

Clinical Abbreviations List

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Locations, Organisations, Services, Teams, Programs

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
AA	Alcoholics Anonymous	
ACAT	Aged Care Assessment Team	
ACT	Acute Care Team	
ADCAT	Alcohol and Drug Community Assessment Team	
Albion	The Albion Centre	
ANC	Antenatal Clinic	
APS	Acute Pain Service	
ART	Acute Rehabilitation Team	
ASET	Aged Services in Emergency Team	
BSF	Building Stronger Foundations	
CACP	Community Aged Care Package	
CC	Cancer Council	
CCC	Cancer Care Centre	
CCH	Calvary Community Health	
CCU	Coronary Care Unit	
CHOC	Community Health Outpatient Care	
CHSP	Commonwealth Home and Community Care	
ComPacks	Community Packages NSW Health	
CoPMI	Children of Parents With a Mental Illness	
CPCT	Community Palliative Care Team	
CRS	Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service	
CPU	Child Protection Unit	
CWU	Child Wellbeing Unit	
CYF	Child Youth and Families	
DADHC	Department of Aging, Disability and Home Care (NSW)	Historical only - now Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ)
DCJ	Department of Communities & Justice	
DoCS	Department of Community Services	Historical only - now Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ)
DOH	Department of Housing	Historical only - now Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ)
DPP	Director of Public Prosecutions	
DSU	Disability Service Unit	
DVA	Department of Veterans' Affairs	
EBG	Early Bird Group	SESLHD Service
ED	Emergency Department	
FCC	Family Cancer Clinic/Centre	

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FCS	Family Connect and Support	Service provided by an NGO for DCJ
FPNSW	Family Planning NSW	
FRS	Family Referral Service	
HACC	Home and Community Care	Historical only
HALC	HIV/AIDS Legal Centre	
HASI	Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative	
HCA	Health Care Agency	
HCC	Hereditary Cancer Centre	
HCCC	Health Care Complaints Commission	
HCIS	Health Care Interpreter Service	
HCP	Home Care Package	Change from (CACP) - Commonwealth Rehab Service
HDU	High Dependency Unit	
HITH	Hospital in The Home	
HNSW	Housing NSW	Historical only - now Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ)
HODC	Haematology Oncology Day Centre	
ICU	Intensive Care Unit	
IPOP	Integrated Patient Optimisation Program	
JGOS	Joint Guarantee of Service for People with Mental Health Problems and Disorders Living in Public, Community, and Aboriginal Housing	
KRC	Kirketon Road Centre	
LAC	Local Area Command	
MFM	Maternal Fetal Medicine (Department of)	
MGP	Midwifery Group Practice	
MHAHS	Multicultural HIV and Hepatitis Service	
MHDAO	Mental health and Drug and Alcohol Office	
MHRT	Mental Health Review Tribunal	
MHT	Mental Health Team	
MOW	Meals on Wheels	
NCAT	National Civil and Administrative Tribunal	
NDIA	National Disability Insurance Agency	
NDIS	National Disability Insurance Scheme	
NETS	NSW newborn & paediatric Emergency Transport Service	
NSP	Needle & Syringe Program	
OOHC	Out Of Home Care	
OOHC HPP	Out of Home Care Health Pathway Program	
OPC	Office of the Protective Commissioner	

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OTP	Opioid Treatment Program	NSW Opioid Treatment Program
PAC	Police Area Command	
PADP	Program of Aids for Disabled People	
QRP	Quick Response Unit	
RHW	Royal Hospital for Women	
RNSH	Royal North Shore Hospital	
RPAH	Royal Prince Alfred Hospital	
SAM	Safety Action Meeting	
SAN	Sydney Adventist Hospital	
SAS	Sexual Assault Service	
SCH	Sydney Children's Hospital	
SCHN	Sydney Children's Hospital Network	
SGH	St George Hospital	
SHHV	Sustained Health Home Visiting	Families NSW "Supporting Families Early Package"
SHIL	Sexual Health Infolink	NSW Health Service
SMHSOP	Specialist Mental Health Services for Older Persons	
SNF	Sustaining NSW Families	NSW Health Program
SSEH	Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital	
SSHC	Sydney Sexual Health Centre	
SSSAS	Southern Sydney Sexual Assault Service	
STACS	Sutherland Transitional Aged Care Team	
SUPPS	Substance Use in Pregnancy and Parenting Support	
SVH	St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney	
SWOP	Sex Workers Outreach Project	
TACP	Transitional Aged Care Program	
TACS	Transitional Aged Care Team	
TAFE	Technical and Further Education	
TIMS	Telstra Integrated Messaging Services	
TIS	Translating and Interpreting Service	
TPP	The Parenting Place	
TSH	The Sutherland Hospital	
TWH	The Wollongong Hospital	
UHHV	Universal Health Home Visiting	Families NSW "Supporting Families Early Package"
VAN	Violence and Neglect	Typically in relation to NSW services
VS	Victims Services	
WMH	War Memorial Hospital	

Designations, Roles, and Positions

Designation	Meaning	Comment
A/Prof	Associate Professor	
AGC	Associate Genetic Counsellor	
AHA	Allied Health Assistant	
AIN	Assistant in Nursing	
AMHW	Aboriginal Mental Health Worker	
AMO	Admitting Medical Officer	
AMO	Attending Medical Officer	
AMS	Aboriginal Medical Service	
CCW	Cross Cultural Worker	
CFHC	Child and Family Health Centre	
CFHM	Child and Family Health Midwife	
CFHN	Child and Family Health Nurse	
CM	Certified Midwife	
CM	Case Manager	
CMS	Clinical Midwife Specialist	
CNC	Clinical nurse consultant	
CNE	Clinical nurse educator	
CNS	Clinical Nurse Specialist	
CSM	Clinical Services Manager	
DON	Director of Nursing	
EEN	Endorsed Enrolled Nurse	
EN	Enrolled Nurse	
GC	Genetic counsellor	
GP	General Practitioner	
HASA	Health and Security Assistant	
HCW	Health care worker	
HIM	Health Information Manager	
I/C	In Charge	
JMO	Junior Medical Officer	
LC	Lactation Consultant	
LMO	Local medical officer	
MO	Medical officer	
MRM	Medical Record Manager	
NE	Nurse Educator	
NIC	Nurse in Charge	
NP	Nurse Practitioner	
NPsych/NΨ	Neuropsychologist	
NUM	Nurse Unit Manager	
OT	Occupational Therapist	
Physio	Physiotherapist	
Prof	Professor	

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Designation	Meaning	Comment
PT	Physiotherapist	
Reg	Registrar	
RM	Registered midwife	
RMO	Resident Medical Officer	
RN	Registered Nurse	
SGC	Senior Genetic Counsellor	
SM	Student midwife	
SNM	Senior Nurse Manager	
Snr MO	Senior Medical Officer	
SP	Speech Pathologist	
SW	Social Worker	
TA	Technical Assistant	
TEN	Trainee Enrolled Nurse	
TNP	Transitional Nurse Practitioner	
TNP	Trainee Nurse Practitioner	
VMO	Visiting Medical Officer	
WO	Welfare Officer	

A

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
(A)	Assistance	
(A) MI	(Acute) myocardial infarction	
(I)	Independent	
(L)LL)	Left lower limb	
(L)UL)	Left upper limb	
(PROM)	Passive range of motion	
(R)LL)	Right lower limb	
(R)UL)	Right upper limb	
(SROM)	Self-range of motion	
1 THB	First degree heart block	
2VD	Double-vessel disease	
2WW	Two-wheeled walker	
3VD	Triple-vessel disease	
4WF	Four-wheeled frame	
4WW	Four-wheeled walker	
6MWT	6 Minute Walk Test	
9-HPT	Nine-Hole Peg Test	
A&P	Anterior and Posterior Repair	
A&W	Alive and well	
a/a	As above	
A/N	Antenatal	
A/O	Application of	
A/W	Associated with	
A1, A2	Aortic Valve, 1st sound, 2nd sound	
AAA	Abdominal aortic aneurysm	
AAL	Anterior axillary line	
AAROM	Active assisted range of movement	
Ab	Antibody	
AB	Apex beat	
ABBI	Advanced breast biopsy instrumentation	
Abd	Abduction	
Abdo	Abdominal	
ABG	Arterial blood gases	
ABH	Angina bullosa haemorrhagica	
ABI	Acquired brain impairment	
ABI	Acquired brain injury	
ABPI	Ankle brachial pressure index	
ABS	Acute brain syndrome	
A-C	Acromioclavicular	
ACBT	Active cycle of breathing technique	
ACC	Acute care certificate	
ACCR	Aged care client record	

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ACD	Advance Care Directive	
ACD	Advance Care Document	
ACE	Angiotensin converting enzyme	
ACL	Anterior cruciate ligament	
ACM	Ambulatory cardiac monitoring	
ACP	Advance Care Plan/Planning	
ACS	Acute coronary syndrome	
ACTH	Adrenocorticotrophic hormone	
AD	Autosomal dominant	
ADC	AIDS dementia complex	
Add	Adduction	
Add	Adenomatous polyposis coli gene	
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder	
ADH	Anti-diuretic hormone	
ADHD	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	
ADL	Activities of daily living	
Adm	Admission	
Adm	Admitted	
ADPKD	Autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease	
ADR	Adverse drug reaction	
ADT	Adult diphtheria and tetanus	
ADVO	Apprehended Domestic Violence Order	
AE	Air entry	
AEA	Above elbow amputation	
AEB	Atrial ectopic beat	
AF	Atrial fibrillation	
AFB	Acid fast bacilli	
AFI	Amniotic Fluid Index	
AFL	Atrial flutter	
AFO	Ankle-foot orthosis	
AFP	Alpha-fetoproteins	
Ag	Antigen	
Agg	Aggravating	
AGN	Acute glomerulonephritis	
AH	Abdominal hysterectomy	
AH	After Hours	
AH	Allied Health	
AH	Auditory Hallucinations	
AHA	Assisted Hand Assessment	
AHD	Arteriosclerotic/atherosclerotic heart disease	
AHF	Antihaemolytic factor	
AI	Aortic incompetence	
AICD	Automated implantable cardioverter-defibrillator	

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
AIDS	Acquired immune deficiency syndrome	
AIMS	Alberta Infant Motor Scale	
AIVR	Accelerated idioventricular rhythm	
AJ	Ankle jerk	
AJA	Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry	
AK	Above knee	
AKA	Above knee amputation	
AKI	Acute kidney injury	
ALA	Assisted local anaesthetic	
Alb	Albumin	
ALD	Alcoholic Liver Disease	
ALK1	activin receptor-like kinase type 1	
ALL	Acute lymphoblastic/lymphocytic/lymphatic leukaemia	
ALP	Alkaline phosphatase	
ALS	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	
ALT	Alanine aminotransferase	
Alt sly	Alternate side lying	
alt.	Alternate	
AM	Active movement	
AMA	Advanced maternal age	
AMD	Age-related macular degeneration	
AMI	Acute myocardial infarction	
AML	Acute myeloid leukaemia	
Amp	Ampoule	
AMP	Austin Moore prosthesis	
AMRI	Anteromedial rotary instability	
AMS	Antimicrobial Stewardship	
ANA	Antinuclear antibody	
ANCA	Anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies	
ANLL	Acute non-lymphocytic leukaemia	
ANS	Autonomic nervous system	
Ant.	Anterior	
Anti D	Rh (D) immunoglobulin	
Anti HBc	Hepatitis B core antibody	
Anti HBs	Hepatitis B surface antibody	
anti-HBe	Hepatitis B e antibody	
anti-HBs	Hepatitis B antibody; post	
AOD	Alcohol and other drugs	
AODM	Adult Onset Diabetes Mellitus	
AP	Arterial pressure	
A-P	Antero-posterior	
A-P	Anteverted uterus	
APC	Activated protein C	
APD	Automated peritoneal dialysis	

