

# An Internist's Guide to Ophtho Abbreviations

Ophthalmology has so many alien abbreviations, it's like they have [their own specialty](#). Thanks to the recent discovery of a missing piece of the [Rosetta Stone](#), we have recently gained some insight into their world. But there's another helpful source: internists. Gomerblog asked them to explain some ophtho abbreviations, and they were only too happy to help!

OPHTHO ABBREVIATION	INTERNIST'S INTERPRETATION	OPHTHO ABBREVIATION	INTERNIST'S INTERPRETATION
AC	Air-conditioning	OD	Overdose
ALT	Liver function test	OGR	Ogre
APD	Typo; meant COPD	OS	Operating system
BDR	Bedridden	OU	University of Oregon
BRAO	Typo for "Bravo!"	PC	Desktop
BRVO	Typo for "Bravo!"	PDR	Physician's Desk Reference
BSCL	Batsh*t crazy lady	PED	Pediatrics
cC	Chief complaint	PEE	URINE
CF	Cystic fibrosis	PERRLA	I actually know that!
CL	Chloride level	PH	Potential of hydrogen
COAG	Coumadin, heparin, etc.	PPL	People
CRAO	Not a real thing	PPV	Pay-Per-View
CRVO	Made up	PRK	Prick
DES	Drug-eluting stent	PS	By the way
DR	Doctor; digital rectal	PSC	Primary sclerosing cholangitis
E	Ecstasy; 1st letter on Snellen	PVD	Peripheral vascular disease
HZO	"H to the izz-O"	PVR	Post-void residual
LASIK	Furosemide	PXS	Pyxis
LP	Spinal tap	RAPD	Fast
MA	Massachusetts	SB	Small bowel
MR	Mister	SLE	Lupus
NPDR	Nurse practitioner doctor	TRD	Turd, poop
NS	Normal saline	VA	Veteran's hospital
NVA	Nevada	VF	Ventricular fibrillation

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