



## The Shorthand Shortcut & Abbreviations Cheatsheet

Our Shorthand Shortcut for Therapy Notes provides therapists with a empowering resource to optimize their note-taking process, enabling them to capture crucial details efficiently.

Number	
1:1	One to one
1°	Primary
2°	Due to; Secondary to
24/7	24 hours a day/7 days a week
5150	WIC 72-hour hold for mental health evaluation
5250	WIC 14-day hold
	А
Ā	Before
0	At
A/H	Auditory Hallucinations
A/0	Alert & Oriented
AA	Alcoholics Anonymous
АСВН	Antioch Children's
	Behavioral Health
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Hyperactive
	Disorder
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ADOL	Adolescent
AFS	Alternative Family
	Services
AM	Morning
AMA	Against Medical Advice
AOD	Alcohol and Other Drugs
AOT	Assisted Outpatient
	Treatment
APPT	Appointment
APPROX	Approximately
APS	Adult Protective Services
ASAP	As soon as possible
ASSMT	Assessment
ASW	Associate of Social Work
ATOD	Alcohol, Tobacco, and
	other drugs
ATTN	Attention
AVG	Average
AWOL	Absence With Out Leave

	В	
BA	Bachelor of Arts	
BACR	Bay Area Community	
	Resource	
BARM	Bay Area Rescue Mission	
B&C	Board & Care	
BDI	Beck Depression Inventory	
BF	Boyfriend	
BIB	Brought in by	
Bid	Twice a day	
Bio	Biological	
BPD	Borderline Personality	
	Disorder	
Bro	Brother	
b/t	Between	
Вx	Behavior	
	C	
С	with	
C/0	Complains of	
CALOCUS	Child and Adolescent Level of Care	
	Utilization System CANS Children and Adolescent Needs and Strengths	
	Assessment	
СВО	Community Based	
	Organization	
CBT	Cognitive Behavioral	
	Therapy	
ССАМН	Central County Adult Mental	
	Health	
CCBHS	Contra Costa Behavioral	

Health ServicesCCCContra Costa CountyCCCMHCentral County Children's<br/>Mental HealthCCRMCContra Costa Regional<br/>Medical Center

Chemical Dependency

Child and Family Team

Child and Family Services

CD

CFS

CFT

С	
СНАА	Community Health for
	Asian Americans
CLT	Client
СМ	Case Management
COFY	Community Options for
	Family and Youth
COLL	Collateral
CON	Conditional Release
REP	Program
cont.	Continuously
CPS	Child Protective Services
Crisis	Crisis Residential
Res.	
CSW	Community Support
	Worker
CTI	Child Therapy Institute
CWAT	County Wide
	Assessment Team

D	
D	Divorced
DAU	Daughter
Day Tx	Day Treatment
DBT	Dialectical Behavior
	Treatment/Therapy
D/C	Discharge
DC	Discontinue
DHCS	California Department of
	Health Care Services
DD	Developmentally
	Disabled
DMH	Department of Mental
	Health
DMV	Department of Motor
	Vehicles
DOB	Date of Birth
DOS	Date of Service
Dr	Doctor

D	
DSM	Diagnostic & Statistical
	Manual
DTN	Detention
DTO	Danger to Others
DTS	Danger to Self
DUI	Driving Under the
	Influence
DV	Domestic Violence
DVR	Diablo Valley Ranch
Dx	Diagnosis
Dz	Disease

E	
EBP	Evidence Based Practice
ECAMH	East County Adult
	Mental Health
EFC	Emergency Foster Care
EMDR	Eye Movement
	Desensitization
	Reintegration
EPSDT	Early & Periodic
	Screening, Diagnosis,
	and Treatment
ER	Emergency Room
ERMHS	Educationally Related
	Mental Health Service
EtOH	Alcohol
EVAL	Evaluation

F	
F/U	Follow Up
Fa	Father
FAS	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FOI	Flight of Ideas
FFT	Functional Family
	Therapy
FSP	Full-Service Partnership
r5P	Full-Service Partnership

	G
GAD	General Anxiety Disorder
GD	Gravely Disabled

G	
GAF	Global Assessment of
	Functioning
Gfa	Grandfather
G/F	Girlfriend
GLBTQQ	Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual,
	Transgendered, Queer,
	Questioning
GM	Grandmother
Group Tx	Group Therapy

