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Advanced Dental Admission Test (ADAT)

Acronyms and Abbreviations Guide

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The following acronyms and abbreviations may appear on the examinations of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations and/or the Advanced Dental Admission Test (ADAT).

Abbreviation	Meaning
ACE inhibitor	Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor
ADP	Adenosine diphosphate
AED	Automatic external defibrillator
ATP	Adenosine triphosphate
ASA/MSA/PSA	Anterior/middle/posterior superior alveolar nerve
BOP	Bleeding on probing
BP	Blood pressure
CBCT	Cone-beam computed tomography
CEJ	Cementoenamel junction
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPAP	Continuous positive airway pressure
CPI	Community periodontal index
CPR	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CRISPR-Cas	Clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats
DEJ	Dentinoenamel junction
dmfs	Decayed, missing, and filled surfaces (primary teeth)
DMFS	Decayed, missing, and filled surfaces (permanent teeth)
dmft	Decayed, missing, and filled primary teeth
DMFT	Decayed, missing, and filled permanent teeth
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
GBR	Guided bone regeneration
GTR	Guided tissue regeneration
GERD	Gastroesophageal reflux disease
HbA1c	Hemoglobin A1c
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
IAN	Inferior alveolar nerve

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INR	International normalized ratio
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
MRONJ	Medication-related osteonecrosis of the jaw
NADPH	Reduced nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate
NSAID	Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PABA	Para-aminobenzoic acid
PDI	Periodontal disease index
PABA	Para-aminobenzoic acid
PDL	Periodontal ligament
PHP	Patient hygiene performance index
PID	Position indicating device
RANKL	Receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa beta
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
Temp	Temperature
TMD	Temporomandibular disorder
TMJ	Temporomandibular joint
Tx	Treatment

Tooth surfaces

B	Buccal
D	Distal
F	Facial
L	Lingual
M	Mesial
O	Occlusal

Note: Tooth surface abbreviations can be combined to indicate multiple surface lesions or anatomy. Examples: MO=Mesial-Occlusal; MOD=Mesial-Occlusal-Distal; MODB=Mesial- Occlusal-Distal-Buccal

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