

Clinical Abbreviations

Introducing abbreviations in the clinical environment



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AAA	Abdominal aortic aneurysm
AA	Alcoholics Anonymous
(A)	Assistance
a/a	As above
A1, A2	Aortic Valve, 1st sound, 2nd sound
AAROM	Active assisted range of movement (physio)
AAL	Anterior axillary line
Ab	Antibody
AB	Apex beat
ABBI	Advanced breast biopsy instrumentation
Abd	Abduction (physio)
Abdo	Abdominal
ABG	Arterial blood gases
ABH	Angina bullosa haemorrhagic
ABI	Acquired brain impairment/injury
ABPI	Ankle brachial pressure index
ABS	Acute brain syndrome
A-C	Acromioclavicular (physio)
ACAT	Aged Care Assessment Team
ACBT	Active cycle of breathing technique (physio)
ACC	Acute care certificate
ACCR	Aged care client record
ACD/ ACP	Advance Care Documents / Directive / Planning
ACE	Angiotensin converting enzyme
ACL	Anterior cruciate ligament (physio)
ACM	Ambulatory cardiac monitoring
ACTH	Adrenocorticotrophic hormone
ACS	Acute coronary syndrome
AD	Autosomal dominant
ADC	AIDS dementia complex
ADCAT	Alcohol and Drug Community Assessment Team
Add	Adduction (physio)
ADD	Attention deficit disorder
ADH	Anti-diuretic hormone
ADHD	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
ADL	Activities of daily living
Adm	Admission / admitted
ADPKD	Autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease
ADR	Adverse drug reaction
ADT	Adult diphtheria and tetanus
AE	Air entry
AEA	Above elbow amputation (physio)
AEB	Atrial ectopic beat
AF	Atrial fibrillation
AFI	Atrial flutter
AFB	Acid fast bacilli
AFI	Amniotic Fluid Index
AFO	Ankle-foot orthosis (physio)
AFP	Alpha-fetoproteins
Ag	Antigen
AGC	Associate genetic counsellor
Agg	Aggravating (physio)
AGN	Acute glomerulonephritis
AH	Abdominal hysterectomy/ Auditory Hallucinations
AHA	Assisted Han Assessment (physio)
AHD	Arteriosclerotic/atherosclerotic heart disease
AHF	Antihaemolytic factor
AI	Aortic incompetence
AICD	Automated implantable cardioverter-defibrillator
AIDS	Acquired immune deficiency syndrome
AIMS	Alberta Infant Motor Scale (physio)
AIN	Assistant in Nursing
AIVR	Accelerated idioventricular rhythm
AJ	Ankle jerk
AJA	Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry

AK	Above knee
AKA	Above knee amputation
AKI	Acute kidney injury
Alb.	Albumin
ALA	Assisted local anaesthetic
Albion	The Albion Centre
ALD	Alcoholic liver disease
ALL	Acute lymphoblastic/lymphocytic/lymphatic leukaemia
ALP	Alkaline phosphatase
ALS	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
alt.	Alternate
ALT	Alanine aminotransferase
Alt sly	Alternate side lying (physio)
AM	Active movement (physio)
AMA	Advanced maternal age
AMD	Age-related macular degeneration
AMI	Acute myocardial infarction
AML	Acute myeloid leukaemia
AMO	Attending/admitting medical officer
Amp	Ampoule
AMP	Austin Moore prosthesis
AMRI	Anteromedial rotary instability
AMS	Aboriginal Medical Service/Antimicrobial Stewardship
A/N	Antenatal
ANA	Antinuclear antibody
ANC	Antenatal clinic
ANCA	Anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies
ANLL	Acute non-lymphocytic leukaemia
ANS	Autonomic nervous system
Ant.	Anterior
Ant	Anton Vick Ph: 0499350781
Anti HBc	Hepatitis B core antibody
Anti HBs	Hepatitis B surface antibody
A/O	Application of (physio)
AOD	Alcohol and other drugs (mental health)
AODM	Adult-Onset Diabetes Mellitus
A&P	Anterior and Posterior (repair)
AP	Arterial pressure
A-P	Antero-posterior
APC	Activated protein C
APD	Automated peritoneal dialysis
APH	Ante-partum haemorrhage
APO	Acute pulmonary oedema
Appt.	Appointment
APQ6	Activity and Participation Questionnaire?
APTT	Activated partial thromboplastin time
APR	Abdominoperineal resection
APS	Acute Pain Service
AR	Autosomal recessive
ARBD	Alcohol related brain damage (mental health)
ARDS	Adult/acute respiratory distress syndrome
ARF	Acute renal failure
ARM	Artificial rupture of membranes
AROM	Active range of movement (physio)
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
ASET	Aged Services in Emergency Team
ASHD	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
ASI	Anal Sexual Intercourse
ASNT	Abdomen soft, non-tender
ASO	Arteriosclerotic obliterans
Asp.	Aspirate
ASSA	Antenatal Short Stay Assessment

ASVD	Arteriosclerotic vascular disease
ATFL	Anterior tibiofibular ligament (physio)
ATN	Acute tubular necrosis
ATNR	Asymmetrical tonic neck reflex (physio)
ATOP	Australian Treatment Outcomes Profile
ATOR	At time of report
ATS	Anti tetanus serum
ATSP	Asked to see patient
Aug	Augmentation
Ausc	Auscultation (physio)
AV	Aortic valve
AVB	Atrioventricular block
AVM	Arteriovenous malformation
AVN	Atrioventricular necrosis
AVO	Apprehended violence order (mental health)
AVR	Aortic valve replacement/ repair
AVRT	Atrioventricular re-entrant/reciprocating tachycardia
AVNRT	Atrioventricular nodal re-entrant/reciprocating tachycardia
A/W	Associated with
A&W	Alive and well
AWOL	Absent without leave (mental health)
AWS	Alcohol withdrawal syndrome / scale
Ax	Assessment
AXR	Abdominal x-ray

B	Description	HOME
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// bars	Parallel bars
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
BBBB	Bilateral bundle branch block
BBS	Bronchial breath sounds
BC	Blood culture
BCA	Balloon catheter angioplasty
BCC	Basal cell carcinoma
BCCA	Bilateral common carotid angiogram
BCG	Bacillus of Calmette and Guérin
BCPA	Bubble continuous positive airway pressure
b.d.	Twice a day
BE	Barium Enema
BEA	Below elbow amputation
B/F	Breast feeding
BFP	Biological false positive
b/g	Background
BGL	Blood glucose Level
BhCG	Beta human chorionic gonadotrophin
BHDS	Birt-Hogg-Dube syndrome
Bi	bisexual
BIBA	Brought in by ambulance
BIH	Benign intracranial hypertension "Born in Hospital"
Bilat	Bilateral (physio)
BIP	Benign intracranial pressure
BiPAP	Bilevel positive airway pressure
BJ	Biceps jerk
BK	Below knee
BKA	Below knee amputation
BM	Bone marrow
BMAT	Bone marrow aspiration and trephine
BMB	Bone marrow biopsy
BMD	Bone Mineral Density

