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Medical Terminology & Abbreviations

Core Nursing Essentials Medical Terminology & Abbreviations

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Study guide

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How to revise this category

1. Choose a topic and explain its purpose.
2. Identify the observations, equipment or information needed.
3. Connect the findings to documentation, reassessment and escalation.
4. Practise under qualified supervision and review the current local protocol.

Curriculum coverage

- Common medical prefixes and suffixes
- Medication abbreviations
- Anatomical terminology
- Diagnostic abbreviations
- Laboratory abbreviations
- Emergency abbreviations
- Obstetric abbreviations
- Hospital terminology
- Nursing documentation abbreviations
- Unsafe medication abbreviations

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