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APH	Ante-partum haemorrhage	
APO	Acute pulmonary oedema	
Appt.	Appointment	
APQ6	Activity and Participation Questionnaire	
APR	Abdominoperineal resection	
APTT	Activated partial thromboplastin time	
APVO	Apprehended Personal Violence Order	
AR	Autosomal recessive	
ARBD	Alcohol-related brain damage	
ARDS	Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome	
ARF	Acute renal failure	
ARM	Artificial rupture of membranes	
AROM	Active range of movement	
ARPKD	Autosomal recessive polycystic kidney disease	
ART	Antiretroviral therapy	
AS	Aortic stenosis	
ASAP	As soon as possible	
ASCVD	Arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease	
ASD	Atrial septal defect	
ASD	Atrioventricular	
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder	
ASHD	Arteriosclerotic heart disease	
ASI	Anal sexual intercourse	
ASNT	Abdomen soft, non tender	
ASO	Arteriosclerotic obliterans	
Asp.	Aspirate	
ASQ-3	Ages and Stages Questionnaire - 3	
ASQ-SE	Ages and Stages Questionnaire – Social Emotional	
ASSA	Antenatal Short Stay Assessment	
ASVD	Arteriosclerotic vascular disease	
ATFL	Anterior tibiofibular ligament	
ATN	Acute tubular necrosis	
ATNR	Asymmetrical tonic neck reflex	
ATOP	Australian Treatment Outcomes Profile	
ATOR	At time of report	
ATS	Antitetanus serum	
ATSP	Asked to see patient	
Aug.	Augmentation	
Ausc.	Auscultation	
AV	Aortic valve	
AVB	Atrioventricular block	
AVM	Arteriovenous malformation	
AVN	Avascular necrosis	

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AVNRT	Atrioventricular nodal re-entrant/reciprocating tachycardia	
AVO	Apprehended Violence Order	
AVR	Aortic valve replacement/ repair	
AVRT	Atrioventricular re-entrant/reciprocating tachycardia	
AWOL	Absent without leave	
AWS	Alcohol withdrawal scale	
AWS	Alcohol withdrawal syndrome	
Ax	Assessment	
AXR	Abdominal x-ray	
AZ	Ascheim-Zondek Test	

B

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
B&D	Bondage and Discipline	
B/F	Breast feeding	
b/g	Background	
B/O	Baby of	
B/U	Blood urea	
Ba	Baby	
Ba	Barium	
BAD	Bipolar affective disorder	
BAER	Brainstem auditory evoked response	
BaFT	Barium follow through	
BAL	Blood alcohol level	
BAw	Breast awareness	
BAWO	Bilateral antrum washout	
BBA	Born before arrival	
BBB	Bundle branch block	
BBS	Bronchial breath sounds	
BC	Blood culture	
BCC	Basal cell carcinoma	
BCCA	Bilateral common carotid angiogram	
BCG	Bacillus of Calmette and Guerin	
BCPAP	Bubble continuous positive airway pressure	
bd	Bis in die - twice a day	
BE	Barium Enema	
BEA	Below elbow amputation	
BFP	Biological false positive	
BGL	Blood glucose level	
BhCG	Beta human chorionic gonadotrophin	
BHDS	Birt-Hogg-Dube syndrome	
Bi	Bisexual	
BI	Brain injury	
BIBA	Brought in by Ambulance	
BIBP	Brought in by Police	
BIH	Benign intracranial hypertension "Born in Hospital"	
Bilat	Bilateral	
Bili	Bilirubin	
BIP	Benign intracranial pressure	
BiPAP	Bilevel positive airway pressure	
BJ	Biceps jerk	
BK	Below knee	
BKA	Below knee amputation	
BM	Bone marrow	

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Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
BMAT	Bone marrow aspiration and trephine	
BMB	Bone marrow biopsy	
BMD	Bone Mineral Density	
BMH	Benign monoclonal hypergammaglobulinaemia	
BMI	Body mass index	
BMPR1A	Bone morphogenetic protein receptor, type 1A gene	
BMR	Basal metabolic rate	
BMS	Bare metal stent	
BMT	Bone marrow transplant	
BNO	Bladder neck obstruction	
BNO	Bowels not open	
BNP	Brain natriuretic peptide	
BO	Bowels open	
BOO	Bladder outlet obstruction	
BOOP	Bronchiolitis obliterans organising pneumonia	
Borg RPE	Borg rating of perceived exertion	
BOS	Base of support	
BP	Blood pressure	
BPAD	Bipolar affective disorder	
BPD	Bipolar disorder	
BPD	Bronchopulmonary dysplasia	
BPH	Benign prostatic hypertrophy/hyperplasia	
BPM	Beats per minute	
BPN	Buprenorphine	
BPSD	Behavioural & psychological symptoms of dementia	
BPTT	Brachial plexus tension test provocation	
BR Ca	Breast cancer	
BRCA1	Breast cancer protection gene 1	
BRCA1/2	Breast cancer protection gene 1&2	
BRCA2	Breast cancer protection gene 2	
Bro	Brother	
BS	Bowel sounds	
BSA	Body surface area	
BSE	Breast self examination	
BSL	Blood stained liquor	
BSL	Blood sugar level	
BSLT	Bilateral sequential lung transplantation	
BSO	Bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy	
BSS	Black silk sutures	
BTB	Break through bleeding	
BTF	Between the Flags	
BV	Bacterial vaginosis	

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Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
BVF	Bilateral ventricular failure	
BW	Bare weight	
BW	Birth weight body weight	
Bx	Biopsy	
BXO	Balanitis xerotica obliterans	
BZD	Benzodiazepine	

C

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
C	Cough	
C&C	Collar and Cuff	
C&S	Culture and sensitivity	
C/-	Care of	
C/A	Clinical assessment	
C/C	Cardiac catheter (coronary angiogram)	
C/E	Cystoscopy	
C/I	Contraindicated	
c/o	Complains of	
C/S	Caesarean section	
C/scopy	Colonoscopy	
C/US	Continuous ultrasound	
C0/C1	Atlanto-axial joint	
C16A	Chapter 16A Exchange of Information” – used by DCJ , DOCS and DOCAJ	
C1-7	Cervical vertebrae 1-7	
Ca in Situ	Carcinoma in situ	
Ca.	Carcinoma	
CA++	Calcium	
CA125	Cancer antigen 125	
CABG	Coronary artery bypass graft	
CAD	Coronary artery disease	
CADE	Confused and disabled elderly	
CADL	Community activities of daily living	
CAG	Consumer Advisory Group	
CAG	Coronary artery graft	
CAH	Chronic active hepatitis	
CAL	Chronic airway limitation	
Cal.	Calorie	
CALD	Chronic alcoholic liver disease	
CALD	Culturally and linguistically diverse	
Call.	Callous	
Cap.	Capsule	
CAPD	Continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis	
CASPAR	Comprehensive Assessment Service for Psychosis and At Risk	
CAT	Computerised axial tomography	
CAVB	Complete atrioventricular block	
CAVH	Continuous arteriovenous haemofiltration	
CAVHD	Continuous arteriovenous haemodialysis	
CBC	Complete blood count	
CBD	Common bile duct	

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
CBE	Clinical breast examination	
CBS	Chronic brain syndrome	
CBSL	Capillary blood sugar level	
CBT	Cognitive Behavioural Therapy	
CBV	Cord blood vessels	
cc	cubic centimetre	
CCA	Common carotid artery	
CCB	Calcium channel blocker	
CCD	Continuous catheter drainage	
CCF	Congestive cardiac failure	
CCPD	Continuous cyclic peritoneal dialysis	
CCS	Classical caesarean section	
CCT	Continuous/controlled cord traction	
CD4	Cellular Differentiation 4 Positive or T- helper lymphocytes	
CDCR	Canaliculodacryocystorhinostomy	
CDE	Common bile duct exploration	
CDH	Congenital diaphragmatic hernia	
CDH1	E-cadherin type 1 gene	
CDT	Combined diphtheria and tetanus vaccine	
CEA	Carotid endarterectomy	
Ceph	Cephalic	
CES	Cauda equina syndrome	
CE's	Cardiac enzymes	
CF	Clear fluids	
CF	Cystic fibrosis	
CFA	Common femoral artery	
CFP	Casual female partner	
CFS	Chronic fatigue syndrome	
CFT	Complement fixation test	
CGD	Chronic granulomatous disease	
CGH	Comparative genomic hybridisation	
CHB	Chronic hepatitis B	
CHB	Complete heart block	
CHC	Community Health Centre	
CHD	Congenital heart disease	
Chemo	Chemotherapy	
CHF	Congestive/chronic heart failure	
CHI	Closed head injury	
CHL	Conductive hearing loss	
Chlam/ϕ	chlamydia	
CHO	Carbohydrate	
Chol.	Cholesterol	
chr.	Chromosome	
chr.	Chronic	

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CHx	Current history	
CIA	Common iliac artery	
CIBH	Change in bowel habit	
CIDP	Chronic inflammatory demyelination polyradioneuropathy	
Cigs.	Cigarettes	
CIN	Cervical intra-epithelial neoplasia	
Circ Obs	Circulatory observations	
CIS	Carcinoma in situ	
CK	Creatinine kinase	
CKD	Chronic kidney disease	
Cl	Chloride	
CL	condomless	
CLD	Chronic liver disease	
CIFI	Clear fluids	
CLL	Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia	
CLO	Campylobacter-like organism	
CLT	Continuous lumbar traction	
cm	centimetre	
cm ³	cubic centimetre	
CMC	Carpometacarpal	
CMG	Cystometrogram	
CML	Chronic myeloid leukaemia	
CMML	Chronic myelomonocytic leukaemia	
CMP	Calcium magnesium and phosphate	
CMP	Casual male partner	
CMT	Charcot Marie Tooth	
CMV	Cytomegalovirus	
CNH	Chondrodermatitis nodularis chronica helioides	
CNP	Continuous negative pressure ventilation	
CNPB	Continuous negative pressure breathing	
CNPU	Cannot pass urine	
CNS	Central nervous system	
CNV	Copy number variant	
CO	Cardiac output	
Co1-3	Coxageal segments	
CO2	Carbon dioxide	
COB	Chronic obstructive bronchitis	
COB	Country of birth	
COCP	Combined oral contraceptive pill	
COJ	Cardio-oesophageal junction	
Comp	Complementary	
Cont.	Continued	
Contralat	Contralateral	
COPA	Cuffed oropharyngeal airway	

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COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	
COPUM	Congenital obstructing posterior urethral membranes	
COVID-19	Corona virus disease 2019	
CP	Child protection	
CPAP	Continuous positive airway pressure	
CPB/CPBP	Cardiopulmonary bypass	
CPD	Cephalopelvic disproportion	
cPNET	Central primitive neuroectodermal tumour	
CPPD	Calcium Pyrophosphate Dihydrate (Crystal Deposition Disease)	
CPR	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation	
CPS	Central Pain Syndrome	
CR	Clinical review	
CR	Controlled release	used after a drug name
CRC	Colorectal cancer	
Creat	Creatinine	
creps.	Crepitations	
CREST	Calcinosis, Raynaud's phenomenon, esophageal dysfunction, sclerodactyly, and telangiectasis syndrome	
CRHD	Chronic rheumatic heart disease	
CRL	Crown rump length ultrasound	
CRP	C-reactive protein	
CRPS	Complex regional pain syndrome	
CRRT	Continuous renal replacement therapy	
CRS-R	Coma Recovery Scale (Revised)	
cryo	Cryotherapy	
CSA	Central sleep apnoea	
CSA	Childhood sexual assault	
CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid	
CSHS	Central sleep hypopnea syndrome	
CSOM	Chronic suppurative otitis media	
CST	Cervical Screening Test	
CSU	Catheter specimen of urine	
CSW	Commercial sex worker	
CT	Chlamydia trachomatis	
CT	Computerised tomography	
CTCA	Computerised tomography coronary angiogram	
CTD	Carpal tunnel decompression	
CTD	Connective tissue disorder	
CTG	Cardiotocograph	
CTM	Connective tissue massage	