BMH	Benign monoclonal hypergammaglobulinemia
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 / Bowels not open
BNP	Brain natriuretic peptide
BO	Bowels open
B/O	Baby of
BOO	Bladder outlet obstruction
BOOP	Bronchiolitis obliterans organising pneumonia
Borg RPE	Borg rating of perceived exertion (physio)
BOS	Base of support (physio)
BP	Blood pressure
BPAD	Bipolar affective disorder (mental health)
BPD	Bronchopulmonary dysplasia / bipolar disorder
BPH	Benign prostatic hypertrophy/hyperplasia
BPM	Beats per minute
BPN	Buprenorphine
BPSD	Behavioural & psychological symptoms of dementia
BPTT	Brachial plexus tension test provocation (physio)
BR Ca	Breast cancer
BRCA1	Breast cancer protection gene 1
BRCA1/2	Breast cancer protection gene 1&2
BRCA2	Breast cancer protection gene 2
BS	Bowel sounds
BSA	Body surface area
BSE	Breast self-examination
BSL	Blood stained liquor / Blood sugar level
BSO	Bilateral salpinges-oophorectomy
BSS	Black silk sutures
BSLT	Bilateral sequential lung transplantation
BTB	Break through bleeding
BTF	Between the Flags
B/U	Blood urea
BV	Bacterial vaginosis
BVF	Bilateral ventricular failure
BW	Birth weight body weight
Bx	Biopsy
BXO	Balanitis xerotica obliterans
BZD	Benzodiazepine

C	Description	HOME
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C/-	Care of
C1-7	Cervical vertebrae 1-7
C&C	Collar and Cuff
Ca.	Carcinoma
CA++	Calcium
CA125	Cancer antigen 125
CABG	Coronary artery bypass graft
CACP	Community Aged Care Package
CAD	Coronary artery disease
CADE	Confused and disabled elderly
CADL	Community activities of daily living
CAG	Coronary artery graft
CAH	Chronic active hepatitis
Ca in Situ	Carcinoma in situ
Cal.	Calorie
CAL	Chronic airway limitation
CALD	Chronic alcoholic liver disease
CALD	Culturally and linguistically diverse
Call.	Callous (podiatry)
Cap.	Capsule
CAPD	Continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis
Cas.	Casualty

CAT	Computerised axial tomography
CAVB	Complete atrioventricular block
CAVH	Continuous arteriovenous hemofiltration
CAVHD	Continuous arteriovenous haemodialysis
CBC	Complete blood count
CBD	Common bile duct
CBE	Clinical breast examination
CBS	Chronic brain syndrome
CBSL	Capillary blood sugar level
CBV	Cord blood vessels
C/C	Cardiac catheter (coronary angiogram)
CC	Cancer Council
CCA	Common carotid artery
CCB	Calcium channel blocker
CCC	Cancer Care Centre
CCD	Continuous catheter drainage
CCF	Congestive cardiac failure
CCPD	Continuous cyclic peritoneal dialysis
CCS	Classical caesarean section
CCT	Continuous/controlled cord traction
CCU	Coronary care unit
CD4	Cellular Differentiation 4 Positive or T- helper lymphocytes
CDE	Common bile duct exploration
CDH	Congenital diaphragmatic hernia
CDH1	E-cadherin type 1 gene
CDT	Combined diphtheria and tetanus (vaccine)
C/E	Cystoscopy
CE's	Cardiac enzymes
CEA	Carotid endarterectomy
Ceph	Cephalic
CES	Cauda equina syndrome (physio)
CF	Cystic fibrosis / Clear fluids
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	Complete heart block
CHB	chronic hepatitis B
CHD	Congenital heart disease
CHC	Community Health Centre
CHD	Congenital heart disease
CHF	Congestive/chronic heart failure
CHI	Closed head injury
CHL	Conductive hearing loss
CHO	Carbohydrate
Chol.	Cholesterol
Chr.	Chronic
CHx	Current history (physio)
C/I	Contraindicated (physio)
CIA	Common iliac artery
CIBH	Change in bowel habit
CIDP	Chronic inflammatory demyelination polyneuropathy
Cigs.	Cigarettes
CIN	Cervical intra-epithelial neoplasia
Circ Obs	Circulatory observations (physio)
CIS	Carcinoma in situ
CK	Creatinine kinase
CKD	Chronic kidney disease
CL	Condomless
CLD	Chronic liver disease
CIFI	Clear fluids
CLL	Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia
CLO	Campylobacter-like organism
CLT	Continuous lumbar traction (physio)
cm	Centimetre

CM	Certified midwife
CMC	Carpometacarpal (physio)
CMG	Cystometrogram
CML	Chronic myeloid leukaemia
CMMML	Chronic myelomonocytic leukaemia
CMP	Calcium, magnesium and phosphate
CMT	Charcot Marie Tooth
CMV	Cytomegalovirus
CMS	Clinical Midwife Specialist
CNC	Clinical nurse consultant
CNE	Clinical nurse educator
CNH	Chondrodermatitis nodularis chronica helices
CNP	Continuous negative pressure ventilation
CNPB	Continuous negative pressure breathing
CNPU	Cannot pass urine
CNS	Central nervous system
CNS	Clinical Nurse Specialist
CNV	Copy number variant
c/o	Complains of
CO	Cardiac output
CO2	Carbon dioxide
Co1-3	Coccygeal segments (physio)
COB	Chronic obstructive bronchitis
CO/C1	Atlanto-axial joint (physio)
COCP	Combined oral contraceptive pill
COJ	Cardio-oesophageal junction
Comp	Complementary
Cont.	Continued
Contralat	Contralateral
COPA	Cuffed oropharyngeal airway
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CoPMI	Children of parents with a mental illness (mental health)
COPUM	Congenital obstructing posterior urethral membranes
COVID-19	Corona virus disease 2019
COWS	Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale
CP	Child Protection
CPAP	Continuous positive airway pressure
CPB/CP BP	Cardiopulmonary bypass
CPD	Cephalopelvic disproportion
cPNET	Central primitive neuroectodermal tumour
CPCT	Community Palliative Care Team
CPPD	Calcium Pyrophosphate Dihydrate (Crystal Deposition Disease)
CPR	Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation
CPS	Central Pain Syndrome
CR	Controlled release (used after a drug name)/clinical review
CRBBA	Complete right bundle branch block
CRC	Colorectal cancer
creps	Crepitations (physio)
CRHD	Chronic rheumatic heart disease
CRL	Crown rump length (ultrasound)
CRPS	Complex regional pain syndrome
CRRT	Continuous renal replacement therapy
CRS	Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service
cryo	Cryotherapy
C/S	Caesarean section
C/scopy	Colonoscopy
C&S	Culture and sensitivity
CSA	Central sleep apnoea
CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid
CSHS	Central sleep hypopnea syndrome
CSM	Clinical Services Manager
CSOM	Chronic suppurative otitis media
CSU	Catheter specimen of urine
CST	Cervical Screening Test
CSW	Commercial sex worker
CT	Chlamydia trachomatis
CT	Computerised tomography

