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(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:

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	blood sugar
D/V	diarrhea/ vomiting
HCG	Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (pregnancy test)
BP	blood pressure
Bact.	Bact. Bacteria