

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TREATMENT PROTOCOL ABBREVIATION LIST

AED	Automated External Defibrillator
AICD	Automatic Implanted Cardiac Defibrillator
ALS	Advanced Life Support (Paramedic level)
ALTE	Apparent Life Threatening Event
AV	Arterio-Venous (fistula)
BEF	Basic Emergency Facility
BH	Base Hospital
BHO	Base Hospital Order
<i>BHPO</i>	Base Hospital Physician Order
BLS	Basic Life Support (EMT level)
BP	Blood Pressure
BPM	Beats per Minute
BS	Blood Sugar (Blood Glucose)
BSA	Body Surface Area
CaCl ₂	Calcium Chloride
C/C	Chief complaint
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure
CO	Carbon Monoxide
CO ₂	Carbon Dioxide
CPAP	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
CPR	Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation
CVA	Cerebrovascular Accident
d/c	Discontinue
dL	Deciliter
D ₂₅ 25%	Dextrose (diluted D ₅₀)
D ₅₀ 50%	Dextrose
EKG	Electrocardiogram
EpiPen	Brand name for auto-injector containing epinephrine
ET	Endotracheal Tube
ETAD	Esophageal Tracheal Airway Device
ETCO ₂	End tidal CO ₂
GM or Gm	Gram
HR	Heart Rate
ICS	Intercostal space
IM	Intramuscular (injection)
IN	Intranasal
IO	Intraosseous line
IV	Intravenous line
IVP	Intravenous Push
J	Joule (s)
Kg	Kilogram
L	Liter
LOC	Level of Consciousness or Loss of Consciousness
mA	milliamperere (unit of voltage for external pacemaker)

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
NaHCO ₃	Sodium Bicarbonate
NC	Nasal Cannula
NG	Nasogastric (tube)
NPO	Nothing by mouth
NS	Normal Saline (IV solution)
NTG	Nitroglycerin
O ₂	Oxygen
OD	Overdose
ODT	Oral Dissolving Tablet
OG	Orogastric (tube)
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
SC	Subcutaneous (injection)
SO	Standing Order
SOB	Shortness of Breath
SVT	Supraventricular Tachycardia
TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack
TKO	To Keep Open (IV) which is approximately 25-30ml/hr
TOP	Topical
VF	Ventricular Fibrillation
VSM	Valsalva maneuver
VT	Ventricular Tachycardia
yo	Years Old
?	Possible/questionable/suspected
"	Minutes or Inches
<	Less than
>	Greater than or equal to