CTCA	Computerised tomography coronary angiogram
CTD	Carpal tunnel decompression / Connective tissue disorder
CTG	Cardiotocograph
CTM	Connective tissue massage (physio)
CTO	Community Treatment Order/chronic total occlusion
CTP	Comprehensive Third-Party Insurance
CTPA	Computerised tomography pulmonary angiogram
CTR	Carpal tunnel release
CTS	Carpal tunnel syndrome
CTSP	Called to see patient
CUP	Chemical use in pregnancy / Cancer of unknown primary
C/US	Continuous ultrasound (physio)
CVAD	Central venous access device
CVC	Central venous catheter
CV	Central Venous
CVD	Cerebrovascular disease
CVP	Central venous pressure
CVS	Cardiovascular system / Chorionic villus sampling
CVVH	Continuous Veno-venous hemofiltration
CVVHD	Continuous Veno-venous haemodialysis
CWU	Child Wellbeing Unit
Cx	Cervix
CXR	Chest X_RAY
CYF	Child Youth and Families

D	Description	HOME
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d.	Died
DA	Decision aid
DADL	Domestic activities of daily living (occ. Therapy)
D&A	Drug and alcohol (mental health)
DAI	Diffuse axonal injury
Dam	Dental dam
DAOR	Discharged at own risk
DAS	Developmental Assessment Service
DASH	Disability of arm, shoulder, hand (physio)
DARE	Digital anal rectal examination
DARF	Delayed Acute Renal Failure
DASS 21	Depression Anxiety Stress Scales
DAT	Dementia of Alzheimer's type
DB	Deep breathing (physio)
DB&C	Deep breathing and coughing (physio)
DBE	Deep breathing exercises
DBP	Diastolic blood pressure
D/C	Discharge
DCDA	Dichorionic Diamniotic
D&C	Dilatation and curettage
DCIS	Ductal carcinoma in situ
DCJ	Department of Communities and Justice
DCR	Dacryocystorhinostomy
DDx	Differential diagnosis
DD	Dangerous drugs / Developmental delay
DDD	Degenerative disc disorder
Dec.	Decreased (physio)
DEMMI	De Morton Mobility Index
Derm.	Dermatology
DES	Drug eluting stent
DF	Dorsiflexion (physio)
DGI	Disseminated gonococcal infection
DHS	Dynamic hip screw
DHx	Developmental history
DI	Diabetes Insipidus
DIC	Disseminated intravascular coagulation (syndrome)
Diff.	Differential
DIH	Direct inguinal hernia
DIN	Ductal intraepithelial neoplasia
DIP	Distal interphalangeal (physio)

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	Did not attend / Deoxyribonucleic acid
DNS	Deviated nasal septum
DNW	Did not wait
D/O	Day only
DOA	Dead on arrival
DOB	Date of birth
DOD	Date of death
DOE	Dyspnoea on exertion
DON	Director of Nursing
DOPS	Diffuse obstructive pulmonary syndrome
DORV	Double outlet right ventricle
DPT	Diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus (vaccine)
Dr.	Doctor
DRE	Digital rectal examination
DREZ	Dorsal root entry zone
DS	Downs syndrome
D/S	Dorsal surface (podiatry)
DSA	Digital subtraction angiography
DSCL	Diffuse small cleaved-cell lymphoma
DSH	Deliberate self harm (mental health)
DST	Dexamethasone suppression test
DSTM	Deep soft tissue massage (physio)
DSU	Disability Service Unit
DTA	Deep transverse arrest
DTF	Deep transverse frictions (physio)
DTM	Deep tissue massage (physio)
DTP	Diphtheria tetanus pertussis (vaccine)
dTpa	Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis Vaccine
DT	Diversional therapist
DTs	Delirium tremens
DU	Decubitus ulcer
DUA	Death under anaesthetic
DUB	Dysfunctional uterine bleeding
DV	Domestic violence
D&V	Diarrhoea and vomiting
DVD	Double-vessel disease
DVT	Deep venous thrombosis
D/W	Discussed with
DW	Daily weight
Dx	Diagnosis

E	Description	HOME
EACH	Extended aged care at home (package)	
E	Extension (physio)	
EAM	External auditory meatus	
EAR	Expired air resuscitation	
EBM	Expressed breast milk	
EBP	Electric breast pump	
EBV	Epstein-Barr virus	
ECCRTLA	Equal, concentric, circular, reacting to light and accommodation	
ECBD	Exploration common bile duct	
ECCE	Extracapsular cataract extraction	
ECDC	Extracellular diplococci	

ECG	Electrocardiogram
Echo.	Echocardiogram
EC-IC	Extracranial to intracranial (Vascular Bypass)
ECMO	Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation
ECP	Emergency contraceptive pill
E Coli	Escherichia coli
ECSWL	Extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy
ECT	Electroconvulsive therapy
ECTR	Endoscopic carpal tunnel release
ECV	External cephalic version
ED	Emergency Department
EDB	Epidural block
EDC	Estimated date of confinement / Completion
EDD	Expected due date / Expected discharge date
EDH	Extradural haemorrhage
EEG	Electroencephalogram
EEN	Endorsed Enrolled Nurse
EER	Estimated energy requirements (dietetics)
EF	Ejection fraction
EFR	Estimate fluid requirements
EGD	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy
eGFR	Estimated glomerular filtration rate
EIA	Enzyme immunoassay
EIL	Extension in lying
EIS	Extension in standing (physio)
EJV	External jugular vein
ELBW	Extremely low birth weight
Elev.	Elevation
ELISA	Enzyme linked immunosorbent assay
EMG	Electromyogram
eMR	Electronic medical records
EMS	Elderly Mobility Test (physio)
EN	Enrolled nurse / Enteral nutrition
Eng.	Engaged
ENG	Electronystagmography
ENT	Ear, nose and throat
E/O	Examination of / Excision of
EOG	Electro-oculography
EOM	Extra-ocular movements
EOL	End of Life
EOLP	End of Life Pathway
EOR	End of range (physio)
EPG	Electrophoretogram
EPR	Estimated protein requirements (dietetics)
EPS	Electrophysiological studies
EPSE	Extra-pyramidal side effects (mental health)
ER	External rotation (physio) / Estrogen receptor
ERCP	Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography
ERG	Electro-retinography
ERPC	Evacuation of retained products of conception
ERT	Estrogen Replacement Therapy
ESA	Erythropoiesis-stimulating agents
ESC	End stage care
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
ESWL	Extracorporeal shock-wave lithotripsy
ESWT	Endurance Shuttle Walk Test (physio)
ETCO2	End tidal carbon dioxide
EtOh	Alcohol
ETT	Endotracheal tube
EUA	Examination under anaesthetic
EUC	Electrolytes, urea and creatinine
Ev.	Eversion (physio)

EWC	Electric wheelchair
Ex	Excision
Ex's	Exercises
Exp.	Expiratory (physio)
Ext.	Extension (physio)

