

### Often Misused Terms

Device (contrivance)  
Devise (invent)

Precedence (priority)  
Precedents (examples)

Disburse (pay)  
Disperse (scatter)

Emersion (act of appearing)  
Immersion (act of dipping)

Eminent (distinguished)  
Imminent (about to happen)

Some time (period of time)  
Sometime (point of time)  
Sometimes (at times)

Stationary (not moving)  
Stationery (writing paper)

New (recent)  
Novel (unusual)

Leave (go away)  
Let (permit)

Flaunt (display boastfully)  
Flout (scoff at)

Perquisite (privilege)  
Prerequisite (requirement)

Practical (useful)  
Practicable (able to be used)

Complacent (self-satisfied)  
Complaisant (eager to please)

Imply (hint)  
Infer (take a hint)

Principal (chief)  
Principle (tenet)

Raise (transitive)  
Rise (intransitive)

Rationale (reason)  
Rational (reasonable)

Sewage (waste)  
Sewerage (drain system)

Spacious (full of room)  
Specious (misleading)  
Species (classification)

Personal (individual)  
Personnel (staff)

Track (course, path)  
Tract (region)

Than (compares)  
Then (refers to time)

Fortunate (lucky)  
Fortuitous (accidental)

Lie/lay/lain (intransitive)  
Lay/laid/laid (transitive)

There (place)  
Their (possessive "they")

Perspective (view)  
Prospective (expectant)

Effective (producing desired effect)  
Affective (arousing emotions)

Compliment (flattering remark)  
Complement (goes well together)

## COMMON APS ABBREVIATIONS and ACRONYMS

Keep this hand out in your field book – there is room to add additional words.

### **A:)**

**AAA** – Area Agency on Aging  
**AD** – Alzheimer’s Disease  
**ADD** – Attention Deficit Disorder  
**ADA** – Americans with Disabilities Act  
**ADC** – Adult Day Care  
**ADHC** – Adult Day Health Care  
**ADL** – Activities of Daily Living  
**AIDS** – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome  
**ALANON** – Alcoholics Anonymous Support for Families/Friends  
**ALS** – Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis  
**AMA** – Against Medical Advice  
**AP** – Alleged Perpetrator  
**Approx.** – Approximately  
**APS** – Adult Protective Services  
**ASHD** – Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease

### **B:)**

**B&C** – Board & Care  
**BDI** – Beck Depression Instrument  
**BP** – Blood Pressure  
**BRO** – Brother  
**bid/b.i.d** – Twice Daily/Two Times a Day  
**bx** - Behavior

### **C:)**

**CA** – Cancer  
**CAD** – Coronary Artery Disease  
**CNA** – Certified Nursing Assistant  
**CCL** – Community Care Licensing  
**CG** – Care Giver

**CHF** – Congestive Heart Failure  
**CI** – Court Investigator  
**COPD** – Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease  
**CVA** – Cerebrovascular Accident (stroke)  
**CL** – Client  
**CM** – Case Manager/Case Management

### **D:)**

**DA** – District Attorney  
**d/c** – Discontinued  
**DD** – Developmentally Disabled  
**DIL** – Daughter-in-law  
**DJD** – Degenerative Joint Disease  
**DM** – Diabetes Mellitus  
**DNR** – Do Not Resuscitate  
**DOB** – Date of Birth  
**DPOA/HC** – Durable Power of Attorney/Health Care  
**DSG** – Dressing  
**DTR** – Daughter  
**DV** – Domestic Violence  
**DX or dx** – Diagnosed/Diagnosis

### **E:)**

**EDRT** – Elder Death Review Team  
**EMT** – Emergency Medical Team  
**ESRD/ERD** – Endstage Renal disease  
**ETOH** – Alcohol

### **F:)**

**FA** - Father  
**F.A.S.T.** – Financial Abuse Specialist Team  
**FD** – Fire Department  
**fff** – Face to Face  
**f/u** – Follow Up

### **G:)**

**GDS** – Geriatric Depression Scale  
**GI** – Gastrointestinal

**GP** – General Practitioner  
**GSW** – Gun Shot Wound  
**GRDDTR** – Granddaughter  
**GRDS** – Grandson  
**GYN** – Gynecology