н	
Н	Heroin
H&P	History and Physical
H&R	Hospital and Residential
Hal	Hallucinations
H/I	Homicidal Ideation
HIPAA	Health Insurance
	Portability &
	Accountability Act
Hosp	Hospitalized
HS	High School
HUD	Housing and Urban
	Development
HUSB	Husband
ΗV	Home Visit
Нx	History

	I
ICC	Intensive Care
	Coordination
ICCco	Intensive Care Coordinator
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IEP	Individual Education Plan
IHBS	Intensive Home-Based
	Service
IMD	Institute of Mental Disease
IN-PT	Inpatient
IHSS	In Home Support Services

J		
JACS	Juvenile Assessment and	
	Consultation Services	
	(Juvenile Hall)	
JMBH	John Muir Behavioral	
	Health	
JUV	Juvenile	

	K
KTA	Katie A.

L	
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social
	Worker
LD	Learning Disability
LOCUS	Level of Care Utilization
	System
LMFT	Licensed Marriage and
	Family Therapist
LPT	Licensed Psychiatric
	Technician
LPS	Lanterman-Petris-Short
LVN	Licensed Vocational
	Nurse

м	
Μ	Male
Ма	Married
MD	Medical
	Doctor/Physician
MDD	Major Depressive
	Disorder
Med Hx	Medical History
Meds	Medications
MFT	Marriage & Family
	Therapist
MAFTI	Marriage & Family
	Therapist Intern
MH	Mental Health
MHCS	Mental Health Clinical
	Specialist
MHP	Mental Health Plan

	М
MHRC	Mental Health
	Rehabilitation Center
MHRS	Mental Health Rehab
	Specialist
MHSA	Mental Health Services
	Act or Prop 63
MHTC	Mental Health Treatment
	Center
MHW	Mental Health Worker
MI	Motivational Interviewing
MJ	Marijuana
MMPI	Minnesota Multiphasic
	Personality Inventory
Мо	Mother
MRN	Medical Record Number
MRT	Mobile Response Team
MSE	Mental Status Exam
MSG	Message
MST	Multisystemic Therapy
MSW	Masters of Social Worker
	(not registered with the
	board)
Mt. D	Mount Diablo Unified
	School District
MTG	Meeting
MWC	Miller Wellness Center

Ν	
N/A	Not Applicable
NA	Narcotics Anonymous
NAMI	National Alliance for the
	Mentally Ill
NARC	Narcotic
N/C	No Complaints
NEG	Negative
NKA	No Known Allergies
NKDA	No Known Drug Allergies
NOA	Notice of Action
NOC	Night
NOS	Not Otherwise Specified

Ν		
NPI	National Provider	
	Identifier	
NS	No Show	
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	0	
000	Occasionally	
OCD	Obsessive Compulsive	
	Disorder	
OCE	Office of Consumer	
	Empowerment	
Od	Overdose	
OD	Officer of the Day	
ODD	Oppositional Defiant	
	Disorder	
ОТ	Occupational Therapy	
Outpt	Outpatient	

Р	
p.c.	After meals
Prn	As needed
P/C	Phone Call
РСР	Primary Care Physician
PD	Plan Development
PDD	Pervasive Developmental
	Disorder
PDR	Physician's Desk
	Reference
PEI	Prevention and Early
	Intervention
PES	Psychiatric Emergency
	Services
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
PHF	Psychiatric Health Facility
PHI	Protected Health
	Information
PHN	Public Health Nurse
PHQ	Patient Health
	Questionnaire
PP	Presenting Problem
Pm	Afternoon

	Р
PN	Psychiatric Nurse
PO	Probation Officer
Ро	By mouth
PREG	Pregnant
PROB	Problem
PROG	Progress
PST	Problem Solving
	Therapy
PsyD	Doctor of Psychology
Pt	Patient
P/T	Part Time
PTSD	Post-Traumatic Stress
	Disorder
P/U	Pick Up

Q	
Q	Every
q2h	Every 2 hours
QA	Quality Assurance
Qam	Every morning
Qh	Every hour
Qhs	At night
Qid	Four times a day

