

Acronym/ Abbreviation	Description (not meant to be a glossary)	Please report errors to ASIGfaq@HL7.org
/	(an operator in Xpath, used in expression and location paths)	
@	("attribute" in Xpath, used to select or identify one or more attribute values)	
0,1	(cardinality) item may occur, but only once	
0,n	(cardinality) item may occur more than once	
1,1	(cardinality) item must occur, only once	
1,n	(cardinality) item must occur at least once, may occur more	
113883	HL7 root in the OID: 2.16.840.1.113883	
2744	HL7 ASIG root in the HL7 example OID: 2.16.840.1.113883.19.2744	
275	(an X12 transaction set; used by ASIG for the response containing the attachment)	
277	(an X12 transaction set; used by ASIG for the request of an attachment)	
278	(an X12 transaction set; used by ASIG in conjunction with prior authorizations)	
5010	(version 5 release 1 of the X12 standard)	
835	(implementation guide for Remittances using the X12 835 transaction set)	
837-D	(implementation guide for Dental claims using the X12 837 transaction set)	
837-I	(implementation guide for Institutional claims using the X12 837 transaction set)	
837-P	(implementation guide for Professional claims using the X12 837 transaction set)	
ABO-Rh	(a lab test for blood typing)	
ACN	Attachment Control Number	
ACTH	Adrenocorticotrophic hormone	
ADA	American Dental Association (see also, SCDI)	
AIS	Additional Information Specification (ASIG documents)	
ANS+	(extended list of American units of measure) see ISO+ and UCUM	
ANSI	American National Standards Institute - see: www.ansi.org	
APA	American Psychiatric Association - see: www.psych.org	
ART	automated reagin test (for syphilis screening); see also RPR and VDRL	
ASC	ANSI Accredited Standards Committee (e.g., "ASC X12")	
ASIG	HL7 Attachments Special Interest Group - see: www.hl7.org/asig	
BASE-64	(64 represents a list of 64 printable characters that can be used in quartets to represent triplets of 8-bit bytes)	
BID	Twice a day (e.g., administer medication BID)	
BIN	(name of a record/segment in X12 with support for BINary data)	
C4	see CPT-4	
CAP	College of American Pathologists (the SNOMED owners)	
CAT	computed axial tomography (see: CT) -or- Category of Patient Information Service segment in X12	
CC	Century in a date string, e.g., 19 or 20	
CCITT	(French:) Comite Consultatif Internationale de Telegraphie et Telephonie - deprecated/replaced by ITU-T	
CDA	Clinical Document Architecture (an HL7 standard)	
CDT	Curent Dental Terminology (an ADA publication)	
CDV	Computer Decison Variant (an ASIG term)	
CID:	Content ID (a URL scheme used in XML and MIME) - e.g., see RFC 2392 at: www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2392	
CPHS	Children's Preventative Health Services (an attachment specification)	
CPT-4	Current Procedural Terminology - search: www.ama-assn.org	
CT	computed tomography (a medical imaging method)	
CVA	cerebrovascular accident (e.g., a stroke)	
D/O	Disorder (e.g., Bipolar D/O)	
D5W	dextrose 5% in water (medication dispensing)	
DD	Day of a month within a date string, e.g., 01 thru 31	
DH	delayed hypersensitivity (i.e., in some medications)	
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services (aka HHS)	
DICOM	Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine - see: medical.nema.org	
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid	

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DOA	Dead On Arrival	
DrugPA	Drug Prior Authorization (an attachment specification)	
ECG	electrocardiogram	
ECT	Electroconvulsive Therapy	
ED	Emergency Department (an attachment specification), also Erectile Dysfunction (in the DrugPA attachment)	
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange	
EEG	electroencephalogram	
EKG	electrocardiogram	
EMS	Emergency Medical Services (e.g., in an Ambulance)	
ENT	ear, nose, and throat (e.g., ENT screening exam)	
GAF	Global Assessment of Functioning (codes used in Rehab attachment) - see: www.psych.org	
GI	gastrointestinal (i.e., stomach and intestines)	
GIF	Graphics Interchange Format (family of graphic standards, filename extension)	
GMT	Greenwich Mean Time - see UTC	
HCPCS	Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System - search: www.cms.hhs.gov	
HDL	high-density lipoprotein (the "good" cholesterol)	
HDV	Human Decision Variant (an ASIG term)	
HHS	Health and Human Services Department - see: www.hhs.gov	
HI	Health Care Information Codes segment in the X12 Standard	
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (1996, PL104-191)	
HL7	Health Level Seven - see: www.hl7.org	
HTM	(filename extension) HTML	
HTML	HyperText Markup Language (a web standard)	
I10C	see ICD-10	
I9C	see ICD-9	
ICD-10	International Classification of Diseases, 10th edition - see: www.who.int/classifications/icd/en/	
ICD-9	International Classification of Diseases, 9th edition	
ICD-9-CM	International Classification of Diseases, 9th edition, Clinical Modification	
ID	Identifier	
IG	Implementation Guide	
IM	Intramuscular (e.g., IM injection)	
ISO	International Organization for Standardization - see: www.iso.ch	
ISO+	(extended list of international units of measure) see ANS+ and UCUM	
ITU	(also, ITU-T) International Telecommunications Union-Telecommunication - see: www.itu.int/ITU-T	
IUPAC	International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry - see: www.iupac.org	
IV	Intravenous	
J-codes	HCPCS Level II codes beginning with "J" (used to define administration of non-oral drugs)- search: www.cms.hhs.gov	
JPEG	Joint Photographic Experts Group (graphic standards, filename extension) - see: www.w3.org/Graphics/JPEG	
JPG	Joint Photographic Group (graphics standard format, filename extension) - see JPEG	
KCI	Potassium Chloride	
KG	Kilogram(s)	
L	Liter(s)	
LB	Pound(s)	
LDL	low-density lipoprotein (the "bad" cholesterol)	
LOINC	Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes - see: www.loinc.org	
LX	Transaction Set Line Number segment in the X12 Standard	
MD	Medical Doctor	
meq	milliequivalent(s) (a weight unit used in Chemistry and medication dispensing)	
mg	Milli-gram(s)	
MIME	(a standard for transporting binary files) - see: www.mhonarc.org/~ehood/MIME/ or www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2045.txt	