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CTO	Chronic total occlusion	
CTO	Community Treatment Order	
CTP	Comprehensive Third Party Insurance	
CTPA	Computerised tomography pulmonary angiogram	
CTR	Carpal tunnel release	
CTS	Carpal tunnel syndrome	
CTSP	Called to see patient	
CUP	Cancer of unknown primary	
CUP	Chemical use in pregnancy	
CV	Central Venous	
CVAD	Central venous access device	
CVC	Central venous catheter	
CVD	Cerebrovascular disease	
CVP	Central venous pressure	
CVS	Cardiovascular system	
CVS	Chorionic villus sampling	
CVVH	Continuous veno-venous haemofiltration	
CVVHD	Continuous veno-venous haemodialysis	
CW	Clothed weight	
Cx	Cervix	
CXR	Chest X-Ray	

D

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
D & V	Diarrhoea and vomiting	
D&A	Drug and alcohol	
D&C	Dilatation and curettage	
d.	Died	
D/C	Discharge	
D/O	Day only	
D/S	Dorsal surface	
D/W	Discussed with	
DA	Decision aid	
DADL	Domestic activities of daily living	
DAI	Diffuse axonal injury	
Dam	Dental dam	
DAOR	Discharged at own risk	
DARE	digital anal rectal examination	
DARF	Delayed Acute Renal Failure	
DAS	Developmental Assessment Service	
DARF	Drug and Alcohol Review Form	
DASH	Disability of arm, shoulder, hand	
DASS 21	Depression Anxiety Stress Scales	
DAT	Dementia of Alzheimer's type	
Dau	Daughter	
DB	Deep breathing	
DB&C	Deep breathing and coughing	
DBE	Deep breathing exercises	
DBP	Diastolic blood pressure	
DBT	Dialectical Behaviour Therapy	
DCDA	Dichorionic Diamniotic	
DCIS	Ductal carcinoma in situ	
DCR	Dacryocystorhinostomy	
DD	Dangerous drugs	
DD	Developmental delay	
DDD	Degenerative disc disorder	
DDx	Differential diagnosis	
Dec.	Decreased	
DEMMI	de Morton Mobility Index	
Derm.	Dermatology	
DES	Drug eluting stent	
Det	Detective	
DF	Dorsiflexion	
DGI	Disseminated gonococcal infection	
DHS	Dynamic hip screw	
DHx	Developmental history	

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DI	Diabetes Insipidus	
DIC	Disseminated intravascular coagulation syndrome	
Diff.	Differential	
DIH	Direct inguinal hernia	
DIN	Ductal intraepithelial neoplasia	
DIP	Distal interphalangeal	
DISH	Diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis	
dist.	Distal	
DITs	Diathermy to inferior turbinates	
DIU	Death in-utero	
DJD	Degenerative joint disease	
DKA	Diabetic ketoacidosis	
DLCL	Diffuse large cell lymphoma	
DLE	Disseminated lupus erythematosus	
DLT	Double lumen tube	
DM	Diabetes mellitus	
DM1	Diabetes mellitus type1	
DM2	Diabetes mellitus type2	
DML	Diffuse, mixed small and large cell lymphoma	
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid	
DNA	Did not attend	
DNS	Deviated nasal septum	
DNW	Did not wait	
DOA	Dead on arrival	
DOAC	Direct oral anticoagulant	
DOB	Date of birth	
DOD	Date of death	
DOE	Dyspnoea on exertion	
DOPS	Diffuse obstructive pulmonary syndrome	
DORV	Double outlet right ventricle	
DPT	Diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus vaccine	
DRE	Digital rectal examination	
DREZ	Dorsal root entry zone	
DS	Downs syndrome	
DSA	Digital subtraction angiography	
DSCL	Diffuse small cleaved-cell lymphoma	
DSH	Deliberate self harm	
DSH	Double storey house	
DST	Dexamethasone suppression test	
DSTM	Deep soft tissue massage	
DT	Diversional therapist	
DTA	Deep transverse arrest	
DTF	Deep transverse frictions	
DTM	Deep tissue massage	

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DTP	Diphtheria tetanus pertussis vaccine	
dTpa	Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis Vaccine	
DTs	Delirium tremens	
DUA	Death under anaesthetic	
DUB	Dysfunctional uterine bleeding	
DV	Domestic violence	
DVRS	Domestic Violence Routine Screening	
DVS	Domestic Violence screening	
DVT	Deep venous thrombosis	
DW	Daily weight	
DW	Dressed weight	
Dx	Diagnosis	

E

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
E	Extension	
E Coli	Escherichia coli	
E/O	Examination of	
E/O	Excision of	
EACH	Extended aged care at home package	
EACH-D	Extended aged care at home package - Dementia	
EAM	External auditory meatus	
EAR	Expired air resuscitation	
EBF	Exclusively breastfeeding	
EBM	Expressed breast milk	
EBP	Electric breast pump	
EBV	Epstein-Barr virus	
ECBD	Exploration common bile duct	
ECCE	Extracapsular cataract extraction	
ECCRTLA	Equal, concentric, circular, reacting to light and accommodation	
ECDC	Extracellular diplococci	
ECG	Electrocardiogram	
Echo.	Echocardiogram	
EC-IC	Extracranial to intracranial Vascular Bypass	
ECMO	Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation	
ECP	Emergency contraceptive pill	
ECSWL	Extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy	
ECT	Electroconvulsive therapy	
ECTR	Endoscopic carpal tunnel release	
ECV	External cephalic version	
EDB	Epidural block	
EDC	Estimated date of confinement	
EDC	Expected date of completion	
EDD	Expected discharge date	
EDD	Expected due date	
EDH	Extradural haemorrhage	
EEG	Electroencephalogram	
EER	Estimated energy requirements	
EF	Ejection fraction	
EFR	Estimate fluid requirements	
EG	Enduring Guardian	
EGD	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy	
eGFR	Estimated glomerular filtration rate	
EHP	Equipment Hire Pool	
EIA	Enzyme immunoassay	

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EIL	Extension in lying	
EIS	Extension in standing	
EJV	External jugular vein	
ELBW	Extremely low birth weight	
Elev.	Elevation	
ELISA	Enzyme linked immunosorbent assay	
EMDR	Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing	
EMG	Electromyogram	
EMLA	Eutectic mixture of local anaesthetics	Copyright Astra Pharmaceuticals
eMR	Electronic medical records	
EMS	Elderly Mobility Test	
EN	Enrolled nurse	
EN	Enteral nutrition	
ENG	Electronystagmogram	
Eng.	Engaged	
ENT	Ear, nose and throat	
EOG	Electro-oculography	
EOL	End of Life	
EOLP	End of Life Pathway	
EOM	Extra-ocular movements	
EOR	End of range	
EPDS	Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale	
EPG	Electrophoretogram	
EPR	Estimated protein requirements	
EPS	Electrophysiological studies	
EPSE	Extra-pyramidal side effects	
ER	Estrogen receptor	
ER	External rotation	
ERCP	Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography	
ERG	Electro-retinography	
ERPC	Evacuation of retained products of conception	
ERT	Estrogen Replacement Therapy	
ES	Electrical Stimulation	
ESA	Erythropoiesis-stimulating agents	
ESC	End stage care	
ESCKD	End stage chronic kidney disease	
ESCRF	End stage chronic renal failure	
ESM	Ejection systolic murmur	
ESR	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate	
ESRD	End stage renal disease	
ESRF	End stage renal failure	
Est.	Estimated	

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ESWL	Extracorporeal shock-wave lithotripsy	
ESWT	Endurance Shuttle Walk Test	
ETCO2	End tidal carbon dioxide	
EtOh	Ethanol (Alcohol)	
ETT	Endotracheal tube	
EUA	Examination under anaesthetic	
EUC	Electrolytes, urea and creatinine	
Ev.	Eversion	
EWC	Electric wheelchair	
Ex	Excision	
Exp.	Expiratory	
Ex's	Exercises	
Ext.	Extension	

F

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
F	Flexion	
F&A	Foot and ankle	
F/U	Follow up	
F2F	Face to Face	
Fa	Father	
FACH	Forceps to after coming head	
FAP	Familial adenomatous polyposis	
FAS	Foetal alcohol syndrome	
FASD	Foetal alcohol spectrum disorder	
FASF	Forearm support frame	
FB	Foreign body	
FBC	Female breast cancer	
FBC	Fluid balance chart	
FBC	Full blood count	
FCU	First catch urine	
FD	Foetal distress	
FDIU	Foetal death in utero	
FES	Functional electrical stimulation	
FESS	Functional endoscopic sinus surgery	
FET	Forced expiratory technique	
FEV	Forced expiratory volume	
FEV1	Forced expiratory volume in one second	
FF	Formula feeding	
FFA	Free fatty acids	
FFFTs	Fits, faints and funny turns	
FFL	Free fluids	
FFM	Fast from midnight	
FFP	Fresh frozen plasma	
FGM	Female genital mutilation	
FHR	Foetal heart rate	
FHS	Foetal heart sounds	
FHx	Family history	
FI	For investigation	
Fi O2	Fraction of inspired oxygen	
FIL	Flexion in lying	
FIM	Functional independence measure	
FIS	Flexion in standing	
FISH	Fluorescence in situ hybridisation	
FISS	Flexion in step standing	
FIVD	Fixed interval variable dose	
FLCL	Follicular large cell lymphoma	
FLCN	Folliculin gene	

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Flex.	Flexion	
FM	Foetal movement	
FM	Functional Mobility	
FMF	Foetal movements felt	
FML	Follicular mixed lymphoma	
FMO	Financial management order	
FMS	Functional Mobility Scale	
Fn	Function	
FNA	Fine needle aspirate	
FNAB	Fine needle aspiration biopsy	
FNB	Fine needle biopsy	
FO	For observation	
FOB	Faecal occult blood	
FOB	Fibreoptic bronchoscopy	
FOBT	Faecal occult blood testing	
FOOB	Fell out of bed	
FOOSH	Fall on outstretched hand	
FPA	Family planning association	
FPG	Fasting plasma glucose	
FRAMP	Falls Risk Assessment and Management Plan	
FRAX	Fragile x syndrome	
FRC	Functional residual capacity	
FROM	Full range of motion	
FS	Frozen section	
FSCL	Follicular small cleaved-cell lymphoma	
FSE	Foetal scalp electrode	
FSGN	Focal sclerosing glomerulonephritis	
FSH	Fixed Shower Head	
FSH	Follicle stimulating hormone	
FT	Full term	
FT Ca	Fallopian tube cancer	
FTA	Failure to attend	
FTA (Abs)	Fluorescent treponemal antibody	
FTC	Emtricitabine	
FTD	Full term delivery	
FTG	Full thickness graft	
FTI	Free thyroxine index	
FTM	Female to male	
FTM	Fractional test meal	
FTP	Failure to progress	
FTSG	Full thickness skin graft	
FTT	Failure to thrive	
FUB	Functional uterine bleeding	
FVC	Forced vital capacity	
FVU	First void urine	

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FWB	Full weight bearing	
Fx	Fracture	
Fx	Function	

G

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
g	Gram	
G	Gravida - No. of pregnancies	
G&H	Group and hold	
G&XM	Group and cross match	
g/l	Grams per litre	
GA	General anaesthetic	
GAMP	General anaesthesia manipulation & plaster	
GANT	Gastrointestinal autonomic nerve tumour	
GAS	Goal Attainment Scale	
GB	Gallbladder	
GBS	Group B Streptococcus	
GCMS	Gas chromatography mass spectrometry	
GCS	Glasgow coma scale	
GDD	Global Developmental Delay	
GDM	Gestational diabetes mellitus	
GE	Gastroenteritis	
GFR	Glomerular filtration rate	
GFSH	Growth factor stimulating hormone	
GGT	Gamma-glutamyl Transferase	
GH	Genital Hiatus	
GH	Growth hormone	
GHB	gamma-Hydroxybutyric	
GHPS	Gated heart pool scan	
GI	Gastrointestinal	
GIB	Gastrointestinal bleeding	
GIDDM	Gestational insulin dependent diabetes mellitus	
GIFT	Gamete intrafallopian transfer	
GIH	Gastrointestinal haemorrhage	
GIST	Gastrointestinal stomal tumour	
GIT	Gastrointestinal tract	
GM	Grand mal seizure	
GMFCS	Gross Motor Function Classification Scale	
GN	Glomerulonephritis	
GNC	General nursing care	
GNID	Gram negative intracellular diplococci	
GOJ	Gastro-Osophageal Junction	
GOLD	Genetics of learning disability	
GORD	Gastroesophageal reflux disease	
GPPPD	Genito-pelvic pain / penetration disorder	
Gr 1	Grade 1 (etc..)	
GRF	Ground reaction force	