F	Description	HOME
F&A	Foot and ankle (physio)	
FACH	Forceps to after coming head	
FAP	Familial adenomatous polyposis	
FASF	Forearm support frame (physio)	
FB	Foreign body	
FBC	Full blood count / Female breast cancer / Fluid balance chart	
FCC	Family cancer clinic	
FCU/ FVU	First catch urine/ First void urine	
FD	Foetal distress	
FDIU	Foetal death in utero	
FES	Functional electrical stimulation	
FESS	Functional endoscopic sinus surgery	
FET	Forced expiratory technique (physio)	
FEV	Forced expiratory volume (physio)	
FEV1	Forced expiratory volume in one second (physio)	
FF	Formula feeding	
FFA	Free fatty acids	
FFL	Free fluids	
FFM	Fast from midnight	
FFP	Fresh frozen plasma	
FFFTs	Fits, faints and funny turns	
FGM	Female genital mutilation	
FH/FHx	Family history	
FHR	Foetal heart rate	
FHS	Foetal heart sounds	
FI	For investigation	
Fi O2	Fraction of inspired oxygen	
FIL	Flexion in lying (physio)	
FIM	Functional independence measure (physio)	
FIS	Flexion in standing (physio)	
FISH	Fluorescence in situ hybridisation	
FISS	Flexion in step standing (physio)	
FIVD	Fixed interval variable dose	
FLCL	Follicular large cell lymphoma	
FLCN	Folliculin gene	
Flex.	Flexion (physio)	
FM	Foetal movement	
FMF	Foetal movements felt	
FML	Follicular mixed lymphoma	
FMO	Financial management order (mental health)	
FMS	Functional Mobility Scale (physio)	
Fn	Function (physio)	
FNA	Fine needle aspirate	
FNAB	Fine needle aspiration biopsy	
FNB	Fine needle biopsy	
FO	For observation (mental health)	
FOB	Fibreoptic bronchoscopy /faecal occult blood	
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 (physio)	
FRS	Family Referral Service	
FS	Frozen section	
FSCL	Follicular small cleaved-cell lymphoma	

FSE	Foetal scalp electrode
FSGN	Focal sclerosing glomerulonephritis
FSH	Follicle stimulating hormone
FT	Full term
FTA	Failure to attend
FTA (Abs)	Fluorescent treponemal antibody
FT Ca	Fallopian tube cancer
FTC	Emtricitabine
FTD	Full term delivery
FTG	Full thickness graft
FTI	Free thyroxine index
FTM	Fractional test meal / Female to male
FTP	Failure to progress
FTSG	Full thickness skin graft
FTT	Failure to thrive
F/U	Follow up
FUB	Functional uterine bleeding
FVC	Forced vital capacity (physio)
FWB	Full weight bearing (physio)
4WF	Four-wheeled frame
Fx	Fracture

G	Description	HOME
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g	Gram
G	Gravida - No. of pregnancies
GA	General anaesthetic
GAS	Goal Attainment Scale
GAMP	General anaesthesia manipulation & plaster
GANT	Gastrointestinal autonomic nerve tumour
GB	Gallbladder
GBPS	Gated blood pool scan
GBS	Group B Streptococcus
GC	Genetic counsellor
GCMS	Gas chromatography mass spectrometry
GCS	Glasgow coma scale
GDM	Gestational diabetes mellitus
GE	Gastroenteritis
GFR	Glomerular filtration rate
GFSH	Growth factor stimulating hormone
GH	Growth hormone
GHB	Gamma-Hydroxybutyric
G&H	Group and hold
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
g/l	Grams per litre
GM	Grand mal (epilepsy)
GMFCS	Gross Motor Function Classification Scale (physio)
GN	Glomerulonephritis
GNC	General nursing care (mental health)
GNID	Gram negative intracellular diplococci
GOLD	Genetics of learning disability
GORD	Gastroesophageal reflux disease
GP	General practitioner
GPI	General paralysis of the insane
Gr 1	Grade 1 (etc..)
GRF	Ground reaction force (physio)
GRH	Growth releasing hormone
GSH	Group, screen and hold
GSW	Gunshot wound
GT	Genetic testing

GTNC+D	General treatment, nails cut and drilled (podiatry)
GTNC+F	General treatment, nails cut and filed (podiatry)
GTT	Glucose tolerance test
GU	Gastric ulcer
GUS	Genitourinary system
GUT	Genitourinary tract
GVHD	Graft versus host disease
G&XM	Group and cross match
Gx/Py	Gravida x (number of pregnancies / Para y (number of live births)
Gyn.	Gynaecology

H	Description	HOME
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H	High / Huff (physio)
HACC	Home and Community Care
HAD	Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (physio)
HALC	HIV/AIDS Legal Centre
Hall.	Hallux (podiatry)
HASA	Health and Security Assistant (mental health)
HASI	Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (mental health)
HAV	Hallux adducto valgus (podiatry)
Hb	Haemoglobin
HB	Heart block
1THB	First degree heart block
HbA1C	Glycosylated haemoglobin
HBB	Hand behind back (physio)
HBC	Hereditary breast cancer
HBcAg	Hepatitis B core antigen
HBC	Viral Hepatitis B
HBCR	Hereditary bowel cancer register
HBH	Hand behind head (physio)
HBIG	Hepatitis B Immunoglobulin
HBO	Hyperbaric oxygenation
HBOC	Hereditary breast and ovarian cancer
HBsAg	Hepatitis B surface antigen
H'box	Headbox
HBV	Hepatitis B Virus
H&C	Huff and cough (physio)
HC	Head circumference
H/C	Hot/cold (physio)
HCA	Health Care Agency (mental health)
HCC	Hereditary cancer clinic
HCCC	Health Care Complaints Commission (mental health)
HCIS	Health Care Interpreter Service (mental health)
hCG	Human chorionic gonadotropin
Hct	Haematocrit
HCV	Hepatitis C virus
HCVD	Hypertensive cardiovascular disease
HCW	Health care worker
HD	Haemodialysis / Huntington disease
H/D	Heloma durum (podiatry)
HDL	High density lipoprotein
HDT	Head down tilt (physio)
HDU	High Dependency Unit
HDV	Hepatitis D virus
HE	High energy
HEHP	High energy high protein (dietetics)
HEN	Home enteral nutrition
HEP	Home exercise program (physio)
Hep A, B, C	Hepatitis A, B, C etc..
HER2	Human epidermal growth factor receptor 2
HGH	Human growth hormone
HGr	High grade
HGS	High grade serous
HH	Hiatus hernia
HHFNC	Humidified high flow nasal cannula
HHSH	Handheld shower hose (occ therapy)

