

Common EMS Abbreviation and Acronyms

ACLS – Advanced Cardiac Life Support
AED – Automatic External Defibrillator
AGCH – Arroyo Grande Community Hospital
ALS – Advanced Life Support
APCD – Air Pollution Control District
APOC – Ambulance Performance and Operations Committee
APR – Advanced Protocol Review
BLS – Basic Life Support
CAC – Clinical Advisory Committee
CAHAN – California Health Alert Network
CD-HOM – California Disaster Health Operations Manual
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CEMSIS – California EMS Information System
CHADOC – County Health Agency Department Operation Center
CHO – County Health Officer
CHP – California Highway Patrol
CPAP – Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
CQI – Continuous Quality Improvement
DCPP – Diablo Canyon Power Plant
DHS – California Department of Health Services
DMS – Disaster Medical Services
DNR – Do Not Resuscitate
DOC – Department Operations Center
DOE – US Department of Energy
DOJ – Department of Justice

ED – Emergency Department
EMCC – Emergency Medical Care Committee
EMD – Emergency Medical Dispatch
EMDAC – Emergency Medical Directors Association of California
EMT – Emergency Medical Technician
EMT-P – Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic
EMS – Emergency Medical Services
EMSA – Emergency Medical Services Authority (state level)
 Emergency Medical Services Agency (local level)
EMSAAC – EMS Administrators Association of California
EOC – Emergency Operations Center
EWEC – Emergency Worker Exposure Control
FHMC – French Hospital Medical Center
FOG – Field Operation Guide
FRPOD – First Responder Point of Distribution
FTO – Field Training Officer
H1N1 – Influenza A Virus
HEMS – Helicopter Emergency Medical Services
HEICS – Hospital Emergency Incident Command System
HICS – Hospital Incident Command System
HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HPP – Hospital Preparedness Program
IC – Incident Command
ICP – Incident Command Post
ICS – Incident Command System
IFT – Interfacility Transfer
JOC – Joint Operations Center

KI – Potassium Iodide

LEMSA – Local Emergency Medical Services Agency

MAC – Medical Alert Center

MCI – Multi-Casualty Incident

Med-Com – Medical Communications Center

MHOAC – Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator

MICN – Mobile Intensive Care Nurse

NEMSIS – National EMS Information System

NLI – No longer Interested

NIMS – National Incident Management System

NPP – Nuclear Power Plant

NTG - Nitroglycerin

OES – Office of Emergency Services

OPS – Operations Committee

ORO – Offsite Response Organizations

PCI - Percutaneous Coronary Intervention

PCR – Patient Care Report

PHD – Public Health Department

PHEPAC - Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee

PHN – Public Health Nurse

PIO – Public Information Officer

PIPS - Patient Improvement and Patient Safety

PPOD – Public Point of Distribution

PSAP – Public Safety Answering Point

QI – Quality Improvement

RDMHC – Regional Disaster Medical Health Coordinator

RDMHS – Regional Disaster Medical Health Specialist

REOC – Regional Emergency Operations Center
RFP – Request for Proposal
RIMS – Response Information Management System
RTCC - Regional Trauma Coordinating Committee
SEMS – Standardized Emergency Management System
SOP – Standard Operating Procedure
SRC -STEMI Receiving Center
SRH -STEMI Referral Hospital
START – Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment
STEMI – ST-segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction
SVRMC – Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center
TCCH – Twin Cities Community Hospital
TNCC - Trauma Nurse Core Course
TSC – Trauma System Committee
UDAC – Unified Dose Assessment Center