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GRH	Growth releasing hormone	
GSH	Group, screen and hold	
GSW	Gunshot wound	
GT	Genetic testing	
GTNC+D	General treatment, nails cut and drilled	
GTNC+F	General treatment, nails cut and filed	
GTT	Glucose tolerance test	
GU	Gastric ulcer	
GUS	Genitourinary system	
GUT	Genitourinary tract	
GVHD	Graft versus host disease	
Gx/Py	Gravida x (number of pregnancies / Para y (number of live births)	
Gyn.	Gynaecology	

H

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
H	High	
H	Huff	
H Sit.	High sitting	
H&C	Huff and cough	
H/C	Hot/cold	
H/D	Heloma durum	
H/K	Hawkins Kennedy mpingement test	
H/molle	Heloma molle	
H/O, HO	History of	
H/R	Hold relax	
H/T	Hypertension	
H/V	Home visit	
H'box	Headbox	
H2O	Water	
HAD	Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale	
Hall.	Hallux	
HAV	Hallux adducto valgus	
HAV IgM	Hepatitis A (IgM)	
Hb	Haemoglobin	
HB	Heart block	
HbA1C	Glycosylated haemoglobin	
HBB	Hand behind back	
HBC	Hereditary breast cancer	
HBC	Viral Hepatitis B	
HBcAg	Hepatitis B core antigen	
HBCR	Hereditary bowel cancer register	
HBeAg	Hepatitis B e antigen.	
HBH	Hand behind head	
HBIG	Hepatitis B Immunoglobulin	
HBO	Hyperbaric oxygenation	
HBOC	Hereditary breast and ovarian cancer	
HBsAb	Hepatitis B antibody; post	
HBsAg	Hepatitis B surface antigen	
HBsAg	Hepatitis B antigen	
HBV	Hepatitis B Virus	
HBV eAb	Hepatitis B e antibody	
HBV eAg	Hepatitis B e antigen.	
HBV sAg	Hepatitis B antigen	
HC	Head circumference	
hCG	Human chorionic gonadotropin	
HCO3	Bicarbonate	
Hct	Haematocrit	

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HCV	Hepatitis C virus	
HCVD	Hypertensive cardiovascular disease	
HD	Haemodialysis	
HD	Huntington disease	
HDL	High density lipids	
HDT	Head down tilt	
HDV	Hepatitis D virus	
HE	High energy	
Head circ	Head circumference	
HEEADSSS	Home environment, Education and employment, Eating, peer-related Activities, Drugs, Sexuality, Suicide/Depression, and Safety from injury and violence	
HEHP	High energy high protein	
HEN	Home enteral nutrition	
HEP	Home exercise program	
Hep A, B, C	Hepatitis A, B, C etc..	
HER2	Human epidermal growth factor receptor 2	
HFNOT	High flow nasal oxygen therapy	
HFNP	High Flow Nasal Prongs	
HFpEF	Heart failure with preserved ejection fraction	
HFrEF	Heart failure with reduced ejection fraction	
HGH	Human growth hormone	
HGr	High grade	
HGS	High grade serous	
HH	Hiatus hernia	
HSSH	Hand held shower hose	
HHT	Hereditary haemorrhagic telangiectasia	
HI	Head injury	
HIB	Haemophilus Influenza type B	
HIDA	Hepatobiliary iminodiacetic acid scan	
HIE	Hypoxic ischaemic encephalopathy	
HIFUS	High intensity focused ultrasound	
HIMAT	High-level mobility assessment tool	
Hist.	Histology	
HITS	Heparin-induced thrombotic syndrome	
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus	
HIV VL	Human immunodeficiency viral load	
HIVD	Herniated intervertebral disc	
HK	Hyperkeratosis callous	
HLC	High level care	
HLSA	High ligation stripping avulsion	
HLT	Heart/lung transplant	
HMD	Hyaline membrane disease	

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
HNPCC	Hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer	
HNPM	Has not passed meconium	
HNPU	Has not passed urine	
HOCM	Hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy	
HONK	Hyperosmolar nonketotic coma	
HP	High protein	
HP	Hyperplastic polyp	
HPC	History of present condition	
HPF	High power field	
HPFH	Hereditary persistence of foetal haemoglobin	
HPI	History of present illness	
HPO	Health Promotion Officer	
HPO	Hematopoietic progenitor cell	
HPO	Hypertrophic pulmonary osteopathy	
HPU	Has passed urine	
HPV	Human papilloma virus	
HPVD	Hypertensive pulmonary vascular disease	
HR	Heart rate	
H-R	Hamilton Russell traction	
HRC	High risk clinic	
HRT	Hormone replacement therapy	
HS	Heart sounds	
HSV	Herpes simplex virus	
Ht	Height	
HTLV	Human T-cell lymphotropic virus	
HTN	Hypertension	
HTO	High tibial osteotomy	
HUS	Haemolytic uraemic syndrome	
HV	Home visit	
HVS	High vaginal swab	
HWR	Healthy weight range	
Hx	History	
Hypo	Hypoglycaemia	
Hz	Hertz	
HZV	Herpes zoster virus	

I

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
I	Insertive (sexual intercourse)	
I & D	Incision and drainage	
I ¹³¹	Iodine - 131, radioiodine	
I&R	Intake and review	
I/M	Intramuscular	
I/O	Insertion of	
I/T	Intermittent	
I/T C Tx	Intermittent cervical traction	
I/T L Tx	Intermittent lumbar traction	
I/V	Interview	
IABP	Intra-aortic balloon counter pulsation	
IABP	Intra-aortic balloon pump	
IADH	Inappropriate antidiuretic hormone	
IASI	Insertive anal sexual intercourse	
IBD	Inflammatory bowel disease	
IBS	Irritable bowel syndrome	
IC	Informed consent	
IC¥	Informed consent obtained	
ICA	Internal carotid artery	
ICB	Intracerebral bleed	
ICC	Intercostal catheter	
ICCE	Intracapsular cataract extraction	
ICCS	Intercellular cement substance	
ICD	Implantable cardioverter defibrillator	
ICD	Intercostal drain	
ICE	Iridocorneal endothelial syndrome	
IC-EC	Intracranial to Extracranial vascular bypass	
ICF	Intravascular coagulation-fibrinolysis syndrome	
ICP	Intracranial pressure	
ICS	Intercostal space	
ICSI	Intracytoplasmic sperm injection	
ID	Identification	
ID	Intellectual disability	
IDC	Indwelling catheter	
IDC	Infiltrating ductal carcinoma	
IDM	Infant of diabetic mother	
IDS	Interdigital space	
IDU	Injecting drug use	
IDW	Interdigital wedge	
IE	Inspiratory:expiratory ratio	
IEC	Intraepithelial carcinoma	

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
IEPC	Immunoelectrophoresis	
IF	Immunofluorescence	
IF	Index Finger	
IF	Injury factor	
IFT	Interferential therapy	
Ig	Immunoglobulin	
IG	Intragastric	
IGF	Insulin-like growth factor	
IgG	Immunoglobulin G	
IGR	Impaired glucose regulation	
IGTN	Ingrown toenail	
IH	Incisional hernia	
IHC	Immunohistochemistry	
IHD	Ischaemic heart disease	
IHSS	Idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis	
II	Image intensifier	
IIMS	Incident Information Management System	
IJV	Internal jugular vein	
ILC	Infiltrating lobular carcinoma	
IM	Intramuscular	
IMA	Internal mammary artery	
IMB	Intermenstrual bleeding	
IMC	Incomplete miscarriage	
IMI	Intramuscular injection	
IMT	Isometric muscle testing	
IMV	Intermittent mandatory ventilation	
In situ	In position	
Inf.	Inferior	
IN-I/N	intranasal	
inj.	Injection	
INR	International normalised ratio	
Insp.	Inspiratory	
Int.	Internal	
Inv.	Inversion	
IO	Intraosseous	
IOC	Intraoperative cholangiogram	
IODM	Infant of diabetic mother	
IOL	Induction of labour	
IOP	Intraocular pressure	
IP	Inpatient	
IPAH	idiopathic pulmonary arterial hypertension	
IPD	Intermittent peritoneal dialysis	
IPF	Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	
IPH	Intrapartum haemorrhage	
IPJ	Interphalangeal joint	

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
IPMA	Interpersonal Prevention and Management of Aggression	
IPPB	Intermittent positive pressure breathing	
IPPR	Intermittent positive pressure respiration	
IPPV	Intermittent positive pressure ventilation	
ipsilat	Ipsilateral	
IQ	Intelligence quotient	
IR	Internal rotation	
IR	Interventional Radiology	
IRDS	Infant respiratory distress syndrome	
IRMA	Intraretinal microvascular abnormalities	
IRPF	Idiopathic retroperitoneal fibrosis	
IRQ	Inner range quadriceps	
IRV	Inspiratory reserve volume	
ISADH	Inappropriate secretion of anti-diuretic hormone	
ISBAR	Identify, Situation, Background, Assessment, and Recommendation	
ISC	Intermittent self-catheterisation	
isq	Condition unchanged (in status quo)	
IST	Infraspinatus tendon	
ISWT	Incremental Shuttle Walk Test	
ITP	Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura	
IUCD	Intrauterine contraceptive device	
IUD	Intrauterine death	
IUFD	Intrauterine foetal death	
IUGR	Intrauterine growth retardation	
IUP	Intrauterine pregnancy	
IUTD	Immunisation Up To Date	
IV	Intravenous	
IVC	Inferior vena cava	
IVC	intravenous cannula	
IVD	Intervertebral disc	
IVF	In-vitro fertilisation	
IVF	IV Fluids	
IVH	Intraventricular haemorrhage	
IVI	Intravenous injection	
IVP	Intravenous pyelogram	
IVSD	Interventricular septal defect	
IVT	Intravenous therapy	
IVUS	Intravascular ultrasound	
IWT	Impacted wisdom teeth	
Ix	Investigation	

J, K

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
JCA	Juvenile chronic arthritis	
JDM	Juvenile diabetes mellitus	
JFM	Jewish founder mutation	
jj	jaw jerks	
JJ	Jejunostomy	
JO	Juvenile onset	
JPS	Juvenile polyposis syndrome	
JRA	Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis	
Jt.	Joint	
JVP	Jugular venous pressure	
JVPNE	Jugular venous pressure not elevated	
JVPCR	Jugular venous pressure not raised	
K	Potassium	
K Wire	Kirschner wire	
K10L3D	Kessler psychological distress scale – Last 3 days	
K10LM	Kessler psychological distress scale – Last month	
kcal	Kilocalorie	
kg	Kilogram	
kJ	Kilojoule	
kj	knee jerks	
Kl	Kilolitre	
Km	Kilometre	
KMP	Known male partner (casual)	
KPF	Known female partner	
KR	Kiellands rotation	
KR/KF	Kiellands rotation/Kiellands forceps	
KS	Kaposi's sarcoma	
KUB	Kidney, ureters, and bladder	

L

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
L	Left	
L	Litre	
L 1-5	Lumbar vertebrae 1-5	
L/N	Lymph node	
L/S	Lecithin/sphingomyelin (ratio)	
l/sulcus	Lateral sulcus	
LA	Local anaesthetic	
Lab	Laboratory	
LABA	Long acting beta-agonist	
LAD	Left anterior descending artery	
LAD	Left axis deviation	
LAFG	Long arm fibreglass cast	
LAHB	Left anterior hemiblock	
LAMA	Left against medical advice	
LAMA	Long acting muscarinic atagonist	
LAMP	Local anaesthesia, manipulation & plaster	
Lap.	Laparoscopy	
LAPI	Lacey Assessment of Preterm Infants	
LAPOP	Long arm plaster of paris	
LARC	Long-acting reversible contraceptives	
LASIK	Laser-Assisted In-Situ Keratomileusis	
Lat.	Lateral	
LAV	Lymphadenopathy-associated virus	
LBBB	Left bundle branch block	
LBD	Left border dullness	
LBE	Lateral basal expansion	
LBP	Low back pain	
LBW	Low birth weight	
LCA	Left coronary artery	
LCCA	Left common carotid angiogram	
LCCA	Left common carotid artery	
LCCS	Low cervical caesarean section	
LCIS	Lobular carcinoma in situ	
LCL	Lateral collateral ligament	
LCM	Left costal margin	
LCQ	Living in the Community Questionnaire	
LCx	Left circumflex	
LDDD	Lumbar degenerative disc disorder	
LDL	Low-density lipoprotein	
LEEP	Loop electrosurgery excision procedure	
LF	Little finger	
LF	Liver failure	

