

COMMON ABBREVIATIONS

A & B — apnea and bradycardia
Bili — bilirubin
BP — blood pressure
BPD — bronchopulmonary dysplasia
CNS — central nervous system (brain and spinal cord)
CPAP — continuous positive airway pressure
CPR — Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CPT or Chest PT — chest physiotherapy (vibrating or tapping on the chest)
ETT — endotracheal tube
HI FI — high frequency ventilator
IMV — intermittent mandatory ventilation (number of breaths by the ventilator)
IV — intravenous (by vein)
IVH — intraventricular hemorrhage
LP — lumbar puncture
NEC — necrotizing enterocolitis
NG — nasogastric
NICU — neonatal intensive care unit
NPO — nothing by mouth
OG — orogastric
OT — occupational therapist
PDA — patent ductus arteriosus
PICU — pediatric intensive care unit
PT — physical therapist
PVL — periventricular leukomalacia
RN — registered nurse
ROP — retinopathy of prematurity
RDS — respiratory distress syndrome
SIDS — sudden infant death syndrome
SIMV — synchronized intermittent mandatory ventilation
TPR — temperature, pulse, respirations
TTN — transient tachypnea of the newborn
TPN — total parenteral nutrition
UAC — umbilical arterial catheter
UTI — urinary tract infection
UVC — umbilical venous catheter
VS — vital signs (see TPR)