

## Common Surgical Abbreviations

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**AAA** – Abdominal **A**ortic **A**neurysm  
**AC** – Acromioclavicular (shoulder)  
**ACD** – Anterior **C**ervical **D**isc  
**ACL** – Anterior **C**ruciate **L**igament (knee)  
**AICD** – Automated Implantable **C**ardiac **D**efibrillator  
**APR** – Abdominal **P**erineal **R**esection (colo-rectal surgery)  
**AV** – Arteriovenous or **A**rterial-**V**enous  
**AVR** – Aortic **V**alve **R**eplacement  
**Ax-fem** – **A**xillo-**F**emoral (**A**xillo-**B**ifemoral) bypass (vascular surgery)  
**BIV** – **B**i-**V**entricular (pacemaker)  
**BPG** – **B**ypass **G**raft (vascular surgery)  
**BSO** – **B**ilateral **S**alpingo-**o**ophorectomy (gynecological surgery)  
**BSSO** – **B**ilateral **S**aggital **S**plit **O**steotomy (jaw surgery)  
**CABG** – **C**oronary **A**rtery **B**ypass **G**raft (open heart surgery)  
**CBI** – **C**atheter **B**ased **I**ntervention (intravascular procedure) or  
    Continuous **B**ladder **I**rrigation (urological procedure)  
**CEA** – **C**arotid **E**ndarterectomy (vascular surgery)  
**CFA** – **C**ommon **F**emoral **A**rtery  
**D&C** – **D**ilation and **C**urettage (gynecological procedure)  
**DL** – **D**irect **L**aryngoscopy  
**DVIU** – **D**irect **V**isual **I**nternal **U**rethrotomy (urological procedure)  
**EEG** – **E**lectroencephalogram  
**EGD** – **E**sophagogastr~~o~~duodenoscopy  
**ERCP** – **E**ndoscopic **R**etrograde **C**holangiopancreatogram  
**ESWL** – **E**xtra-corporeal **S**hock **W**ave **L**ithotripsy (for kidney stones)  
**EUA** – **E**xam **U**nder **A**nesthesia  
**EVH** – **E**ndoscopic **V**ein **H**arvest (usually with CABG)  
**Ex Lap** – **E**xploratory **L**aparotomy or  
    Exploratory **L**aparoscopy (VERY important to clarify which)  
**Fem-fem** – **F**emoral to **F**emoral Bypass (vascular surgery)  
**Fem-pop** – **F**emoropopliteal Bypass (vascular surgery)  
**FTSG** – **F**ull **T**hickness **S**kin **G**raft  
**GGA** – **G**enioglossus **A**dvancement (oral surgery)  
**HNP** – **H**erniated **N**ucleus **P**ulposus (herniated disc)  
**I&D** – **I**ncision and **D**rainage (debridement)  
**IM** – **I**ntra-**M**edullary (femur/humerus)  
**IMS** – **I**ntra-**M**etatarsal **S**pace (foot)  
**IOC** – **I**ntraoperative **C**holangiogram (with gallbladder surgery)  
**IOL** – **I**ntra-**O**cular **L**ens (eye)  
**IPJ** – **I**ntra-**P**halangeal **J**oint (hand)  
**ITR** – **I**nferior **T**urbinat~~e~~ **R**eduction (sinus surgical procedure)  
**IVC** – **I**nferior **V**ena **C**ava

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**Lap Appy** – Laparoscopic **Appendectomy**  
**Lap Chole** – Laparoscopic **Cholecystectomy**  
**LAVH** – Laparoscopic **Assisted Vaginal Hysterectomy**  
**LP** – Lumbar **Peritoneal** (shunt or drain) **or**  
    Lumbar **Puncture** (diagnostic procedure)  
**MAZE** – the name of a cardiac procedure NOT an abbreviation  
**MECC** – **Minimal Extracorporeal Circulation** (cardiac procedure with CABG)  
**ML** – **Microlaryngoscopy** (ENT procedure)  
**MPJ** – **Metatarsal Phalangeal Joint** (foot)  
**MRCP** – **Magnetic Resonance Cholangiopancreatogram** (scan)  
**MVR** – **Mitral Valve Replacement**  
**MVV** – **Mitral Valve Valvuloplasty** (valve repair)  
**OATS** – **Osteochondral Autograft Transfer System** (orthopedic procedure)  
**PCNL** – **Percutaneous Nephrolithotomy** (usually abbreviated Perc.)  
**PD** – **Peritoneal Dialysis**  
**PEG** – **Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy** (inserting a feeding tube)  
**PICC** – **Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter**  
**PLIF** – **Posterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion** (spinal surgery)  
**PPH** – **Procedure for Prolapsed Hemorrhoids**  
**PTA** – **Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty** (endovascular procedure)  
**RFA** – **Radio Frequency Ablation**  
**RPG** – **Retrograde Pyelogram** (urological procedure)  
**SF** – **Sapheno-Femoral or**  
    **Superficial Femoral**  
**STSG** – **Split Thickness Skin Graft**  
**TEE** – **Transesophageal Echocardiogram**  
**TLIF** – **Transforaminal Lumbar Interbody Fusion** (spinal surgery)  
**TMJ** – **Temporal Mandibular Joint** (jaw)  
**TMR** – **Trans-myocardial Revascularization** (open heart procedure with a laser)  
**TRUS** – **Transrectal Ultrasound**  
**TUI or TI** – **Transurethral Incision**  
**TURBT** – **Transurethral Resection of Bladder Tumor**  
**TURP** – **Transurethral Resection of Prostate**  
**TVC** – **True Vocal Cord**  
**TVR** – **Tricuspid Valve Replacement**  
**TVV** – **Tricuspid Valve Valvuloplasty** (valve repair)  
**UPJ**– **Ureteral Pelvic Junction** (ureteral anatomy)  
**UPPP or UP3** – **Uvulopalatopharyngoplasty** (ENT surgery)  
**US** – **Ultrasound**  
**VATS** – **Video Assisted Thoracoscopy** (lung surgery)  
**VP** – **Vertriculo-Peritoneal** (shunt or drain)