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LFA	Left femoral artery	
LFH	Left femoral hernia	
LFS	Li-Fraumeni syndrome	
LFT/LFTs	Liver Function Test	
LGA	Large for gestational age	
LGr	Low grade	
LGV	Lymphogranuloma venereum	
LH	Luteinising hormone	
LHF	Left heart failure	Historical only
Li	Lithium	
LICS	Left intercostal space	
LIF	Left iliac fossa	
ligs.	Ligaments	
LIH	Left inguinal hernia	
LIMA	Left internal mammary artery	
LIQ	Lower inner quadrant (breast)	
Liq.	Liquid	
LL	Lower limb	
LL	Lower lobe	
LLB	Lower limb brace	
LLETZ	Large loop excision transformation zone	
LLFG	Long leg fibreglass cast	
LLL	Left lower lobe (lung)	
LLPOP	Long leg plaster of Paris	
LLQ	Left lower quadrant	
LM	Left Message	
LMA	Laryngeal mask airway	
LMB	Left main bronchus	
LMCA	Left main coronary artery	
LML	Left middle lobe (lung)	
LMND	Lower motor neurone disease	
LMP	Last menstrual period	
LMTC	Left message to call	
LN2	Liquid Nitrogen	
LNB	Lymph node biopsy	
LNMP	Last normal menstrual period	
LOA	Left occipito-anterior	
LOC	Level of consciousness	
LOC	Loss of consciousness	
LOL	Left occipito-lateral	
LOP	Left occipito-posterior	
LOQ	Lower outer quadrant (breast)	
LOS	Length of stay	
LOT	Left occipito-transverse	
LOW	Loss of weight	

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
LP	Lumbar puncture	
LPU	Last passed urine	
LRQ	Lower right quadrant	
LRTI	Lower respiratory tract infection	
LS	Lumbosacral	
LSCL	Long subclavian line	
LSCP	Left scapulo posterior	
LSCS	Low segment caesarean section	
LSE	Left sternal edge	
LSI	Last sexual intercourse	
LSO	Left salpingo-oophorectomy	
LSP	Left sacro posterior	
LSV	Left saphenous vein	
LTHR	Left total hip replacement	
LTM	Long term memory	
LTS	Lateral tarsal strip	
L TSAE	Learn the Signs Act Early	
LU	Last use	
Lube	lubricant	
LU DT	Left undescended testicle	
LUL	Left upper lobe (lung)	
LUQ	Left upper quadrant	
LUSCS	Lower uterine segment caesarean section	
LV	Left ventricle	
LVAD	Left ventricular assistance device	
LVEDP	Left ventricular end-diastolic pressure	
LVF	Left ventricular failure	
LVH	Left ventricular hypertrophy	
LVS	Low vaginal swab	
lymphs	Lymphocytes	
LZ	Lower zone	

M

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
m	Metre	
m/p	Medial plantar	
m/sulcus	Medial sulcus	
M1	Mitral valve, first sound	
M2	Mitral valve, second sound	
MA	Maternal aunt	
MAC	Mycobacterium avium complex	
MACE	Malone antegrade continence enema	
MAI	Mycobacterium avium-intracellulare infection	
MALT	Mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue	
mane	In the morning	
MAOI	Monoamine oxidase inhibitors	
MAP	Mean airway pressure	
MAP	Mean arterial pressure	
MAP	MutYH (MYH) associated polyposis	
MAR	Medication Administration Record	
MAS	Motor assessment scale	
MAST	Mastectomy	
MAST	Military anti-shock trousers	
Mat	Maternal	
Max.	Maximum	
MBA	Motor bike accident	
MBC	Male breast cancer	
MBD	Minimal brain dysfunction	
MBS	Modified barium swallow	
MC	Miscarriage	
MCA	Middle cerebral artery	
MCD	Multidisciplinary Case Discussion	
MCDA	Monochorionic Diamniotic twins	
MCG	Micturating cystogram	
MCH	Mean corpuscular haemoglobin	
MCHC	Mean corpuscular haemoglobin concentration	
MCL	Mid-clavicular line	
MCLS	Mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome	
MCMA	Monochorionic-monoamniotic twins	
MCP	Metacarpophalangeal	
MCS	Microscopy, culture and sensitivity	
MCV	Mean corpuscular volume	
MCV	molluscum contagiosum virus	
MD	Muscular dystrophy	
MDD	Major depressive disorder	
MDI	Metered dose inhaler	

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MDM	Mid-diastolic murmur	
MDMA	Methylenedioxyamphetamine	
MDP	Manic depressive psychosis	
MDR-TB	Multidrug-resistant tuberculosis	
MDS	Myelodysplastic syndrome	
MDT	Multidisciplinary team meeting	
ME	Myalgic encephalitis	
Mec liq	Meconium liquor	
Mec.	Meconium	
MED	Minimal erythema dose	
Med.	Medial	
Meds	Medications	
MELAS	episodes	
MEN	Multiple endocrine neoplasia	
Meq.	Milli-equivalents	
METS; Mets	Metastatic	
MF	Middle Finger	
MFC	Medial femoral condyle	
MFD	Mid forceps delivery	
MFM	Maternal Fetal Medicine	
Mg	Magnesium	
mg	Milligram	
MG	Mycoplasma genitalium	
MGA	Manipulation under general anaesthetic	
MGA	Maternal great aunt	
Mgen	mycoplasma genitalium	
MGF	Maternal grandfather	
MGM	Maternal grandmother	
MGTT	Modified glucose tolerance test	
MGUS	Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance	
MH	Mental health	
MHA	Mental Health Act	
MHI	Manual hyperinflation	
MHOAT	Mental Health Outcome Assessment Tool	
MHT	Menopause Hormone Therapy	
Mhz	Megahertz	
MI	Myocardial infarction	
MID	Multi-infarct dementia	
MIMS	Monthly index of medical specialities	
min.	Minimum	
mJ	Megajoule	
ML	Middle lobe (lung)	
mL	Millilitre	
MLB	Monaural loudness balance hearing test	

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
MLD	Masking level difference hearing test	
MLH1	mutL homolog 2 gene	
mm	Millimetre	
MM	Multiple Myeloma	
MMG	Mammogram	
mmHg	Millimetres of mercury	
MMK	Marshall-Marchetti-Krantz operation	
mmol	millimole	
MMP	Medication management plan	
MMR	Measles-mumps-rubella vaccine	
MMR	Mismatch repair genes	
MMSE	Mini mental state examination	
MMT	Manual muscle testing	
MND	Motor neurone disease	
MNG	Multinodular goitre	
MO	Medical oncology	
Mo	Mother	
Mob.	Mobilise	
MOCA	Montreal cognitive assessment	
MOD	Mature onset diabetes	
Mod.	Moderate	
mods.	Modifications	
MODY	Maturity-onset diabetes of the young	
movt.	Movement	
MP1	Mallampati 1 (a score for mouth opening in anaesthesia, 1-4 grades)	
MPD	Mucopurulent discharge	
MPNST	Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumour	
MPS	Myocardial perfusion scan	
MPV	Mean platelet volume	
MR	Mitral regurgitation	
MRA	Magnetic resonance angiography	
MRCP	Magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography	
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging	
MRN	Medical record number	
MROP	Manual removal of placenta	
MRP	Motor relearning programme	
MRSA	Methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus	
MS	Mitral stenosis	
MS	Multiple sclerosis	
MSA	Mammary specific antigen	
MSE	Mental state examination	
MSH2	mutS homolog 2 gene	
MSH6	mutS homolog 6 gene	

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
MSHC	Melbourne Sexual Health Centre	
MSI	Microsatellite instability testing	
MSL	Meconium stained liquor	
MSLT	Multiple sleep latency test	
MSM	Men who have sex with men	
MST	Malnutrition screening tool	
MSU	Mid stream urine	
MTD	Muscle tension dysphonia	
MTF	Male to Female	
Mths	Months	
MTP	Metatarsophalangeal	
MUA	Manipulation under anaesthetic	
MULE	Multiple upper limb exerciser	
Multip.	Multipara = more than one live birth	
Mut mast/ MM	Mutual masturbation	
MutYH	mutY homolog gene	
MV	Mechanical ventilation	
MV	mitral valve	
MVA	Motor vehicle accident	
MVD	Mitral valve disease	
MVP	Mitral valve prolapse	
MVR	Mitral valve replacement	
MW	Mallory-Weiss syndrome	
MWC	Manual wheelchair	
Mx	Management	
Myco.	Mycobacterium	
MYH	Mut Y homologous gene	
MZ	Middle/mid zone	

N

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
N	Normal	
N&V	Nausea and vomiting	
N/A	Not applicable	
N/D	Normal delivery	
N/E	No effect	
N/G	Nasogastric	
N/S	Normal saline, nursing staff	not to be used when prescribing
Na	Sodium	
NAAT	Nucleic Acid Amplification Test	
NAD	No abnormalities detected	
NAFLD	Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease	
NAM	Nutrition as medication	
NANB	Non-A/Non-B viral hepatitis	
NASH	Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis	
NAT	Non Accidental Trauma	
NB	Newborn	
NBAC	Next Birth After Caesarean	
NBCCS	Nevoid basal cell carcinoma syndrome	
NBF	Neville Barnes forceps low	
NBM	Nil by mouth	
NBST	Newborn screening test	
NCS	Nerve Conduction Study	
NE	Not engaged	
Neb.	Nebuliser/nebulised	
NEC	Necrotising enterocolitis	
Neg.	Negative	
NESB	Non-English-speaking background	Historical only
NET	Neuroendocrine tumours	
NF1	Neurofibromatosis type 1 / neurofibromin gene	
NF2	Neurofibromatosis type 2 / neurofibromin gene	
NFA	No fixed abode/address	
NFO	No further orders	
NFR	Not for resuscitation	
NG	neisseria gonorrhoea	
NGO	Non-government organisation	
NGT	Nasogastric tube	
NGU	Nongonococcal urethritis	
NH	Nursing home	
NHL	Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	
NHT	Nursing home type	

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NIBP	Non-invasive blood pressure	
NICU	Neonatal intensive care unit	
NIEL	Not in established labour	
NIHSS	National Institute of Health Stroke Scale	
NIMV	Non invasive mask ventilation	
NIPS/T	Non-invasive prenatal screening / testing	
NIPV	Non invasive pressure ventilation	
NIV	Non-invasive ventilation	
NJ	Nasojejunal	
NK	Nil known; not known	
NKA	No known allergies	
NKDA	No known drug allergies	
NLE	Neonatal lupus erythematosus	
NMP	Normal menstrual period	
NMRI	Nuclear magnetic resonance imaging	
NMS	Neuroleptic malignant syndrome	
NND	Neonatal death	
NOAC	Novel oral anticoagulants	
NOAD	No other abnormality detected	
Nocte	Night	
NOF	Neck of femur	
NOH	Neck of humerus	
NOK	Next of kin	
NOLD	No osseous lesion detected	
NOS	Not otherwise specified	
NP	nasal prong	
NP	Non productive	
NPA	Nasopharyngeal airway	
NPEP	Non-occupational post exposure prophylaxis	
NPO2	Nasal prong oxygen	
npu	Not passed urine	
NPWT	Negative-pressure wound therapy	
NR	Normal range	
NRB	Non rebreather mask	
NRT	Nicotine replacement therapy	
NS	Nuclear sclerosis cataract	
NSAID	Non steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs	
NSC	Non-sterile cataract	
NSCLC	Non small cell lung cancer/carcinoma	
NSMDA	Neurosensory Motor Developmental Assessment	
NSR	Normal sinus rhythm	
NSTEACS	Non ST elevation acute coronary syndrome	
NSTEMI	Non ST elevation myocardial infarction	
NSU	Non-specific urethritis	

