

**Medical Abbreviations List #22 (23)**

<b>analgesics</b>	<b>relieve pain</b>
<b>anorexics</b>	<b>suppress appetite</b>
<b>antacids</b>	<b>neutralize stomach acid</b>
<b>antibiotics</b>	<b>fight infection</b>
<b>anticoagulants</b>	<b>slow blood-clotting process</b>
<b>anticonvulsants</b>	<b>prevents convulsions</b>
<b>antidepressants</b>	<b>elevate mood</b>
<b>antidiarrheals</b>	<b>stops diarrhea</b>
<b>antiemetics</b>	<b>stops vomiting/ nausea</b>
<b>antihistamines</b>	<b>relieves cold/ allergy symptoms</b>
<b>antipyretics</b>	<b>reduces fever</b>
<b>antitussives</b>	<b>suppresses coughing</b>
<b>bronchodilators</b>	<b>promotes easier breathing</b>
<b>catharics (laxatives)</b>	<b>promotes evacuation of bowels</b>
<b>diuretics</b>	<b>increase urinary output</b>
<b>heart depressants</b>	<b>reduces heartbeat rate</b>
<b>hormones</b>	<b>treats hormonal disorders/cancer</b>
<b>iron compounds</b>	<b>treats anemia</b>
<b>musculoskeletal relaxants</b>	<b>treat muscle/ bone conditions</b>
<b>respiratory stimulants</b>	<b>treat shock and drug poisoning</b>
<b>sedatives</b>	<b>promotes sleep/sedation</b>
<b>tranquilizers</b>	<b>relieves tension/ anxiety</b>
<b>vitamins</b>	<b>supplements vitamin deficiencies</b>