R	
R/O	Rule Out
R&B	Room and Board
REC'D	Received
Re	Regarding
REC	Recommend
REG	Regular
REHAB	Rehabilitation
REL	Relationship
ROI	Release of Information
REV	Review
RI	Recovery Innovations
RN	Registered Nurse
Rx	Prescription
Rxn	Reaction

	S
S	Single
SA	Substance Abuse
s/b	Should be
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SCHIZ	Schizophrenia
SED	Severely Emotionally
	Disturbed
S/S	Signs and Symptoms
S/A	Suicide Attempt
S/I	Suicide Ideation
SIB	Self-Injurious Behavior
Sib	Sibling
Sis	Sister
SOC	System of Care
S/0	Significant Other
SPIRIT	Service Provider
	Individualized Recovery
	Intensive Training
SSRI	Selective Serotonin
	Reuptake Inhibitor
START	Short Term Assessment of
	Resources and Treatment
SW	Social Worker
Sx	Symptoms

т	
TAY	Transitional Age Youth
T/C	Telephone Call
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TBS	Therapeutic Behavioral
	Service
ТСМ	Targeted Case
	Management
Tid	Three times a day
TAR	Treatment Authorization
	Request
TRO	Temporary Restraining
	Order
Тох	Toxicology
TT	Transition Team
Тx	Treatment

U			
UNK	Unknown		
UON	Unusual Occurrence		
	Notice		
UR	Utilization Review		
	V		
VA	Veteran's Administration		
V/H	Visual Hallucinations		
VM	Voicemail		
-			
	W		
W	Widowed		
W&I	California Welfare and		
	Institutions Code		
w/o	Without		
w/	With		
WCAMF	West County Adult		
	Mental Health		
WCCMH	West County Children's		
	Mental Health		
W/D	Withdrawal		
WNL	Within Normal Limits		
WRAP	Wellness Recovery		
	Action Plan		
Wt.	Weight		
V			

Х	Multiplied by/times

X

	Y
Y/0	Years Old
YSB	Youth Service Bureau
YR	Year

Other

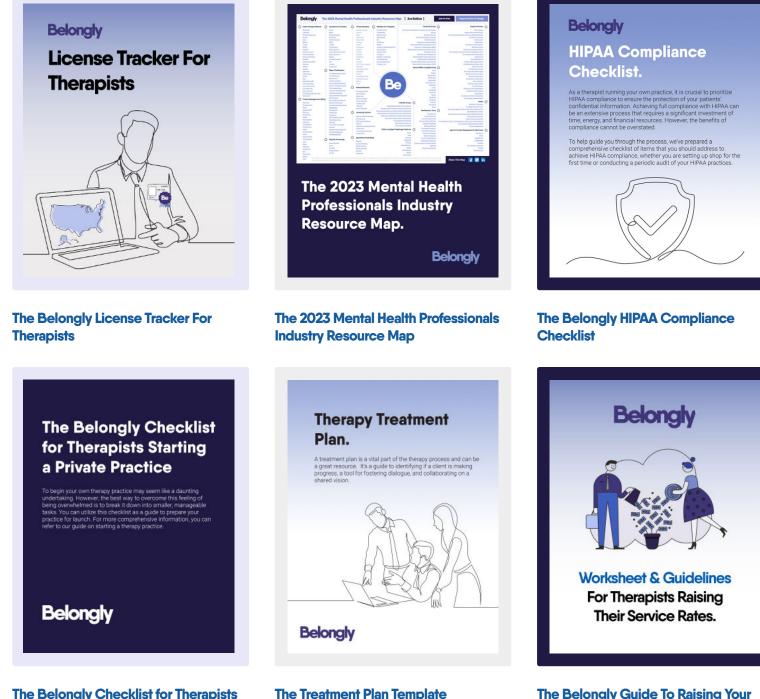
Symbols		
Ψ	Psychiatric,	
	Psychiatrist, Psychology	
≤	Less Than or Equal To	
≥	Greater Than or Equal To	
1	Increase	
Ļ	Decrease	
Ŷ	Female	
8	Male	
#	Number	
%	Percent	
+	Plus, positive, yes	
-	Minus, negative, no	
"	Inches	
4	Feet	
?	Unknown	
&	And	
0	At	
=	Equal	

Other



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