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NSVT	Non sustained ventricular tachycardia	
NT	Nuchal translucency	
NVB	Normal Vaginal Birth	
NVD	Normal Vaginal Delivery	
NWB	Non weight bearing	

O

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
O&G	Obstetrics and Gynaecology	
O/A	On admission; on arrival	
O/C	Onychocryptosis	
O/C/P	Ova/cysts/parasites	
O/D	Overdose	
O/E	On examination	
O/G	Onychogryphosis	
O/M	Onychomycosis	
O/N	Overnight	
O/R	Open reduction	
O/R	Operating Room	
O:	Objective	
O2	Oxygen	
O2 Sats	Oxygen saturation	
OA	Occipito-anterior (L or R)	
OA	Osteoarthritis	
OAB	Over active bladder	
OB	Obstetrics	
Obs	Observations	
OBS	Organic brain syndrome	
Obs.	Observations	
OCD	Obsessive compulsive disorder	
OCD	Osteochondritis dissecans	
OCP	Oral contraceptive pill	
OCT	Optical coherence tomography	
OFD	Orofaciodigital syndrome	
OG	Orogastric	
OGD	Oesophagogastroduodenoscopy	
OGTT	Oral glucose tolerance test	
OH&S	Occupational health and safety	
OHI	Oral hygiene instruction	
OHS	Obesity hypoventilation syndrome	
OI	Osteogenesis imperfecta	
Oint	Ointment	
OJ	Other joints	
OM	Obtuse marginal	
OM	Otitis media	
OMS	Ontario Modify Stratify falls risk screening tool	
OMS	Opsoclonus-Myoclonus Wyndrome	
ONC	Oncology	
ONS	Oral nutrition support	
OP	Operation	

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
OP	Osteoporosis	
OP	Outpatient	
OPD	Outpatients Department	
OPG	Orthopantomography	
Ophth.	Ophthalmology	
OR	Open reduction	
OR	Operating Room	
ORIF	Open reduction with internal fixation	
ORQ	Outer range quadriceps	
ORTHIN	Overdose Response with Take Home Naloxone intervention	
Ortho.	Orthopaedics	
OSA	Obstructive sleep apnoea	
OSHS	Obstructive sleep hypopnoea syndrome	
OSI	Oral sexual intercourse	
OST	Opioid Substitution Therapy	
OT	Occiput ransverse position	
OT	Occupational Therapy	
OT	Operation theatre	
OTA	Over toilet aid	
OTC	Over the counter	
Outs	Outfractures	
Ov Ca	Ovarian cancer	

P

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
P&P	Pin and plate	
P/c	Phone call	
P/N	Postnatal	
p/o	Productive of	
P/S	Plantar surface	
P/T	Physiotherapy	
P:	Plan	
P1	Proximal Phalanx	
P1, P2	Pulmonary valve, first sound or second sound	
P2	Middle Phalanx	
P3	Distal Phalanx	
PA	Per axilla	
PAC	Pre admission clinic	
PAC	Premature atrial contractions	
PAC	Pressure area care	
PACE	Patient with acute condition requiring escalation	Historical only
PACE	Promoting aphasic's communicative effectiveness	
PACU	Post anaesthesia care unit	
PADL	Personal activities of daily living	
Paed	Paediatrics	
PAF	Paroxysmal atrial fibrillation	
PAINAD	Pain assessment in Advanced Demntia	
PAIVMS	Passive accessory intervertebral movements	
Pall Care	Palliative care	
palp.	Palpitations	
PAMS	Passive accessory movements	
PAN	Polyarteritis nodosa	
PAP	Primary atypical pneumonia	
Pap smear	Papanicolaou smear test	
PAPP-A	Pregnancy-associated plasma protein A	
Para	Paraplegic	
PARPi	PARP inhibitor, polyadenosine ribopolymerase inhibitor	
PAS	Patient Administration System	
pass.	Passive	
PAT	Paroxysmal atrial tachycardia	
pat.	Patella	
pat.	Paternal	
PB	Perineal Body	
PBC	Primary biliary cirrhosis	
PC	Packed cells	

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
pc	Presenting complaint	
PC	Phone Call	
PCA	Patient controlled analgesia	
PCB	Post-coital bleeding	
PCI	Percutaneous coronary intervention	
PCK	Polycystic kidney	
PCL	Posterior cruciate ligament	
pCO ₂	Partial pressure of Carbon Dioxide	
PCOD	Polycystic ovary disease	
PCOS	Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome	
PCP	Phencyclidine	
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction	
PCT	Porphyria cutanea tarda	
PCTA	Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty	
PCV	Packed cell volume	
PD	Peritoneal dialysis	
PDA	Patent ductus arteriosus	
PDA	Posterior descending artery	
PDL	Patient Discharge Lounge	
PDMS	Peabody Developmental Motor Scale	
PDPT	patient delivered partner therapy	
PDU	Patient Discharge Unit	
PDx	Principal Diagnosis	
P Dx	Provisional diagnosis	
PE	Physical examination	
PE	Pleural effusion	
PE	Pulmonary embolism	
PEARL	Pupils equal and reacting to light	
PECC	Psychiatric Emergency Care Centre	
PECCRLA	Pupils equal, concentric, circular, reacting to light and accommodation	
PEDI	Paediatric Evaluation of Disability Inventory	
PEEP	Positive end expiratory pressure	
PEFR	Peak expiratory flow rate	
PEG	Percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy	
PEJ	Percutaneous endoscopic jejunostomy	
PENS	Percutaneous electrical nerve stimulator	
PEO	Protective Estates Order	
PEP	Post-exposure prophylaxis	
perc	Percussion	
perc	percutaneous	
Perp	Perpetrator	
pess	Pessary	
PET	positron emitted tomography	
PET	Pre-eclamptic toxemia	

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PF	Patellofemoral	
PFCKR	Patellofemoral compartment knee replacement	
PFMC	Pelvic Floor Muscle contraction	
PFMT	Pelvic Floor Muscle Training	
PFO	Patent foramen ovale	
PFR	Peak flow rate	
PFT	Pulmonary function test	
PFx	Pelvic floor exercises	
PGD	Preimplantation genetic diagnosis	
PGF	Paternal grandfather	
PGH	Pituitary growth hormone	
PGL	Persistent generalised lymphadenopathy	
PGM	Paternal grandmother	
PG-SGA	Patient guided subjective global assessment	
pH	Hydrogen ion concentration	
PHR	Personal Health Record	
PHT	Pulmonary hypertension	
PHx	Past history	
PHx	Patient history	
PHx	Personal history	
Physio	Physiotherapy	
PI	Pressure Injury	
PI	Prothrombin index	
PICA	Posterior inferior cerebral artery	
PICC	Peripherally inserted central catheter	
PiCCO	Pulse contour cardiac output	
PID	Pelvic inflammatory disease	
PIE	Pulmonary infiltration with eosinophilia	
PIH	Pregnancy induced hypertension	
PIN	Prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia	
PINOP	Person in need of Protection	
PIP	Peak Inspiratory Pressure	
PIP	Proximal interphalangeal joint	
PITP	Powered inferior turbinoplasty	
PIVC	peripheral intravenous catheter/cannula	
PIVD	Prolapsed intervertebral disc	
PJP	Pneumocystis jirovecii pneumonia	
PJS	Peutz-Jeghers syndrome	
PKB	Prone knee bend	
PKD	Polycystic kidney disease	
PKU	Phenylketonuria	
Plt	platelets	
PM	Post mortem	
PMA	Plantar metatarsal area	

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PMB	Post menopausal bleeding	
PMH	Past medical history	
PMN/ Polys	Polymorphs on gram	
PMP	Plantar metatarsal pad	
PMR	Polymyalgia rheumatica	
PMS	Premenstrual syndrome	
PMS2	PMS1 homolog 2 gene	
PMT	Premenstrual tension	
PN	Partner Notification	
PN	Percussion note	
PNB	Prostate needle biopsy	
PNC	Post natal clinic	
PND	Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnoea	
PND	Prenatal diagnosis	
PND	Postnatal Depression	
PNET	Primitive neuroectodermal tumour	
PNF	Passive neck flexion	
PNH	Paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria	
PNLA	Percutaneous needle lung aspiration	
PNMH	Perinatal Mental Health	
PNS	Peripheral nervous system	
PNT	Pancreatic neuroendocrine tumour	
PNX	Pneumonia	
PO	Per os - By mouth; orally	
pO2	Concentration of oxygen in solution	
PO4	Phosphate	
POA	Power of attorney	
POBA	Plain old balloon angioplasty	
POC	Point Of care	
POC	Products of conception	
POCT	point of care testing	
POD	Pouch of Douglas	
Podo	Podophyllin/ podophyllotoxin	
POF	Premature ovarian failure syndrome	
POH	Poor Obstetric History	
POI	Primary ovarian insufficiency	
POP	Pelvic Organ Prolapse	
POP	Persistent occipito-posterior	
POP	Progestogen only pill	
Pos.	Positive	
Post op	Post operatively	
Post.	Posterior	
POW	Prince of Wales Hospital	
POW	Prisoner of war	
PP	Pin prick	

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PP Ca	Primary peritoneal cancer	
PPE	Personal protective equipment	
PPH	Post partum haemorrhage	
PPHN	Persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn	
PPI	Proton pump inhibitor	
PPIVM	Passive physiological intervertebral movements	
PPM	Passive Physiological Movement	
PPM	Permanent pacemaker	
PPN	Peripheral parenteral nutrition	
pPNET	Peripheral primitive neuroectodermal tumour	
PPROM	Preterm premature rupture of membranes	
PPU	Perforated peptic ulcer	
PR	paced rhythm	
PR	Per rectum - by or through the rectum	
PR	Progesterone receptor	
PRAFAB	Protection, Amount, Frequency, Adjustment, Body Image	used in note PRAFAB Continence Questionnaire
Pre med	Pre medication	
PREM	Patient Reported Experience Measures	
Prem	Premature Infant	
Pre-op	Pre operatively	
PrEP	Pre-exposure prophylaxis (HIV)	
Prep	Preparation	
PRFFNB	Percutaneous radiofrequency facet nerve block	
PRIND	Prolonged reversible ischaemic neurological deficit	
PRK	Photorefractive keratectomy	
prn	Pro re nata - As necessary	
pro tem	for now, in the short term	
prod.	Productive	
prog.	Prognosis	
PROM	Patient Reported Outcome Measures	
PROM	Premature rupture of membranes	
pron.	Pronation	
prot.	Protein	
prot.	Protraction	
prox.	Proximal	
PRVC	Pressure regulated volume control	
PS	Presenting symptoms	
PS	Pressure support	
PSA	Prostate-specific antigen	
PSC	Polar senile cataract	

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PSCP	Psychosocial Care Plan	
PSD	Psychosocial Disability	
PSH	Past surgical history	
PSHx	Past surgical history	
PSI	Previous sexual intercourse	
PSP	Progressive supranuclear palsy	
PST	Parent Support Team	SESLHD Model of Care
PSV	Pressure support ventilation	
PT	Physiotherapy	
Pt	Patient	
PTA	Post-Traumatic Amnesia	
PTAV	Percutaneous transluminal aortic valvuloplasty	
PTB	Pulmonary tuberculosis	
PTC	Percutaneous transhepatic cholangiography	
PTCA	Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty	Historical only
PTCH1	Patched 1 gene	
PTD	Pre test discussion	
PTE	Pulmonary thromboemboli	
PTEN	Phosphatase and tensin homologous gene	
PTFL	Posterior tibiofibular ligament	
PTH	Parathyroid hormone	
PTK	Phototherapeutic keratectomy	
PTS	Pulled to sitting/pulled to standing	
PTSD	Post traumatic stress disorder	
pu	Passed urine	
PU	Paternal uncle	
PU	Peptic ulcer	
PU/S	Pulsed ultrasound	
PUD	Peptic ulcer disease	
PUF	Pick-up frame	
PUIT	Passed urine in toilet	
PUJ	Pelvi-ureteric junction	
PUO	Pyrexia of unknown origin	
PUPP	Pruritic urticarial plaques of pregnancy	
PUVA	Psoralen ultraviolet A therapy	
PV	Per vagina	
PVB	Per vagina bleeding	
PVC	Premature ventricular contraction	
PVD	Peripheral vascular disease	
PVE	Per vaginal examination	
PVR	Post void residual	
PVS	Post-viral syndrome	
PWB	Partial weight-bearing	