HHT	Hereditary haemorrhagic telangiectasia
HI	Head injury
HIB	Haemophilus Influenzae type B
HIDA	Hepatobiliary iminodiacetic acid (scan)
HIE	Hypoxic ischaemic encephalopathy
HIFUS	High intensity focused ultrasound
HIMAT	High-level mobility assessment tool
Hist.	Histology
HITH	Hospital in the home
HITS	Heparin-induced thrombotic syndrome
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
HIVD	Herniated intervertebral disc
HK	Hyperkeratosis callous (podiatry)
HLC	High level care
HLSA	High ligation stripping avulsion
HLT	Heart/lung transplant
HMD	Hyaline membrane disease
H/molle	Heloma molle (podiatry)
HNPCC	Hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer
HNPM	Has not passed meconium
HNPU	Has not passed urine
H/O, HO	History of
H2O	Water
HOCM	Hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy
HONK	Hyperosmolar nonketotic coma
HP	High protein / Hyperplastic polyp
HPC	History of present condition
HPF	High power field
HPFH	Hereditary persistence of foetal haemoglobin
HPI	History of present illness
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)
H/R	Hold relax (physio)
HRC	High risk clinic
HRT	Hormone replacement therapy
HS	Heart sounds
H Sit.	High sitting (physio)
HSV	Herpes simplex virus
Ht	Height
H/T	Hypertension
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 (dietetics)
Hx	History
Hypo	Hypoglycaemia
Hz	Hertz
HZV	Herpes zoster virus

I	Description	HOME
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I ¹³¹	Iodine - 131, radioiodine
IABCP	Intra-aortic balloon counterpulsator– never used, IABP instead
I	Insertive (sexual intercourse)
IABP	Intra-aortic balloon pump
IADH	Inappropriate antidiuretic hormone
IASD	Interatrial septal defect
IBD	Inflammatory bowel disease
IBS	Irritable bowel syndrome
IC	Informed consent (physio)

I/C	In Charge
IC¥	Informed consent obtained (physio)
ICA	Internal carotid artery
ICB	Intracerebral bleed
ICC	Intercostal catheter
ICCE	Intracapsular cataract extraction
ICCS	Inter cellular cement substance
ICD	Intercostal drain / Implantable cardioverter defibrillator
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
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
ID	Identification (bands on babies) (obstetrics)
I & D	Incision and drainage
IDC	Indwelling catheter / Infiltrating ductal carcinoma
IDM	Infant of diabetic mother
IDS	Interdigital space (podiatry)
IDU	Injecting drug use
IDW	Interdigital wedge (podiatry)
IE	Inspiratory: expiratory (ratio) (physio)
IEC	Intraepithelial carcinoma
IEPC	Immuno electrophoresis
IF	Immunofluorescence / Injury factor
IFT	Interferential therapy (physio)
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; I/M	Intramuscular
IMA	Internal mammary artery
IMB	Intermenstrual bleeding
IMC	Incomplete miscarriage
IMI	Intramuscular injection
IMT	Isometric muscle testing (physio)
IMV	Intermittent mandatory ventilation
In situ	In position
IN-I/N	intranasal
Inf.	Inferior
inj.	Injection
INR	International normalised ratio
Insp.	Inspiratory (physio)
Int.	Internal (physio)
Inv.	Inversion (physio)
I/O	Insertion of
IO	Intraosseous
IOC	Intraoperative cholangiogram
IODM	Infant of diabetic mother
IOL	Induction of labour
IOP	Intraocular pressure
IP	Inpatient
IPD	Intermittent peritoneal dialysis
IPF	Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (physio)
IPH	Intrapartum haemorrhage
IPJ	Interphalangeal joint

IPOP	Integrated Patient Optimisation Program
IPPB	Intermittent positive pressure breathing (physio)
IPPR	Intermittent positive pressure respiration
IPPV	Intermittent positive pressure ventilation (physio)
ipsilat	Ipsilateral
IQ	Intelligence quotient
I&R	Intake and review
IR	Internal rotation (physio)
IR	Interventional Radiology
IRDS	Infant respiratory distress syndrome
IRMA	Intraretinal microvascular abnormalities
IRPF	Idiopathic retroperitoneal fibrosis
IRQ	Inner range quadriceps (physio)
IRV	Inspiratory reserve volume
ISADH	Inappropriate secretion of anti-diuretic hormone
ISBAR	Identify, Situation, Background, Assessment & Recommendation
ISC	Intermittent self-catheterisation
isq	Condition unchanged (in status quo)
IST	Infraspinatus tendon (physio)
ISWT	Incremental Shuttle Walk Test (physio)
I/T	Intermittent (physio)
I/T C Tx	Intermittent cervical traction (physio)
I/T L Tx	Intermittent lumbar traction (physio)
ITP	Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura
IUCD	Intrauterine contraceptive device
IUD	Intrauterine death
IUFD	Intrauterine foetal death
IUGR	Intrauterine growth retardation
IUP	Intrauterine pregnancy
IV	Intravenous
I/V	Interview
IVC	Inferior vena cava/intravenous cannula
IVD	Intervertebral disc
IVDA	Intravenous drug abuse(remove)– usually iVDU (IV drug user)
IVF	In-vitro fertilisation/ 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	Description	HOME
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JCA	Juvenile chronic arthritis
JDM	Juvenile diabetes mellitus
JFM	Jewish founder mutation
JGOS	Joint guarantee of Service (mental health)
jj	Jaw jerks
JJ	Jejunostomy (dietetics)
JMO	Junior medical officer
JO	Juvenile onset (mental health)
JPS	Juvenile polyposis syndrome
JRA	Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis
Jt.	Joint (physio)
JVP	Jugular venous pressure
JVPNE	Jugular venous pressure not elevated
JVPNR	Jugular venous pressure not raised or JVPNE (not elevated)

K	Description	HOME
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K+	Potassium
kCal	KiloCalories
kg	Kilogram
kj	Knee jerks / Kilojoules

Kl	Kilolitre
K10L3D	Kessler psychological distress scale – Last 3 days
K10LM	Kessler psychological distress scale – Last month
Km	Kilometre
KMP	Known male partner (casual)
KR/KF	Kiellands rotation/Kiellands forceps
KR	Kiellands rotation
KRC	Kirketon Road Centre
KS	Kaposi's sarcoma
KPF	Known female partner
KUB	Kidney, ureters, and bladder
K Wire	Kirschner wire

