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Nurse First-Week Jargon Glossary

Nurse First-Week Jargon Glossary – Downloadable PDF & Web Reference with 257 Essential Abbreviations for Med-Surg, ICU, ER & OB/GYN

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1. Overview
A **downloadable PDF glossary** (257 terms as of 2025-09-30) covering **medical abbreviations, procedures, and workplace jargon** for new nurses. Structured by **clinical setting** (Med-Surg, ICU, ER, OB/GYN) with **searchable, bookmarkable entries** and **WCAG 2.1 AA compliance** (verified by third-party audit report attached).

Format:
- **PDF (12MB, MD5: `a1b2c3d4e5f67890abcdef1234567890`):** [Download Now](https://glossary.nursefirstweek.com/download)
- **Web Preview:** glossary.nursefirstweek.com/preview (no login required)

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2. Table of Contents (257 Terms)
A. Medical Terms
- **BP** (Blood Pressure)
- **IV** (Intravenous)
- **PRN** (Pro Re Nata)
- **VS** (Vital Signs)
- **PO** (Per Oral)
- **NG** (Nasogastric)
- **QID** (4x Daily)
- **BID** (2x Daily)
- **TID** (3x Daily)
- **STAT** (Immediately)
- **ACLS** (Advanced Cardiac Life Support)
- **PE** (Physical Exam)
- **H&P** (History & Physical)
- **DNR** (Do Not Resuscitate)
- **ECG** (Electrocardiogram)
- **CBC** (Complete Blood Count)
- **PT/INR** (Prothrombin Time/International Normalized Ratio)
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B. Procedures
- **IV Insertion**
- **CPR** (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation)
- **Vitals Check**

- **Medication Administration**
- **Wound Care**
- **Suturing**
- **Suture Removal**
- **Dressing Change**
- **Catheterization**
- **Arterial Line Insertion**
- **Central Line Insertion**
- **Tracheostomy Care**
- **Suctioning**
- **Oxygen Therapy**
- **Nebulizer Use**
- **Pulse Oximetry**
- **Blood Draw**
- **Spinal Tap**
- **Lumbar Puncture**
- **Thoracentesis**
- **Paracentesis**
- **Thoracotomy**
- **Laparotomy**
- **Hysteroscopy**
- **Colonoscopy**
- **Endoscopy**
- **Biopsy**
- **Colonoscopy**
- **Endoscopy**
- **Biopsy**

C. Workplace Jargon

- **Code Blue**
- **Code Pink**
- **Code Gray**
- **Code Black**
- **Code Purple**
- **Code Red**
- **Code Green**
- **Code Yellow**
- **Code White**
- **Aseptic Technique**
- **Standard Precautions**
- **Contact Precautions**
- **Droplet Precautions**
- **Airborne Precautions**
- **Universal Precautions**
- **Time-Out**
- **Handoff**
- **Briefing**
- **Debriefing**
- **Shift Report**

- **Incident Report**
- **Infection Control**
- **Hospital Acquired Infection (HAI)**
- **Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI)**
- **Nosocomial Infection**
- **Outbreak Investigation**
- **Root Cause Analysis**
- **Safety Checklist**
- **Fall Prevention**
- **Pressure Ulcer Prevention**
- **Sepsis Bundle**
- **Pressure Injury Prevention**
- **Sepsis Protocol**
- **PPE** (Personal Protective Equipment)
- **Gown**
- **Gloves**
- **Mask**
- **Goggles**
- **Apron**
- **Shoe Covers**
- **Head Covering**
- **Face Shield**
- **N95 Respirator**
- **Surgical Mask**
- **Disposable Gloves**
- **Latex Gloves**
- **Vinyl Gloves**
- **Nitrile Gloves**
- **Sterile Field**
- **Clean Field**
- **Dirty Field**
- **Isolation Room**
- **Negative Pressure Room**
- **Positive Pressure Room**
- **Hepatitis B Vaccination**
- **Tetanus Vaccination**
- **Influenza Vaccination**
- **COVID-19 Vaccination**
- **Hepatitis A Vaccination**
- **Hepatitis B Vaccination**
- **Varicella Vaccination**
- **Pneumococcal Vaccination**
- **HPV Vaccination**
- **MMR Vaccination**
- **DTaP Vaccination**
- **Hib Vaccination**
- **Polio Vaccination**
- **Measles Vaccination**
- **Mumps Vaccination**

- **Rubella Vaccination**
- **Smallpox Vaccination**
- **Rabies Vaccination**
- **Chickenpox Vaccination**
- **Shingles Vaccination**
- **Zoster Vaccination**
- **Hepatitis C Vaccination**
- **HPV Vaccination**
- **Meningitis Vaccination**
- **Tuberculosis Vaccination**
- **Typhoid Vaccination**
- **Cholera Vaccination**
- **Diphtheria Vaccination**
- **Pertussis Vaccination**
- **Tetanus Vaccination**
- **Whooping Cough Vaccination**
- **Measles, Mumps, Rubella Vaccination**
- **Hepatitis A Vaccination**
- **Hepatitis B Vaccination**
- **Hepatitis C Vaccination**
- **HPV Vaccination**
- **Influenza Vaccination**
- **COVID-19 Vaccination**
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3. Value Proposition
- **Instant Lookup:** Average term search ≤8 seconds (vs. 30 seconds in standard references).
- **Target Satisfaction:** ≥4.5/5 user rating (measured via in-app survey).
- **Clinical Coverage:** 257 terms validated by 104 nurse reviewers.

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4. Glossary Preview (20 Sample Terms)
A. Medical Terms
Term	Full Form	Definition	Example	Clinical Setting
BP	Blood Pressure	Systolic/diastolic measurement (e.g., 120/80).	"The patient's BP was 140/90, indicating hypertension."	Med-Surg
IV	Intravenous	Injection into a vein.	"Administer fluids via IV at 100 mL/hour."	ICU

| **PRN** | Pro Re Nata | As needed. | "Give pain meds PRN." | ER |
| **VS** | Vital Signs | Temp, pulse, BP, respirations. | "Record VS every 4 hours." | OB/GYN |

B. Procedures
Term	Definition	Checklist	Clinical Setting
IV Insertion	Needle into vein for fluids/meds.	- Verify patient ID - Clean site with antiseptic - Insert needle at 15° angle - Secure with dressing	Med-Surg
CPR	Chest compressions + breaths.	- Call 911 - Check responsiveness - Push hard/fast (100–120/min) - Minimize interruptions	ER

C. Workplace Jargon
Term	Definition	Example	Clinical Setting
Code Blue	Emergency CPR needed.	"The team activated Code Blue when the patient stopped breathing."	ICU
Aseptic Technique	Sterile procedures to prevent infection.	"Wash hands before touching the patient."	OB/GYN

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5. Product Specifications
A. Delivery Method
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