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PWC	Powered wheelchair	
PWD	Person with disability	

Q, R

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
qid	Quarter in die - Four times per day	
QS	Quad stick	
quad.	Quadraplegia	
quads.	Quadriiceps	
R	Receptive (sexual intercourse)	
R	Right	
R/O	Removal of	
R/T	Radiotherapy	
R/V	Review	
RA	Rheumatoid arthritis	
RA	Right atrium	
RA	Room air	
RAD	Right axis deviation	
RAEB	Refractory anaemia with excess blasts	
RAEB-T	Refractory anaemia with excess blasts in transformation	
RAF	Rapid atrial fibrillation	
RAH	Right atrial hypertrophy	
RAM	Rapid alternating movements	
RARS	Refractory anaemia with ringed sideroblasts	
RAS	Renal artery stenosis	
RASI	Receptive anal sexual intercourse	
RBBB	Right bundle branch block	
rbc	Red blood cell	
RBC	Red blood count	
RBD	Right border dullness	
RBG	Random blood glucose	
RBGL	Random blood glucose levels	
RCA	Right coronary artery	
RCB	Relaxed controlled breathing	
RCC	Red cell count	
RCCA	Right common carotid angiogram/arteriogram	
RCM	Right costal margin	
RCV	Red cell volume	
RDS	Respiratory Distress Syndrome	
RDT	Routine dialysis therapy	
RDW	Red cell distribution width	
Re:	Regarding	
Reg	regular	
REIL	Repeated extension in lying	
REIS	Repeated extension in sitting	
Rels.	Relatives	

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REM	Rapid eye movement	
rep.	Repeated	
Resp.	Respiratory	
ret.	Retraction	
RF	Renal failure	Historical only
RF	Ring Finger	
RF	Rollator frame – two wheels	
RFA	recommendation for admission	
RFA	Right femoral artery	
RFH	Right femoral hernia	
RFIL	Repeated flexion in lying	
RFIS	Repeated flexion in standing	
RFP	Regular female partner	
RFP	Right frontoposterior	
RFT	Right frontotransverse	
RFTs	Respiratory function tests	
RGP	Retrograde pyelogram	
Rh +ve	Rhesus factor positive	
Rh -ve	Rhesus factor negative	
RHD	Rheumatic heart disease	
RHF	Right heart failure	
RIB	Reportable incident brief	
RIB	Rest in bed	
RICE	Rest, ice, compression, and elevation	
RICS	Right intercostal space	
RIF	Right iliac fossa	
RIH	Right inguinal hernia	
RIMA	Right internal mammary artery	
RIND	Reversible ischaemic neurologic deficit	
RIP	Raised intracranial pressure	
RIP	Rest in peace	
RJ	Radial jerk	
R-J	Robert Jones bandage	
RK	Radial keratotomy	
RLF	Retrolental fibroplasia	
RLIQ	Right lower inner quadrant (breast)	
RLL	Right lower lid	
RLL	Right lower lobe	
RLN	Recurrent laryngeal nerve	
RLOQ	Right lower outer quadrant (breast)	
RLQ	Right lower quadrant (abdomen)	
RML	Right middle lobe (lung)	
RMP	Regular male partner	
RNA	Ribonucleic acid	
RO	Radiation oncology	

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ROA	Right occipito anterior	
ROI	Release of information	
ROL	Right occipitolateral	
ROM	Range of motion	
ROP	Right occipitoposterior	
ROS	Removal of sutures	
ROSH	Risk of Significant Harm	
ROT	Right occipitotransverse	
rot.	Rotation	
RPC	Retained products of conception	
RPF	Retroperitoneal fibrosis	
RPR	Rapid plasma reagin	
Rpt	Repeat	
RR	Rapid response	
RR	Respiratory rate	
RR(B/U)SO	Risk reducing (bilateral/unilateral) salpingo-oophorectomy	
RRM	Risk reducing mastectomy	
RRMed	Risk reducing medication	
RRT	Renal Replacement Therapy	
RSA	Right sacro-anterior	
RSCP	Right Scapulo posterior	
RSD	Reflex sympathetic dystrophy (now CRPS)	Historical only
RSI	Repetitive strain injury	
RSO	Right salpingo-oophorectomy	
RSP	Right sacroposterior	
RST	Right sacrotransverse	
RSV	Respiratory syncytial virus	
RSVB	Respiratory syncytial virus bronchiolitis	
RT	Radiotherapy	
RTA	Regular in time and amplitude	
RTB	Return to bed	
RTHR	Right total hip replacement	
RTI	Respiratory tract infection	
RTL	Reacting to light	
RTS	Raised toilet seat	
RTU	Returned to unit	
RTW	Return To Work	
RTW	Returned to ward	
RTx	Radiotherapy	
RUDAS	Rowland Universal Dementia Assessment Scale	
RUIQ	Right upper inner quadrant (breast)	
RUL	Right upper lid	
RUL	right upper lobe (lung)	

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RUO	Right ureteric orifice	
RUOQ	Right upper outer quadrant (breast)	
RUQ	Right upper quadrant	
RV	Retro verted (uterus)	
RV	Right ventricle	
RVA	Right vertebral angiogram	
RVF	Right ventricular failure	
RVH	Right ventricular hypertrophy	
RVP	Right ventricular pressure	
RVR	Rapid ventricular response	
RVT	Renal vein thrombosis	
Rx	Treatment/prescription	
RXT	Right exotropia	

S

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
s	serum	
S. aureus	Staphylococcus aureus	
S/B	Seen by	
S/B	Stillborn/stillbirth	
S/chair	Shower chair	
S/E	Subjective examination	
s/o	Standing order	
s/o	Suction out	
S/stool	Shower stool	
S/V	Supervision	
S1-5	Sacral vertebrae (1-5)	
SA	Sexual assault	
Sab	Sabouraud agar	
SAFG	Short arm fibreglass cast	
SAH	Subarachnoid haemorrhage	
SAL	Sensorineural acuity level test	
SaO2	Saturation of arterial oxygen	
SAPOP	Short arm plaster of paris	
SARS	Sudden Acute Respiratory Syndrome	
S-B test	Stanford-Binet test	
SBA	Standby assistance	
SBE	Subacute bacterial endocarditis– no longer in use; replaced by IE – infective endocarditis	
SBO	Small bowel obstruction	
SBP	Systolic blood pressure	
SBR	Serum bilirubin	
SBR	Strict bed rest	
SBT	Sharp/blunt test	
SC	School counsellor	
SCA	Sickle cell anaemia	
SCAD	Spontaneous coronary artery dissection	
scap.	Scapula	
SCC	Squamous cell carcinoma	
SCC	Squamous cell cardinoma	
SCD	Sudden cardiac death	
SCH	Subconjunctival haemorrhage	
SCI	Subcutaneous injection	
SCI MH-OAT	Service Contact Info. Mental Health Outcome & Assessment Tools	
SCID	Severe combined immunodeficiency disease	
SCLC	Small cell lung cancer	
SCN	Special Care Nursery	

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
SCTAT	Sex cord tumour with annular tubules of the ovary	
SCTx	Static cervical traction	
SCZ	Schizophrenia	
SDAT	Senile dementia Alzheimer's type	
SDH	Subdural haemorrhage/haematoma	
SDHA	Succinate dehydrogenase A complex gene	
SDHAF2	Succinate dehydrogenase AF2 complex gene	
SDHB	Succinate dehydrogenase B complex gene	
SDHC	Succinate dehydrogenase C complex gene	
SDHD	Succinate dehydrogenase D complex gene	
SDQ	Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire	
SDT	Speech detection threshold	
SEM	Systolic ejection murmur	
sens.	Sensation	
SFA	Superficial femoral artery	
SFD	Small for dates	
SFL/R	Side flexion left/right	
SG	Specific gravity	
SGA	Small for gestational age	
SGA	Subjective global assessment	
SGIS	Side glide in standing	
SH	Self harm	
SH	Sexual Health	
SH	Social history	
Sh.	Shoulder	
SHL	Sudden hearing loss	
SHx	Self harm	
SHx	Sexual Health	
SHx	Social history	
SI	Self Injury	
SI	Sexual intercourse	
SI	Stress Incontinence	
SIADH	Syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone (secretion)	
SIBR	Structured Interdisciplinary Bedside Rounds	
Sibs	Siblings	
SIDS	Sudden infant death syndrome	
SIJ	Sacro-iliac joint	
SIL	Supported Independent Living	
SIMV	Synchronised intermittent mandatory ventilation	
SIRS	Systemic inflammatory response syndrome	
Sis	Sister	
SISADH	Syndrome of inappropriate secretion of antidiuretic hormone	

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SIW	Self inflicted wound	
SIW	Sex industry worker	
SL	Side lying	
SL	Sublingual	
SLAP	Superior labrum anterior-posterior lesion	
SLE	Systemic lupus erythematosus	
SLFG	Short leg fibreglass cast	
SLN	Superior laryngeal nerve	
SLPOP	Short leg plaster of Paris	
SLR	Straight leg raising	
SLS	Single leg stand	
SLT	Single lung transplant	
SMA	Superior mesenteric artery	
SMAD4	SMAD family member 4 gene	
SMBG	Self monitoring of blood glucose	
SMD	Senile macular degeneration	
SMI	Sustained maximal inspiration	
SMR	Submucous resection (nose)	
SN	Senile nuclear cataract	
Sn	Suction	
SNAP	Subacute & non-acute patient	
SNAP AROC	Subacute and Non-Acute Patient Australian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre	
SNRI	Serotonin and noradrenalin re-uptake inhibitor	
SNS	Sympathetic nervous system	
SO	Salpingo-oophorectomy	
SOA	Swelling of ankles	
SOB	Shortness of breath	
SOBAR	Shortness of breath at rest	
SOBOE	Shortness of breath on exertion	
SOEOB	Sitting over edge of bed	
SOL	Spontaneous onset of labour	
Sol'n	Solution	
SOM	Secretary otitis media	
SOOB	Sit out of bed	
sp	Species	
SP	Speech Pathology	
SPC	Suprapubic catheter	
Spiro.	Spirometry	
SPO2	Saturation of peripheral oxygen	
SPPS	Stable plasma protein solution	
SPRED1	Sprouty-related gene	
SPROM	Spontaneous premature rupture of the membranes	
SPS	Single point stick	

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Sput.	Sputum	
SQ	Static quadriceps	
SR	Self Report	
SR	Sinus rhythm	
SROM	Spontaneous rupture of membranes	
s-s	Side to side	
SSA	Sessile serrated adenoma	
SSG	Split skin graft	
SSI	Sliding scale insulin	
SSNHL	Sudden sensorineural hearing loss	
SSP/SSPE	Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis	
SSRI	Selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitor	
SSS	Sick sinus syndrome	
SST	Supraspinatus tendon	
SSV	Short saphenous vein	
ST	Sinus tachycardia	
Staph.	Staphylococcus	
stat	Statim - immediately, once only	
STD	Sexually transmitted disease	
STEMI	ST elevation myocardial infarction	
STI	Sexually transmissible infection	
STI	Soft tissue injury	
STIGMA	Sexually Transmissible Infections in Gay Men Action Group	
STK11	Serine/threonine kinase 11 gene	
STM	Short term memory	
STML	Short term memory loss	
STO	Standing order	
STR	Soft tissue release	
Strep.	Streptococcus	
STS	Serology tests for syphilis	
STS	Sit to stand	
STSG	Split-thickness skin graft	
Sub US	Subaquatic ultrasound	
subcut	Subcutaneous	
subj.	Subjective	
subling	Sublingual	
Subscap.	Subscapularis tendon	
SUD	Sudden unexplained death	
SUDI	Sudden unexplained death in Infancy	
SUI	Stress Urinary Incontinence	
Sup.	Supination	
Supp.	Supplement	
Supp.	Suppository	
Surg.	Surgery or surgical	

