

EMS TRAUMA ACRONYMS

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This list of acronyms and abbreviations is provided as a useful resource. It is not comprehensive.

Acronym

Meaning

A

AAAM	Association for the Advanced of Automobile Medicine
ABLS	Advanced Burn Life Support
ACGME	Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
ACS	American College of Surgeons
ACLS	Advanced Cardiac Life Support
AED	Automatic External Defibrillator
AEMT	Advanced Emergency Medical Technician
AHA	American Heart Association
AIS	Abbreviated Injury Scale
ALS	Advanced Life Support
AOR	Administrator of Record
AORN	Association of Operating Room Nurses
APP	Advanced Practice Provider
ARHQ	Agency for Health Care Research and Quality
ASA	American Stroke Association
ATCN	Advanced Trauma Course for Nurses
ATLS	Advanced Trauma Life Support

B

BAC	Blood Alcohol Content
BLS	Basic Life Support
BPG	Best Practice Guidelines
BSN	Bachelor of Science in Nursing
BTLS	Burn Trauma Life Support



C

CAA	Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant
CAH	Critical Access Hospital
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CAISS	Certified Abbreviated Injury Scale Specialist
CE	Continuing Education
CEN	Certified Emergency Nurse
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CFRN	Certified Flight Registered Nurse
CME	Continuing Medical Education
CMO	Chief Medical Officer
CNO	Chief Nursing Officer
CNOR	Certified Neuroscience Registered Nurse
CPAN	Certified Post Anesthesia Nurse
CPD	Consumer Protection Division
CPN	Clinical Practice Guidelines
COT	Committee on Trauma
CRNA	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
CRNP	Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
CT	Computed Tomography

D

DAS	Dead at Scene
DIED	Died in Emergency Department
DIH	Died in Hospital (out of the emergency department)
DMEP	Disaster Management Emergency Preparedness
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
DOA	Dead on Arrival
DSHS	Department of State Health Services

E

ECA	Emergency Care Attendant
ED	Emergency Department
EEF	Extraordinary Emergency Funding
EM	Emergency Medicine
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
EMSTSS	EMS/Trauma Systems Section
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
EMT-I	Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate
EMT-P	Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic
ENA	Emergency Nurses Association
ENPC	Emergency Nurse Pediatric Course

F

FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FR	First Responder
FRO	First Responder Organization
FTE	Full-Time Employee

G

GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale
GETAC	Governor's EMS Trauma Advisory Council
GSW	Gun Shot Wound

H

HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
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I

ICD-10	The tenth edition of "International Classification of Disease"
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
ICH	Intracranial Hemorrhage
IEP	International Educational Process
IP	Injury Prevention
ISS	Injury Severity Score
IT	Information Technology

L

LNW	Last Known Well
LKNT	Last Known Well Time
LP	Licensed Paramedic

M

MAB	Medical Advisory Board
MCC	Motorcycle Crash
MICU	Mobile Intensive Care Unit
MPC	Motor Pedestrian Collision
MTP	Massive Transfusion Protocol
MRS	Modified Rankin Score
MVC	Motor Vehicle Crash

N

NAT	Non-Accidental Trauma
NEMSIS	National EMS Information System
NIHSS	National Institute of Health Stroke Scale
NSA	Non-Surgical Admission

NTDB National Trauma Data Bank
NTDS National Trauma Data Standards

O

OFI Opportunity for Improvement
OOHDNR Out of Hospital Do Not Resuscitate
OPO Organ Procurement Organization
OPPE Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluation
OR Operating Room
OT Occupational Therapy
OTL Orthopedic Trauma Leader

P

PALS Pediatric Advanced Life Support
PDSA Plan Do Study Act Model
PGY Post Graduate Year
PHTLS Prehospital Trauma Life Support
PI Performance Improvement
PICU Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
PIPS Performance Improvement Patient Safety
POC Plan of Correction
PRQ Prereview Questionnaire
PSAP Public Safety Answering Point
PT Physical Therapy

Q

QAPI Quality Assessment Performance Improvement

R

RAC Regional Advisory Council
RDC Regional Data Collaborative
REH Rural Emergency Hospital
RN Registered Nurse
RPIP Regional Performance Improvement Plan
RTS Revised Trauma Score
RTTDC Rural Trauma Team Development Course

S

SAH Subarachnoid Hemorrhage
SBAR Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendation
SBIRT Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment
SDA Standard Dollar Amount
SMD Stroke Medical Director
SPM Stroke Program Manager

ST Speech Therapy
STB Stop the Bleed Training
STN Society of Trauma Nurses
SW Stab Wound

T

TAC Texas Administrative Code
TBI Traumatic Brain Injury
TCRN Trauma Certified Registered Nurse
TETAF Texas EMS Trauma & Acute Care Foundation
TICI Thrombolysis in Cerebral Infarction
TMD Trauma Medical Director
TNCC Trauma Nursing Core Course
TPIPSP Trauma Performance Improvement Patient Safety Plan
TPM Trauma Program Manager
TQIP Trauma Quality Improvement Program
TQP Trauma Quality Program
TSA Trauma Service Area
TTA Trauma Team Activation

U

UCC Uncompensated Care

V

VRC Verification, Review, and Consultation
VTE Venous Thromboembolism

