN	Intranasal

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IO	Intraosseous
IV	Intravenous
j	joule(s)
Kg	Kilogram
L	Liter
LBRT	Length-Based Resuscitation Tape
LT Airway	Laryngeal Tracheal Airway
LOC	Level of Consciousness or Loss of Consciousness
mA	Milliampere
MAD	Mucosal Atomizer Device
max	Maximum
mcg	Microgram
MCI	Mass Casualty Incident
MDI	Metered-Dose Inhaler
mEq	Milliequivalent
mg	Milligram
min	Minute
ml	Milliliter(s)
MOI	Mechanism of Injury
MPI	Multiple Patient Incident
MR	May Repeat
MS	Morphine Sulfate
MTV	Major Trauma Victim
NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	Sodium Bicarbonate
NC	Nasal Cannula
NG	Nasogastric
NPO	Nothing by mouth
NS	Normal Saline
NTG	Nitroglycerin
O <sub>2</sub>	Oxygen
OD	Overdose
ODT	Oral Dissolving Tablet
OG	Orogastric
PAA	Perilaryngeal Airway Adjunct
PEA	Pulseless Electrical Activity
PO	Per Os (by mouth)
POLST	Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment
prn	Pro Re Nata (as often as necessary)
PVC	Premature Ventricular Complex
q	Every
SL	Sublingual
<u>SO</u>	Standing Order
SOB	Shortness of Breath
SVT	Supraventricular Tachycardia

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TAH	Total Artificial Heart
TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack
TKO	To Keep Open
TOP	Topical
VAD	Ventricular Assist Device
VF	Ventricular Fibrillation
VSM	Valsalva Maneuver
VT	Ventricular Tachycardia
?	Possible/questionable/suspected
“	Minutes or Inches
<	Less than
≥	Greater than or equal to
*	Public safety personnel may administer when authorized by the County of San Diego EMS Medical Director. As per Title 22, Chapter 1.5, Section 100019