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Susp.	Suspension	
SVC	Superior vena cava	
SVG	Saphenous vein graft	
SVR	Systemic vascular resistance	
SVT	Supraventricular tachycardia	
SW	Sex Worker	
SW	Social work	
SWISH	NSW Statewide Infant Screening - Hearing	
Sx	Surgery	
SX	Symptoms	
SXR	Skull x-ray	
Syph/	Syphilis	
SZ	Schizophrenia	

T

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
t.d.s	Three times a day (ter die sumendum)	
T/F	Transfer	
T/P	Transplant	
T/S	Thoracic spine	
T1-12	Thoracic vertebrae (1-12)	
T1DM	Type 1 diabetes mellitus	
T2DM	Type 2 diabetes mellitus	
TA	Take away	
TA	Tendoachilles	
TA	Tubular adenoma	
Tab.	Tablet	
TAF	Tenofovir Alafenamide	
TAH	Total abdominal hysterectomy	
TAHBSO	Total abdominal hysterectomy and bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy	
TAPVC	Total anomalous pulmonary venous connection	
TAT	Turnaround time	
TAVI	Transcatheter aortic valve implantation	
TB	Tuberculosis (tubercle bacillus)	
TBA	To be arranged	
TBC	To be continued	
TBC	To be confirmed	
TBI	Traumatic brain injury	
TBLC	Term birth living child	
TBLI	Term birth live infant	
TBW	Tension band wiring	
TCA	Tricyclic antidepressant	
TCC	Transitional cell carcinoma	
TCI	To come in	
T-CLL	T-cell chronic lymphocytic leukaemia	
TCM	Transcutaneous monitoring	
TCRA	Transfer of Care Risk Assessment	
TCV	Talipes calcaneovalgus	
TD	Tardive dyskinesia Transdermal	
TDF	Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate	
TDS	Ter in de - Three times per day	
TED	Thromboembolic deterrent stockings	
Temp.	Temperature	
TENS	Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation	
TEST	Tubal embryo stage transfer	
Tet-tox	Tetanus toxoid	

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
TEV	Talipes equinovarus	
TF	Thickened fluids	
TFA	Transfemoral amputation	
TFGT	Treatment focussed genetic testing	
TFL	Tensor fasciae latae	
TFT	Thyroid function tests	
TG	Triglycerides	
TGA	Transient global amnesia	
TGF-b	Tumour growth factor - b	
TH	Total hysterectomy	
THA	Total hip arthroplasty	
THBSO	Total hysterectomy bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy	
THC	Tetrahydrocannabinol (Cannabis/Marijuana)	
THN	Take home Naloxone	
THR	Total hip replacement	
TIA	Transient ischaemic attack	
TIBC	Total iron binding capacity	
TIPS	Transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt	
TIS	Tilt-in-Space	
TIVA	Total intravenous anaesthesia	
TJ	Triceps jerks	
TKA	Total knee arthroplasty	
TKR	Total knee replacement	
TKVO	To keep vein open	
TLA	Translumbal aortogram	
TLE	Temporal lobe epilepsy	
TLR	Tonic labyrinthine reflex	
TM	Tympanic membrane	
TMC	Threatened miscarriage	
TMJ	Temporomandibular joint	
TML	Trachea midline	
TMR	Transmyocardial revascularisation	
TMT	Tarsometatarsal	
TNBC	Triple negative breast cancer	
TNF	Tumour necrosis factor	
ToC	Take/took over care	
TOC	Test Of Cure	
ToC	Transfer of Care	
TOE	Transoesophageal echocardiogram	
TOF	Tracheo-oesophageal fistula– Tetralogy of Falot	
TOL	Trial of labour	
TOP	Termination of pregnancy	
TOR	Test of reinfection	

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TORCH (complex)	Toxoplasmosis, others (syphilis, hepatitis B), rubella, cytomegalovirus, herpes simplex	
TORCHes	Toxoplasmosis, others (syphilis, hepatitis B), rubella, cytomegalovirus, herpes simplex	
TOS	Trial of scar	
TOSH	Thoughts of self harm	
TOSH	Thoughts of self harm	
TOV	Trial of void	
Toxo	Toxoplasmosis	
TP53	Tumour protein p53 gene	
TPG	Transpulmonary pressure gradient	
TPHA	Treponema pallidum haemagglutination test	
TPI	Totally and permanently incapacitated	
TPL	Threatened premature labour	
TPN	Total parenteral nutrition	
TPP	Time, place and person	
TPTL	Threatened pre-term labour	
TPW	Temporary pacing wire	
TrA	Transversus abdominis	
tract	Traction	
TRAM	Transverse rectus abdominis myocutaneous flap	
traps.	Trapezius	
TRH	Thyrotropin-releasing hormone	
Trich/ TV	Trichomoniasis	
Ts and As	Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy	
TSE	Testicular self examination	
TSH	Thyroid stimulating hormone	
TSI	Thyroid stimulating immunoglobulin	
TSS	Toxic shock syndrome	
TTA	Transtibial amputation	
TTE	Transthoracic echocardiogram	
TTN	Transient tachypnoea of the newborn	
TTNS	Transcutaneous Tibial Nerve Stimulation	
TTP	Traumatic tension pneumothorax	
TTTS	Twin to twin transfusion syndrome	
TUD	Transurethral diathermy	
TULIP	Transurethral ultrasound-guided laser induced prostatectomy	
TUNA	Transurethral needle ablation of prostate	
TUR	Transurethral resection	
TURP	Transurethral resection of prostate	
TV	Tidal volume	
TVA	Tubulovillous adenoma	
TVH	Total vaginal hysterectomy	

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TVP	Transvenous pacing/ Transvenous pacemaker	
TVR	Tricuspid valve replacement	
TVT	Transvaginal tension tape	
TVUS	Transvaginal ultrasound	
TWB	Touch weight bearing	
TWOC	Trial without catheter	
Tx	Traction	
Tx	Transplant	
Tx	Treatment	
TZ	Transformation zone	

U

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
U/A	Urinalysis	
U/K	Unknown	
U/O	Urine output	
UA	Unstable angina	Historical only
UAP	Unstable angina pectoris	Historical only
UBT	Uterine balloon therapy	
UC	Ulcerative colitis	
UCG	Urinary chorionic gonadotrophin	
UDS	Urine drug screen	
UEC	Urea, electrolytes and creatinine	
UI	Urinary incontinence	
UL	Upper limb	
ULTT	Upper limb tension test	
ULTT1-3	Upper limb tension test 1-3	
Umbi	Umbilicus	
UMN	Upper motor neuron	
Unilat	Unilateral	
UNK	Unknown	
UPDRS	Unified Parkinson's Disease Rating Scale	
UPP	Urethral pressure profile	
UPPP	Uvulopalatopharyngoplasty	
URI	Upper respiratory infection	
urol.	Urology or urological	
URT	Upper respiratory tract	
URTI	Upper respiratory tract infection	
US;U/S	Ultrasound	
UTA	Unable to attend	
UTD	Up To Date	
UTI	Urinary tract infection	
UTT	Up to toilet	
UUI	Urge Urinary Incontinence	
UULEX	Unsupported upper limb exercise test	
UV	Ultra violet	
UVP	Utero vaginal prolapse	
UVR	Ultraviolet radiation	
UWSD	Underwater seal drain	
UZ	Upper zone	

V

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
V & D	Vomiting and diarrhoea	
VA	Visual acuity	
VAD	Vascular access device	
VAIN	Vaginal intra-epithelial neoplasia (grades 1-3)	
VAS	Visual analogue scale	
Vax.	Vaccine	
VBAC	Vaginal birth after Caesarean	
VBI	Vertebrobasilar insufficiency	
VC	Vital capacity	
VCE	Video capsule endoscopy	
VDRL	Venereal disease research laboratory	
VE	Vacuum extraction	
VE, V/E	Vaginal examination	
VEB	Ventricular ectopic beats	
VEP	Visual evoked potential	
VF	Ventricular fibrillation	
VFT	Ventilatory function test	
VH	Vaginal hysterectomy	
VHD	Valvular heart disease	
VHL	Von Hippel-Lindau syndrome/gene	
VIB	Voided in bed	
vibs/vibes.	Vibrations	
VIN (I, II, III)	Vulval intraepithelial neoplasia (grades I, II, III)	
VIP	Visual Infusion phlebitis score	
VIPoma	Vasoactive intestinal peptide tumour	
VIQ	Verbal intelligence quotient	
Vit.	Vitamin	
Viz	Videlicet - Namely	
VL	Viral Load	
VLAP	Visual laser assisted prostatectomy	
VLBW	Very low birth weight	
VLDL	Very low density lipoproteins	
VP	Ventriculoperitoneal	
VPC	Ventricular premature contractions	
VPS	Ventriculo-peritoneal shunt	
VQ;V/Q;V-Q	calculate airflow and bloodflow	
VR	Ventricular rate	
VRE	Vancomycin-resistant enterococci	
VS	Vital signs	
VSC	Vertebral subluxation complex	
VSD	Ventricular septal defect	

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VSI	Vaginal sexual intercourse	
VT	Ventricular tachycardia	
VTE	Venous thrombo-embolism	
VUJ	Vesico-ureteric junction	
VV	Varicose vein	
VVC	Vulvovaginal candidiasis	
vWD	von Willebrand's disease	
Vx	Vertex	
VZV	Varicella zoster virus	

W

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
w/	with	
W/cm ²	Watts per square centimetre	
W/O	Washout	
w/o	Without	
W/S	Walking stick	
WAGR	Wilms tumor, Aniridia, Genitourinary Syndrome	
WAIS-III	Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale - Version 3	
WB	Weight bearing	
WB	Whole blood	
WBAT	Weight bearing as tolerated	
WBC	White blood cell	
WBC	White blood count	
WBR	Whole body radiation	
WC	Workers' compensation	
WCC	White cell count	
Wee-FIM	Paediatric functional independence measure	
WFH	Work from home	
WH&S	Work Health and safety	
Wks	Weeks	
WNL	Within normal limits	
WOB	Work of breathing	
WPTAS	Westmead Post-Traumatic Amnesia	
WPW	Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome	
WSW	Women who have sex with women	
Wt	Weight	
WTM	Will take message	

X, Y, Z

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
XLD	X-linked dominant	
XLR	X-linked recessive	
X-match	Cross-match	
XR	Extended release	
XR	X-ray	
XRT	X-ray therapy	
y/o	Years old	
yr	Year	
yr/s	Years	
Z-N	Ziehl Neelsen stain	

Symbols

Symbol	Meaning	Comment
-	At	
-ve	Negative	
+ve	Positive	
#	Fracture	
%	Percent	
&	And	
(L)	Left	
(R)	Right	
/	per	
// bars	Parallel bars	
/12	Months	
/24	Hours	
/40	Weeks of pregnancy	
/52	Weeks	
/60	Minutes	
/7	Days	
\overline{C}	With	
\overline{s}	without	
∴	Therefore	
?	Doubtful; questionable; query	
@	At	
+	Slight trace	
++	Trace	
+++	Moderate trace	
++++	Large trace	
<	Less than	
<	less than/smaller than*	
=	Equal to	
>	Greater than	
>	greater than/larger than*	
Δ	Disease	
↑	Increased	
→	Transverse right (physio)	
→←	Transverse mobs	
↓	Decreased	
←	Transverse left (physio)	
↔	Longitudinal movement (physio)	
° C	Degrees Celsius	
° F	Degrees Fahrenheit	
♀	Female	
♂	Male	
1°	Primary, first degree	

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Symbol	Meaning	Comment
2°	secondary, second degree	
3°	tertiary, third degree	
°	No; no history of	
^	increased/more/above	
∨	decreased/less/below	