

DENTAL SERVICES ABBREVIATIONS**AUTHORIZED ABBREVIATIONS
(DO NOT USE UNAUTHORIZED ABBREVIATIONS)**

ABBREVIATION/TERM		ABBREVIATION/TERM	
AAA	acute apical abscess	cur	curettage
abs	abscess	D	distal
ACR	all caries removed	dent	dental
adj	adjustment	dia	diastema
amal	amalgam	dx	diagnosis
ant	anterior	E/E	edentulous
ANUG	acute necrotizing ulcerative gingivitis	emerg	emergency
approx	approximate	endo	endodontics
appt	appointment	enml	enamel
attch	attachment	epi	epinephrine
Au	gold	erpt	erupted, eruption or erupting
B	buccal	ex	examination
b.i.d.	twice a day	exp	exposure
BLT	bilateral lingual tori	ext	extraction
BP	blood pressure	F	facial
BW	bitewing radiograph	F/F	full denture(s)
bx	biopsy	fg	filling
c or w/	with	fist	fistulous
Ca	carcinoma	Fl	fluoride
CAP	chronic apical periodontitis	Flip/Flip	flipper(s)
CAR	complications, alternatives and risks explained	FMX	full mouth x-ray series
carb	carbocaine	FPD	fixed partial denture
carp	carpule	FTF	full thickness flap
cast	casting	Fx	fracture
CC	chief complaint	gen	generalized
cc	cubic centimeter	GIC	glass ionomer cement
cell	cellulitis	GIL	glass ionomer liner
cem	cement	ging	gingival
chr	chronic	Gits	gingivitis
Cl	class (I, II, III, IV, V, VI)	GP	Gutta-Percha
cm	centimeter	GSC	gold shell crown
CMCP	camphorated para chlorophenol	gz	gauze
endl	condyle	hosp	hospital
c/o	complaint of	HQR	health questionnaire reviewed
comp	composite	HTN	hypertension
coop	cooperative	hvy	heavy
crn	crown	Hx	history
CSP	chronic suppurative periodontitis	I	incisal
		I & D	incision and drainage

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imp	impression
inf	infection
inj	injection
IP	irreversible pulpitis
IRM	intermediate restorative material
irr	irrigation
irrev	irreversible
IVH&N	initial visual head and neck examination
L	left
L	lingual
/L	lower
lab	laboratory
Levo	Levonordefrine
lido	lidocaine
LLQ	lower left quadrant
LRQ	lower right quadrant
M	mesial
mand	mandible
mar	marcaine
marg	marginal
max	maxilla
med	medium
mem	membrane
mep	mepivacaine
mg	milligram
mm	millimeter
mod	moderate
NAR	no anesthetic required
neg or (-)	negative
neo	neocobefrin
norm	normal
NPC	nonprecious crown
NPH	no previous history
NRCT	nonrestorable carious tooth
#	number
O	occlusal
O ₂	oxygen
obs	observation
octo	octocaine
OH	oral hygiene
OHI	oral hygiene instructions
opp	opposite
p	palatal

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pt	patient
pt inf	patient informed
p.r.n.	as required
P.S.R.	periodontal screening and recording
Ptor	palatal torus
P/P	partial denture(s)
PA	periapical
pall	palliative
pan	panorex
path	pathology
pcor	pericoronitis
PCR	plaque control record
perio	periodontitis
PFG	porcelain fused to gold
PFM	porcelain fused to metal
PFO	prophy, fluoride, oral hygiene instructions
PH	past history
PO	post operative
POE	periodic oral examination
POH	poor oral hygiene
POI or POIG	postoperative instruction (given)
pol	polished
pos or (+)	positive
post	posterior
POT	postoperative treatment
prep	preparation
prophy	prophylaxis
Q	quadrant
q	every
q.2h.	every second hour
q.4h.	every 4 hours
q.d.	every day
q.h.	every hour
q.h.s.	at bedtime
q.i.d.	four times a day
q.l.	as much as pleased
q.n.	every night
q.p.	at will
R	right
RC	root canal
RCF	root canal filling
RCT	root canal treatment
RD	rubber dam

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re	regarding
re-ex	reexamination
ref	reference
rev	reversible
RH&N	regional head and neck examination
RHD	rheumatic heart disease
RP	reversible pulpitis
RPD	removable partial denture
rt	root
RTC	return to clinic
Rx	prescription
RxED	prescription education (given)
S/C	sick call
sal	salivary
Sched	scheduled
sev	severe
spec	specimen
SR	suture removal
SSC	stainless steel crown
stat	immediately
std	standard
surg	surgery

ABBREVIATION/TERM

t.i.d.	three times per day
T	tooth or teeth
TCRM	tooth colored restorative material
TMD	temporomandibular dysfunction
TMJ	temporomandibular joint
tsu	tissue
3/4	three-quarter
tx	treatment
U or U/	upper
ULQ	upper left quadrant
unch	unchanged
unk	unknown
URQ	upper right quadrant
Vin	Vincent's
w/o or s	without
WNL	within normal limits
ww	wrought wire
xylo	xylocaine
ZnP	zinc phosphate cement
ZOE	zinc oxide eugenol