L	Description	HOME
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L 1-5	Lumbar vertebrae 1-5
L	Litre / Left
LA	Local anaesthetic
Lab	Laboratory
LAD	Left axis deviation / Left anterior descending (artery)
LAFG	Long arm fibreglass (cast) (physio)
LAHB	Left anterior hemiblock
LAMP	Local anaesthesia, manipulation & plaster
Lap.	Laparoscopy
LAPI	Lacey Assessment of Preterm Infants (physio)
LAPOP	Long arm plaster of paris (physio)
LARC	Long-acting reversible contraceptives
LASIK	Laser-Assisted In-Situ Keratomileusis
LSI	Last sexual intercourse
Lat.	Lateral (physio)
LAV	Lymphadenopathy-associated virus
LBBB	Left bundle branch block
LBD	Left border dullness
LBE	Lateral basal expansion (physio)
LBP	Low back pain (physio)
LBW	Low birth weight
LC	Lactation Consultant
LCA	Left coronary artery
LCCA	Left common carotid artery/angiogram
LCCS	Low cervical caesarean section
LCIS	Lobular carcinoma in situ
LCL	Lateral collateral ligament (physio)
LCM	Left costal margin
LCx	Left circumflex
LDDD	Lumbar degenerative disc disorder
LDL	Low-Density-Lipoprotein type
LEEP	Loop electrosurgery excision procedure
LF	Liver failure
LFA	Left femoral artery
LFH	Left femoral hernia
LFS	Li-Fraumeni syndrome
LFTs	Liver function tests
LGA	Large for gestational age
LGr	Low grade
LGV	Lymphogranuloma venereum
LH	Luteinising hormone
LHF	Left heart failure
LICS	Left intercostal space
LIF	Left iliac fossa
ligs.	Ligaments (physio)
LIH	Left inguinal hernia
LIMA	Left internal mammary artery
Liq	Liquid
LIQ	Lower inner quadrant (breast)
LL	Lower lobe/ Lower limb
LLB	Lower limb brace
LLETZ	Large loop excision transformation zone

LLFG	Long leg fibreglass (cast) (physio)
LLL	Left lower lobe (lung)
LLPOP	Long leg plaster of Paris (physio)
LLQ	Left lower quadrant
LMA	Laryngeal mask airway
LMB	Left main bronchus
LMCA	Left main coronary artery
LML	Left middle lobe (lung)
LMND	Lower motor neurone disease
LMO	Local medical officer
LMP	Last menstrual period
LMTC	Left message to call
L/N	Lymph node
LN2	Liquid Nitrogen
LNB	Lymph node biopsy
LNMP	Last normal menstrual period
LOA	Left occipito-anterior
LOC	Loss of consciousness/level 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
LP	Lumbar puncture
LRQ	Lower right quadrant
LPU	Last passed urine
LRTI	Lower respiratory tract infection
LS	Lumbosacral
L/S	Lecithin/sphingomyelin (ratio)
LSCL	Long subclavian line
LSCP	Left scapuloposterior
LSCS	Low segment caesarean section
LSE	Left sternal edge
LSO	Left salpingo-oophorectomy
LSP	Left sacro posterior
/sulcus	Lateral sulcus (podiatry)
LSV	Left saphenous vein
LTHR	Left total hip replacement
LTM	Long term memory (mental health)
LTS	Lateral tarsal strip
LU	Last Use
Lube	lubricant
LUL	Left upper lobe (lung)
LUdT	Left undescended testicle
LUQ	Left upper quadrant
LUSCS	Lower uterine segment caesarean section
LV	Left ventricle
LVAD	Left ventricular assistance device
LVD	Left ventricular dysfunction
LVEDP	Left ventricular end-diastolic pressure
LVF	Left ventricular failure
LVH	Left ventricular hypertrophy
LVS	Low vaginal swab
LVT	Left ventricular tachycardia
lymphs	Lymphocytes
LZ	Lower zone (physio)

M	Description	HOME
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M	Metre
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 (mental health)
MAP	Mean airway pressure / Mean arterial pressure
MAR	Medication Administration Record
MAS	Motor assessment scale (physio)
MAST	Mastectomy
Mat	Maternal
Max.	Maximum (physio)
MBA	Motor bike accident
MBC	Male breast cancer
MBD	Minimal brain dysfunction
MBS	Modified barium swallow (speech path)
MC	Miscarriage
MCA	Middle cerebral artery
MCDA	Monochorionic Diamniotic
MCG	Micturating cystogram
MCH	Mean corpuscular haemoglobin
MCHC	Mean corpuscular haemoglobin concentration
MCL	Mid-clavicular line
MCLS	Mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome
MCMA	Monochorionic Diamniotic
MCP	Metacarpophalangeal (physio)
MCS	Microscopy, culture and sensitivity
MCV	Mean corpuscular volume 1
MCV	Molluscum contagiosum virus 2
MD	Muscular dystrophy
MDD	Major depressive disorder (mental health)
MDI	Metered dose inhaler
MDM	Mid-diastolic murmur
MDMA	Methylenedioxymethamphetamine
MDP	Manic depressive psychosis
MDR-TB	Multidrug-resistant tuberculosis
MDS	Myelodysplastic syndrome
MDT	Multidisciplinary team meeting
ME	Myalgic encephalitis
Mec.	Meconium
Mec liq	Meconium liquor
Meds	Medications
Med.	Medial (physio)
MED	Minimal erythema dose
MEN	Multiple endocrine neoplasia
Meq.	Milli-equivalents
METS; Mets	Metastatic
MFC	Medial femoral condyle
MFD	Mid forceps delivery
MFM	Maternal Fetal Medicine
Mg	Magnesium
mg	Milligram
MG	Mycoplasma genitalium
MGA	Manipulation under general anaesthetic
Mgen	Mycoplasma genitalium
MGF	Maternal grandfather
MGM	Maternal grandmother
MGP	Midwifery Group Practice
MGTT	Modified glucose tolerance test
MGUS	Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance
MH	Mental health (mental health)
MHAHS	Multicultural HIV and Hepatitis Service
MHI	Manual hyperinflation (physio)
MHOAT	Mental Health Outcome Assessment Tool (mental health)
MHRT	Mental health review tribunal (mental health)
MHT	Mental health team
Mhz	Megahertz (physio)
MI	Myocardial infarction
MID	Multi-infarct dementia
MIMS	Monthly index of medical specialities

min.	Minimum (physio)
mL	Millilitre
ML	Middle lobe (lung)
MLB	Monaural loudness balance (hearing test)
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)
MMSE	Mini mental state examination
MMT	Manual muscle testing (physio)
MND	Motor neurone disease
MNG	Multinodular goitre
MO	Medical officer / Medical oncology
Mob	Mobilise (physio)
MOCA	Montreal cognitive assessment
Mod.	Moderate
MOD	Mature onset diabetes
mods.	Modifications (occ therapy)
MODY	Maturity-onset diabetes of the young
MOW	Meals on wheels
M/P	Medial plantar (podiatry)
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/study
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 (occ therapy)
MRSA	Methicillin/Multiple resistant staphylococcus aureus
MS	Mitral stenosis / Multiple sclerosis
MSA	Mammary specific antigen
MSE	Mental state examination (mental health)
MSH2	mutS homolog 2 gene
MSH6	mutS homolog 6 gene
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
M/Sulcus	Medial sulcus (podiatry)
MTD	Muscle tension dysphonia
MTF	Male to Female
Mths	Months
MTP	Metatarsophalangeal (physio) (podiatry)
MUA	Manipulation under anaesthetic
MULE	Multiple upper limb exerciser
Multip.	Multipara = more than one live birth
MutYH	mutY homolog gene
MV	Mechanical ventilation/mitral valve
MVA	Motor vehicle accident
MVD	Mitral valve disease
MVP	Mitral valve prolapse
MVR	Mitral valve replacement
movt.	Movement (physio)

