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**Lecture 7 (Some Common Medical Abbreviations)**

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An abbreviation is a shortened form of a word used in place of the full word (e.g.,**Bact**.). An acronym is a word formed from the first letters of each of the words in a phrase or name (e.g., **WBC** or **T3**).

This is a list of some common abbreviations and acronyms:

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| **T3** | Triiodothyronine: You may have a blood test for T3 to detect thyroid disease. |
| **T4** | Thyroxine: You may have a blood test for T4 to detect thyroid disease. |
| **TSH** | Thyroid stimulating hormone: You may have a blood test for TSH to detect thyroid disease. |
| **WBC** | White blood cell: A type of blood cell |
| **TIBC** | Total iron binding capacity: A test that measures the  amount of iron in your blood. |
| **TIA** | Transient ischemic attack: A small stroke |
| **TB** | Tuberculosis: An infection of the lungs |
| **b/s** | bloodsugar |
| **D/V** | diarrhea**/** vomiting |
| **HCG** | Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (pregnancy test) |
| **BP** | bloodpressure |
| **Bact.** | **Bact.** Bacteria |