

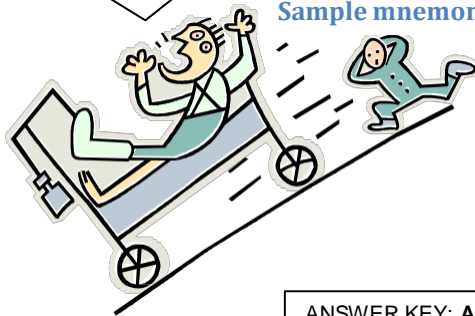
MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS QUIZ

Health care workers often use abbreviations when communicating with each other. The following abbreviations are used at BJC HealthCare. Take this quiz and you will learn some terms. Start with the left column marked **Abbreviation**, read each abbreviation one at a time, and then choose the medical definition in the same row from the **Choice 1** and **Choice 2** columns. Use the answer key to check your work.

Abbreviation	Choice 1	Choice 2
A & P	auscultation & percussion	supermarket chain
ART	arterial	creative expressions
BP	oil and gas company	blood pressure
DOE	dyspnea on exertion	female deer
ET	Spielberg movie	endotracheal tube
fx	fracture	special effects
ga	Georgia	gauge
inc	incision	incorporated
LA	left abdomen	Los Angeles
MVP	mitral valve prolapsed	most valuable player
NC	noncontributory	North Carolina
NH	Nursing Home	New Hampshire
PA	Pennsylvania	pulmonary artery
PE	Physical Education	pulmonary embolism
PROM	passive range of motion	high school dance
RR	railroad	respiratory rate
SW	southwest	standard walker
USA	United States of America	unstable angina

When the doctor wrote down to "take care of **FX**," he meant to take care of the **fracture**, not take care of the **special effects**.

Sample mnemonic device



ANSWER KEY and LEARNING TIP

The medical answers are in the box below. In order to learn a medical abbreviation, you may want to create a mnemonic device using both choices to help you remember. See the cartoon on the left for an example.

ANSWER KEY: **A & P** auscultation & percussion, **ART** arterial, **BP** blood pressure, **DOE** dyspnea on exertion, **ET** endotracheal tube, **fx** fracture, **ga** gauge, **inc** incision, **LA** left abdomen, **MVP** mitral valve prolapsed, **NC** noncontributory, **NH** Nursing Home, **PA** pulmonary artery, **PE** pulmonary embolism, **PROM** passive range of motion, **RR** respiratory rate, **SW** standard walker, **USA** unstable angina