MW	Mallory-Weiss (syndrome)
MWC	Manual wheelchair
Mx	Management
Myco.	Mycobacterium
MYH	Mut Y homologous (gene)
MZ	Middle/mid zone

N	Description	HOME
N	Normal	
Na	Sodium	
NAAT	Nucleic Acid Amplification Test	
NAD	No abnormality detected	
NAFLD	Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease	
NAM	Nutrition as medication	
NANB	Non-A/Non-B (viral hepatitis)	
NAT	Non Accidental Trauma	
NASH	Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis	
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	
NCV	Nerve conduction study	
NCAT	National Civil and Administrative Tribunal	
NCS	Nerve Conduction Study	
N/D	Normal delivery	
NDIA	National Disability Insurance Agency	
NDIS	National Disability Insurance Scheme	
NE	Not engaged– Nurse Educator	
N/E	No effect (physio)	
Neb.	Nebuliser/nebulised	
NEC	Necrotising enterocolitis	
Neg.	Negative	
NESB	Non-English-speaking background	
NET	Neuroendocrine tumours	
NF1	Neurofibromatosis type 1 / neurofibromin gene	
NF2	Neurofibromatosis type 2 / neurofibromin gene	
NFA	No fixed address	
NFO	No further orders	
NFR	Not for resuscitation	
N/G	Nasogastric	
NG	Neisseria gonorrhoea	
NGO	Non-government organisation (mental health)	
NGT	Nasogastric tube	
NGU	Nongonococcal urethritis	
NH	Nursing home	
NHL	Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	
NHT	Nursing home type	
NIBP	Non-invasive blood pressure	
NICU	Neonatal intensive care unit	
NIEL	Not in established labour	
NIHSS	National Institute of Health Stroke Scale (physio)	
NIMV	Non-invasive mask ventilation	
NIV	Non-invasive ventilation	
9-HPT	Nine-Hole Peg Test (physio)	
NIPS/T	Non-invasive prenatal screening / testing	
NIPV	Non-invasive pressure ventilation	
NJ	Naso jejunal (dietetics)	
NK	Nil known; not known	
NKA	No known allergies	
NKDA	No known drug allergies	
NLE	Neonatal lupus erythematosus	
NMP	Normal menstrual period	
NMS	Neuroleptic malignant syndrome	
NMRI	Nuclear magnetic resonance imaging	

NND	Neonatal death
NOAC	Newer/novel oral anticoagulants
NOAD	No other abnormality detected
Nocte	At night
NOF	Neck of femur
NOH	Neck of humerus
NOK	Next of kin
NOLD	No osseous lesion detected
NOS	Not otherwise specified
NP	Non-productive (physio)) / Nasal prong
NP	Nurse Practitioner
NPA	Nasopharyngeal airway
NPEP	Non-occupational post exposure prophylaxis
NPO2	Nasal prong oxygen
npu	Not passed urine
NPpsych/NΨ	Neuropsychologist
NPWT	Negative pressure wound therapy
NR	Normal range
N/S	Normal saline, nursing staff
NS	Nuclear sclerosis (cataract)
NSP	Needle & syringe program
NSAID	Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
NSC	Non-sterile cataract
NSCLC	Non-small cell lung cancer/carcinoma
NSMDA	Neurosensory Motor Developmental Assessment (physio)
NSR	Normal sinus rhythm
NSU	Non-specific urethritis
NSTEMI	Non ST elevation myocardial infarction
NT	Nuchal translucency
NUM	Nurse unit manager
N&V	Nausea and vomiting
NWB	Non weight bearing

O	Description	HOME
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O2	Oxygen
O:	Objective (physio)
OA	Occipital-anterior (L or R) /osteoarthritis
O/A	On admission; on arrival
OB	Obstetrics
Obs.	Observations (physio)
OBS	Organic brain syndrome
O/C	Onychogryphosis (podiatry)
OCD	Obsessive compulsive disorder
OCP	Oral contraceptive pill
O/C/P	Ova/cysts/parasites
OCT	Optical coherence tomography
O/D	Overdose
O/E	On examination
OFD	Orofaciodigital (syndrome)
OG	Orogastric
O/G	Onychogryphosis (podiatry)
O&G	Obstetrics and Gynaecology
OGD	Oesophagogastrroduodenoscopy
OGTT	Oral glucose tolerance test
OHI	Oral hygiene instruction
OHS	Obesity hypoventilation syndrome
OH&S	Occupational health and safety
OI	Osteogenesis imperfecta
Oint	Ointment
OJ	Other joints (physio)
OM	Otitis media / Obtuse marginal
O/M	Onychomycosis (podiatry)
OMS	Opsoclonus-myoclonus syndrome
O/N	Overnight
ONC	Oncology
ONS	Oral nutrition support

OOHC	Out Of Home Care
OOHC HPP	Out of Home Care Health Pathway Program
OP	Operation / Outpatient / Osteoporosis
OPC	Office of the Protective Commissioner (mental health)
OPD	Outpatients Department
OPG	Orthopantomography
Ophth.	Ophthalmology
O/R; OR	Open reduction / Operating Room
ORIF	Open reduction with internal fixation
ORQ	Outer range quadriceps (physio)
ORTHIN	Overdose Response with Take Home Naloxone (intervention)
Ortho.	Orthopaedics
OSA	Obstructive sleep apnoea
O2 Sats	Oxygen saturation
OSHS	Obstructive sleep hypopnoea syndrome
OSI	Oral sexual intercourse
OST	Opioid Substitution Therapy
OT	Operating theatre / Occupational therapist
OTA	Over toilet aid (occ therapy)
OTP	Opioid Treatment Program
Outs	Outfractures
OTC	Over the counter
Ov Ca	Ovarian cancer

P	Description	HOME
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P1, P2	Pulmonary valve, first sound or second sound
PA	Per axilla
PAC	Premature atrial contractions / Pressure area care / Pre admission clinic
PACE	Patient with acute condition requiring escalation
PACU	Post anaesthesia care unit
PADL	Personal activities of daily living (occ therapy)
PADP	Program of Aids for Disabled People (occ therapy)
Paed	Paediatrics
PAF	Paroxysmal atrial fibrillation
PAINAD	Pain assessment in Advanced Dementia
Pall Care	Palliative care
palp.	Palpitations (physio)
PAMS	Passive accessory movements (physio)
PAIVMS	Passive accessory intervertebral movements (physio)
PAN	Polyarteritis nodosa
PAP	Primary atypical pneumonia
PAPP-A	Pregnancy-associated plasma protein A
Pap smear	Papanicolaou smear test
Para	Paraplegic
Pass.	Passive (physio)
Pat.	Patella (physio) / Paternal
PAT	Paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
PBC	Primary biliary cirrhosis
P/c	Phone call
Pc	Presenting complaint (physio)
PC	Packed cells
PCA	Patient controlled analgesia
PCB	Post-coital bleeding
PCI	Percutaneous coronary intervention
PCK	Polycystic kidney
PCL	Posterior cruciate ligament (physio)
pCO2	Partial pressure of Carbon Dioxide
PCOD	Polycystic ovary disease
PCOS	Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome
PCP	Phencyclidine (use/intoxication)
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PCT	Porphyria cutanea tarda
PCTA	Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty
PCV	Packed cell volume
PD	Peritoneal dialysis
PDA	Patent ductus arteriosus / Posterior descending artery

