Commonly Used Acronyms, Abbreviations and Symbols

A

AA	Alcoholics Anonymous
ACAT	Aged Care Assessment Team
ACI	Agency for Clinical Innovation
ACON	AIDS Council of NSW
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
AIDS	Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
AIN	Assistant In Nursing
AHAC	Area Health Advisory Council
AHSP	Area Healthcare Services Plan
AHW	Aboriginal Health Workers
ASC	Albion Street Clinic
ASP	Area Strategic Plan

B

b.d.	Twice a day

C

CAC	Consumer Advisory Committee
CALD	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse
CALVH	Calvary Health Care Sydney LTD
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
CBD	Central Business District
CHC	Community Health Centre
CHIME	Community Health Information Management Enterprise
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
CPU	Community Partnerships Unit
CSM	Clinical Services Manager
CSSP	Clinical Services Strategic Plan
CTO	Community Treatment Order

D

DADHC	Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care
D&A	Drug and Alcohol
DCCC	District Consumer and Community Council
DON	Director of Nursing
DT	Diversional Therapist
DVA	Department of Veterans' Affairs
Dx	Diagnosis

E

ED	Emergency Department
EN	Enrolled Nurse

G

GEM	Geriatric Evaluation and Management

H

HARP	HIV/AIDS and Related Programs
HASI	Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative
HCNSW	Health Consumers NSW
HDU	High Dependency Unit
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HRIS	Human Resources Information System

I

ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IP	Inpatient

J

JMO	Junior Medical Officer

L

LGA	Local Government Area
LGBTQI	Lesbian, Gay. Bisexual, Transgender Queer and Intersex

M

mane	In the morning
MH	Mental Health
MO	Medical Officer
MSE	Mental State Examination

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N

NGO	Non-government organisation
NP	Nurse Practitioner
NUM	Nurse Unit Manager

O

O/A	On admission/on arrival
OB	Obstetrics
O&G	Obstetrics and Gynaecology
OH&S	Occupational Health and Safety
OP	Outpatient

P

PACE	Patient with Acute Condition for Escalation
Paed	Paediatrics
Pall Care	Palliative Care
PECC	Psychiatric Emergency Care Centre
PDU	Patient Discharge Unit
POWH	Prince of Wales Hospital
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
Pt	Patient
P/T	Physiotherapy

Q

Qid	Four times a day

R

Rels	Relatives
RHW	Royal Hospital for Women
RM	Registered Midwife
RMO	Resident Medical Officer
RN	Registered Nurse
Rx	Treatment/Prescription

S

SCH	Sydney Children's Hospital
SESLHD	South Eastern Sydney Local Health District
SM	Student Midwife
SNM	Senior Nurse Manager
SSEH	Sydney/ Sydney Eye Hospital
SGH	St George Hospital
STVH	St Vincent's Hospital Sydney LTD
SW	Social Work
SW/SIW	Sex Industry Worker
SWS	Sex Worker – Street

T

Tab.	Tablet
TAT	Turnaround time
TBA	To be arranged
TBC	To be confirmed
t.d.s.	Three times a day
TSH	The Sutherland Hospital

U

U/K	unknown
UNSW	University of New South Wales

V

VMO	Visiting Medical Officer

W

WC	Workers' Compensation
WHS	Work Health & Safety
Wks	Weeks
WNL	Within normal limits
w/o	Without
WO	Welfare Officer

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Symbol	Description
@	At
&	And
↓	Decreased/less/below
↑	Increased/more/above
Δ	Disease
♂	Male
♀	Female
#	Fracture/number
/60	Minutes/Hour
/7	Days/Week
/12	Months/Year
/52	Weeks/Year
/24	Hours/Day
/40	Weeks/Pregnancy
1º	Primary/1st degree
2º	Secondary/2nd degree
3º	Tertiary/3rd degree
+	Slight trace
++	Trace
+++	Moderate trace
++++	Large trace
-	Absent
-ve	Negative
+ve	Positive
(R)	Right
(L)	Left
<	Less than
>	Greater than
/C	With
/S	Without
c/out	Without
∴	Therefore
=	Equal to/same as
º	No history of
%	Percent
?	Query/doubtful
º F	Degrees Fahrenheit
º C	Degrees Celsius
→	Transverse left (physio)
↔	Transverse right (physio)
→←	Longitudinal movement (physio)
/	Transverse mobs Per