



TO: FRIENDS AND FAMILY

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When you visit your healthcare providers, they sometimes use short words or a few letters that you may see or hear but don't know what they mean. They use these shortcuts to help them work faster and communicate better.

As the Health Services Division gets closer to using the new Electronic Health Records (EHR) system, it is important we review the meaning of some medical abbreviations with adults in custody, and with you as their friend or family member.

Here are some common medical abbreviations:

ABBREVIATION	MEANING	INFORMATION
BP	Blood Pressure	The force of your blood pushing against the walls of your arteries.
HR	Heart Rate	The number of times your heart beats in one minute.
SpO2	Blood Oxygen Saturation	A measurement of how much oxygen your blood is carrying.
NPO	Nothing by mouth	Instructions given to not eat or drink the evening before a blood draw.
A1c	Hemoglobin A1c	A blood test that measures average blood sugar levels over a 3-month period.

Here are some abbreviations sometimes used in electronic health records (EHR):

ABBREVIATION	MEANING	INFORMATION
HIE	Health Information Exchange	HIEs help to facilitate the exchange of data between EHRs
EMAR	Electronic Medication Administration Record	Part of the EHR where we record the medication you are given.
CDS	Clinical Decision Support	Built into the EHR, this tool assists your healthcare provider in making informed decisions about your health.
CPOE	Computerized Provider Order Entry	A provider uses this in the EHR to electronically order treatment services (such as medication or labs) instead of writing the orders on paper.

Knowing some of these abbreviations can help your family member or friend feel more confident during healthcare visits and to stay involved in their own health!