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ml	Milli-liter(s)	
MM	Month in a date string, e.g., 01 thru 12	
MMR	Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (immunization)	
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging (medical imaging technique)	
MRN	Medical Record Number	
MXV	Manufacturers of Vaccines (a code set) - see: www.cdc.gov/nip/registry/st_terr/tech/stds/hl7-mvx.htm	
NCPDP	National Council for Prescription Drug Programs - see: www.ncdp.org	
NDC	National Drug Code - see: www.fda.gov/cder/ndc/	
NPI	National Provider Identifier (for HIPAA)	
NS	Nasal (medication dispensing)	
OB	Obstetric (e.g. OB Ultrasound)	
OID	Object Identifier - see: www.hl7.org/oid	
OP	Operative (i.e., Surgery) -or- Outpatient	
OTC	Over the counter (e.g., in a drug store)	
P	i.e., P Wave - an EKG waveform	
PA	Prior Authorization	
PCDATA	Parsed Character Data (an XML concept) - search: www.w3c.org	
PCP	Primary Care Practitioner	
PER	Administrative Communications Contact segment in the X12 Standard (used to convey contact information)	
Perio	Periodontal -or- the upcoming Periodontal Attachment specification	
PET	positron emission tomography (a medical imaging technique)	
PIUC	Patient Information Unspecified Content (an attachment specification)	
PNG	Portable Network Graphics (a graphics standard format or a filename extension) - see: www.w3.org/TR/PNG	
PO	Latin: Per Os (by mouth, orally; in medication dispensing)	
PP	i.e., PP or P-P interval - atrial cycle length in an electrocardiogram	
PR	i.e., PR or P-R interval (atriocarotid interval of the venous pulse) in an electrocardiogram	
PRN	Latin: Pro Re Nata (as required, as needed, in medication dispensing)	
PTX	Provider Taxonomy	
Q	i.e., Q wave - part of the QRS metric in an electrocardiogram	
Q6H	Latin/English abbreviation for "every 6 hours" (medication dispensing)	
QD	Latin abbreviation for "once a day" (medication dispensing)	
QRS	(i.e., QRS axis - an electrocardiogram metric with Q, R, and S waves)	
Rehab	Rehabilitation -or- the Rehabilitation Services Attachment specification	
RELMA	Regenstrief LOINC Mapping Assistant (software from www.loinc.org)	
RFC	Request For Comment (for Internet-related standards) - see: www.rfc-editor.org and www.ietf.org	
RNA	Ribonucleic acid (in context of lab tests)	
RPR	rapid plasma reagin test (for syphilis screening); see also ART and VDRL	
RTF	(filename extension) Rich Text Format	
RxNorm	(a standardized nomenclature for clinical drugs) - see: www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/rxnorm	
SCDI	ADA Standards Committee on Dental Informatics - see: www.ada.org/prof/resources/standards/informatics.asp	
SNOMED-CT	Systematized Nomenclature of MEDicine Clinical Terms - see: www.snomed.org	
STC	Status Information in the X12 Standard (used to define the attachment request)	
TIF	(filename extension) Tag Image File Format (TIFF)	
TIFF	Tag Image File Format - see: partners.adobe.com/asn/developer/pdfs/tn/TIFF6.pdf	
TR3	Technical Report type 3 (in X12, like an implementation guide)	
TRN	Trace segment in the X12 Standard	
TXT	(filename extension) Text	
UCUM	Unified Code for Units of Measure - see: aurora.regenstrief.org/UCUM	
UPIN	Unique Physician Identification Number (used by Medicare prior to NPI)	
URI	Uniform Resource Identifier	

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URL	Uniform Resource Locator	
US	United States	
USA	United States of America	
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time (formerly GMT, Greenwich Mean Time)	
VDRL	Venereal Disease Research Laboratory test (for syphilis screening); see also ART and RPR.	
WPC	Washington Publishing Company - see www.wpc-edi.com	
X12	An ASC - see: www.x12.org	
X12N	(the insurance subcommittee within the X12 standards organization) - see www.X12.org	
XML	eXtensible Markup Language - see: www.w3c.org	
X-Path	XML Path Language - see: www.w3.org/TR/xpath	
YY	Year in a date string, e.g., 00 thru 99	
ZIP	(a file containing one or more other files), or Zone Improvement Program (US postal service)	