



# Healthcare Documentation Creation Best Practices

## Phonetic Alphabet

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The phonetic alphabet assigns code words to the letters of the English alphabet (Alfa for A, Bravo for B, etc.) so that critical combinations of letters (and numbers) can be pronounced and understood by those who transmit and receive voice messages by radio or telephone regardless of their native language, especially when the safety of navigation or persons is essential.

Letter	International	Common US Law Enforcement
A	Alfa	Adam
B	Bravo	Boy
C	Charlie	Charlie
D	Delta	David
E	Echo	Edward
F	Foxtrot	Frank
G	Golf	George
H	Hotel	Henry
I	India	Ida
J	Juliet	John
K	Kilo	King
L	Lima	Lincoln
M	Mike	Mary
N	November	Nora
O	Oscar	Ocean
P	Papa	Paul
Q	Quebec	Queen
R	Romeo	Robert
S	Sierra	Sam
T	Tango	Tom
U	Uniform	Union
V	Victor	Victor
W	Whiskey	William
X	X-Ray	X-Ray
Y	Yankee	Young
Z	Zulu	Zebra

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