### **H:)**

**HA** – Housing Authority  
**HBP** – High Blood Pressure  
**HH** – Home Health  
**HIPAA** – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act  
**HIV** – Human Immune Virus  
**HUSB** – Husband  
**HOH** – Hard of Hearing  
**HTN** – Hypertension (High Blood Pressure)  
**HV** – Home Visit  
**H&W** – Health & Welfare  
**Hx** – History

### **I:)**

**IADL** – Instrumental Activity of Daily Living  
**IDDM** – Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus  
**IHSS** – In-home Supportive Services  
**ILP** – Independent Living Program  
**IM** – Intramuscular  
**IV** – Intravenous  
**IR** – Incident Report  
**I&R** – Information and Referral  
**IQ** - Intelligence Quotient  
**INCL** – Include/Including/Inclusive  
**INEL** – Ineligible  
**INFO** – Information  
**INIT** – Initial

### **L:)**

**L** – Left  
**LPS** – Lanterman, Petris, Short  
**LTC** – Long-Term Care

### **M:)**

**MA** - Medicaid

## COMMON APS ABBREVIATIONS and ACRONYMS

**MC** – Medicare  
**MCT** – Mobil Crisis Team  
**MDT** – Multi Disciplinary Team  
**meds** – Medications  
**MH** – Mental Health  
**MI** – Myocardial Infarction  
**MMSE** – Mini Mental Status Exam  
**MO** – Mother  
**MOCA** – Montreal Cognitive Assessment  
**MOW** – Meals-on-Wheels  
**MR** – Mentally Retarded  
**MS** – Multiple Sclerosis  
**MSSP** – Multi-purpose Senior Services Program  
**MVA** – Motor Vehicle Accident  
**N:)**  
**n/a** – Not Applicable  
**NIDDM** – Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus  
**NIFFI** – No Initial Face-to-Face Investigation  
**NOS** – Not Otherwise Specified  
**nv** – Non-Verbal  
**O:)**  
**O2** – Oxygen  
**OT** –Occupational Therapy/Occupational Therapist  
**P:)**  
**PA** – Physician’s Assistant  
**Para** – Paraplegia  
**PCP** – Primary Care Provider  
**PD** – Police Department  
**PG** – Public Guardian  
**PH** –Public Health  
**PHN** – Public Health Nurse  
**POA** – Power of Attorney  
**PT** – Physical Therapy/Physical Therapist  
**PTSD** – Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

**Psy** – Psychiatric  
**PUD** – Peptic Ulcer Disease  
**PVD** –Peripheral Vascular Disease  
**Q:)**  
**Q** – Every  
**QD** – Everyday  
**QH** – Every Hour  
**QHS** – Every Night  
**QID** – Four times a day  
**QOD** – Every other day  
**Quad** – Quadriplegia  
**R:)**  
**R** – Right  
**RC** – Regional Center  
**RCF** – Residential Care Facility  
**RCH** – Residential Care Home  
**RCU** – Restorative Care Unit  
**RN** – Registered Nurse  
**Rx** – Prescription  
**RO** – Restraining Order  
**ROM** – Range of Motion  
**RP** – Reporting Party  
**r/o** – Rule Out  
**S:)**  
**SA** – Substance Abuse  
**SC** – Subcutaneous  
**SED** – Severely Emotionally Disturbed  
**SI** – Suicidal Ideation  
**SIS** - Sister  
**SNF** – Skilled Nursing Facility  
**SOB** – Shortness of Breath  
**SOC** – Share of Cost  
**SRO** – Single Room Occupancy (Hotel)  
**SSA** – Social Security Administration  
**SSI** – Social Security Supplement Income  
**SSNR** – Social Security Number  
**ST** – Speech Therapy/Speech Therapist

**SW** – Social Worker  
**T:)**  
**t/c** – Telephone Call  
**TIA** – Transient Ischemic Attack  
**Thx** – Therapy/Therapist  
**Tx** – Treatment  
**U:)**  
**UTI** – Urinary Tract Infection  
**unk** – Unknown  
**V:)**  
**VA** – Veterans Administration  
**VNA** – Visiting Nurses Association  
**VW** – Victim Witness Program  
**W:)**  
**W&I Code** – Welfare & Institutions Code  
**w/** - With  
**w/out** – Without  
**Y:)**  
**yo** – Year Old

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