

Orthopedic Abbreviations

Abbrev	Meaning	Abbrev	Meaning	Abbrev	Meaning
Abd	Abduct	AC	acromioclavicular	ACL	Anterior cruciate ligament
ANA	antinuclear antibody	Ant	Anterior	AP	Anterior/posterior
AVN	Avascular necrosis	CBC	Complete blood count	CRP	C-reactive protein
C-spine	Cervical spine	CT	Computer tomography	CTS	Carpal tunnel syndrome
DDD	Degenerative disk disease	DVT	Deep vein thrombosis	DJD	Degenerative joint disease
EMG	Electromyogram	ER	External rotation	ESR	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate
Fx	fracture	GI	Gastrointestinal	GU	Genitourinary
H & P	History & physical	HNP	Herniated nucleus pulposus	Hx	History
I & D	Incision & drainage	IJ	Internal jugular	IM	Intramedullary
Inf	Inferior	IR	Internal rotation	IV	Intravenous
Lat	Lateral	LBP	Low back pain	LC	Lateral compression
Med	Medial	MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging	MVA	Motor vehicle accident
MVC	Motor vehicle crash	OA	Osteoarthritis	ORIF	Open reduction internal fixation
PE	Physical exam	PMHx	Past medical history	PO	Post operative
Post	Posterior	RA	Rheumatoid arthritis	RC	Rotator cuff
RICE	Rest, ice compression, elevation	ROM	Range of motion	RSD	Reflex sympathetic dystrophy
SC	Sternoclavicular	SCM	Sternocleidomastoid	SI	Sacroiliac
SLAP	Superior labrum anterior/posterior	Sup	Superior	Sx	Symptoms
S/S	Signs & symptoms	THA	Total hip arthroplasty (replacement)	TTP	Tenderness to palpation
UE	Upper extremity	RUE	Right upper extremity	RLE	Right lower extremity
WB	Weight bearing	WBC	White blood cells	XR	X-ray

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