PDPT	Patient delivered partner therapy
PDU	Patient discharge lounge
PDL	Patient discharge lounge
PDx	Provisional diagnosis / Principal Diagnosis
PE	Physical examination / Pleural effusion / Pulmonary embolism
PEARL	Pupils equal and reacting to light
PECCRLA	Pupils equal, concentric, circular, reacting to light and accommodation
PEDI	Paediatric Evaluation of Disability Inventory (physio)
PEEP	Positive end expiratory pressure (physio)
PEFR	Peak expiratory flow rate (physio)
PEG	Percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy
PEJ	Percutaneous endoscopic jejunostomy
PENS	Percutaneous electrical nerve stimulator
PEO	Protective Estates Order (mental health)
PEP	Post-exposure prophylaxis
perc	Percussion (physio) /percutaneous
pess	Pessary
PET	Pre-eclamptic toxemia/positron emitted tomography
PF	Patellofemoral (physio)
PFCKR	Patellofemoral compartment knee replacement
PFO	Patent foramen ovale
PFR	Peak flow rate
PFT	Pulmonary function test
PFx	Pelvic floor exercises (physio)
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
PHx	Past history
PHT	Pulmonary hypertension
PHx	Past / personal / Patient history
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
PIP	Proximal interphalangeal (joint)- Peak Inspiratory pressure
PITP	Powered inferior turbinoplasty
PIVC	Peripheral intravenous catheter/cannula or IVC – 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	Postmortem
PMA	Plantar metatarsal area (podiatry)
PMB	Post menopausal bleeding
PMH	Past medical history
PMN/ Polys	Polymorphs on gram
PMP	Plantar metatarsal pad (podiatry)
PMR	Polymyalgia rheumatica
PMS	Premenstrual syndrome
PMS2	PMS1 homolog 2 gene
PMT	Premenstrual tension
P/N	Postnatal
PN	Percussion note 1
PN	Partner Notification 2
PNB	Prostate needle biopsy
PNC	Post natal clinic
PND	Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnoea / Prenatal diagnosis

PNET	Primitive neuroectodermal tumour
PNF	Passive neck flexion (physio)
PNH	Paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria
PNLA	Percutaneous needle lung aspiration
PNMH	Perinatal Mental Health
PNS	Peripheral nervous system
PNT	Pancreatic neuroendocrine tumour
PNX	Pneumonia
pO2	Concentration of oxygen in solution
p/o	Productive of (physio)
PO	By mouth, orally
POA	Power of attorney
PO4	Phosphate
POBA	Plain old balloon angioplasty
POC	Products of conception / Point Of care
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	Persistent occipito-posterior / Progestogen only pill
Pos.	Positive
Post.	Posterior
Post op	Post operatively
PP	Pin prick
P&P	Pin and plate
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 (physio)
PPM	Permanent pacemaker
PPN	Peripheral parenteral nutrition
pPNET	Peripheral primitive neuroectodermal tumour
PPROM	Preterm premature rupture of membranes
PPU	Perforated peptic ulcer
PR	Per rectum / Paced rhythm / Progesterone receptor
Pre med	Pre-medication
Pre-op	Pre-operatively
Prep	Preparation (mental health)
PrEP	(HIV) Pre-exposure prophylaxis
PRFFNB	Percutaneous radiofrequency facet nerve block
PRIND	Prolonged reversible ischaemic neurological deficit
PRK	Photorefractive keratectomy
Prn	Whenever necessary/as required (pro re nata)
Prod.	Productive
Prog.	Prognosis (mental health)
PROM	Premature rupture of membranes
Pron.	Pronation
Prot.	Protraction / Protein
Pro tem	For now / in the short term
Prox.	Proximal
PRVC	Pressure regulated volume control
PS	Presenting symptoms / Pressure support
P/S	Plantar surface (podiatry)
PSA	Prostate-specific antigen
PSC	Polar senile cataract
PSCP	Psychosocial Care Plan
PSD	Psychosocial Disability
PSH; PSHx	Past surgical history
PSI	Previous sexual intercourse
PSP	Progressive supranuclear palsy
PSV	Pressure support ventilation
Pt	Patient
P/T	Physiotherapy

PTA	Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty
PTA	Post-Traumatic Amnesia
PTAV	Percutaneous transluminal aortic valvuloplasty
PTB	Pulmonary tuberculosis
PTC	Percutaneous transhepatic cholangiography
PTCA	Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
PTCH1	Patched 1 gene
PTD	Pre test discussion
PTE	Pulmonary thromboemboli
PTEN	Phosphatase and tensin homologous gene
PTFL	Posterior tibiofibular ligament (physio)
PTH	Parathyroid hormone
PTK	Phototherapeutic keratectomy
PTS	Pulled to sitting/pulled to standing (physio)
PTSD	Post traumatic stress disorder
Pu	Passed urine
PU	Peptic ulcer / Paternal uncle
PUD	Peptic ulcer disease
PUF	Pick-up frame (physio)
PUIT	Passed urine in toilet
PUJ	Pelvi-ureteric junction
PUO	Pyrexia of unknown origin
PUPP	Pruritic urticarial plaques of pregnancy
PU/S	Pulsed ultrasound (physio)
PUVA	Psoralen ultraviolet A (therapy)
PV	Per vagina
PVB	Per vagina bleeding
PVC	Premature ventricular contraction
PVD	Peripheral vascular disease
PVE	Per vaginal examination
PVS	Post-viral syndrome
PWB	Partial weight-bearing (physio)
PWC	Powered wheelchair
PWD	Person with Disability

Q	Description	HOME
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QRP	Quick Response Unit
Qid	Four times a day
Quad.	Quadriplegia
Quads	Quadriceps
QS	Quad stick (physio)

R	Description	HOME
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R	Receptive (sexual intercourse) / Right
RA	Rheumatoid arthritis / Right atrium / 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 (on ECG)
RAM	Rapid alternating movements (neurology)
RARS	Refractory anaemia with ringed sideroblasts
RAS	Renal artery stenosis
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
RC	Right circumflex
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 (mental health)
Reg	Regular
REIL	Repeated extension in lying (physio)
REIS	Repeated extension in sitting (physio)
Rels.	Relatives
REM	Rapid eye movement
rep.	Repeated (physio)
Resp.	Respiratory
Ret.	Retraction (physio)
RF	Renal failure / Rollator frame – two wheels
RFA	Right femoral artery/recommendation for admission (form)
RFH	Right femoral hernia
RFIL	Repeated flexion in lying (physio)
RFIS	Repeated flexion in standing (physio)
RFP	Right frontoposterior (obstetrics) / Regular female partner
RFT	Right front transverse (obstetrics)
RFTs	Respiratory function tests
RGP	Retrograde pyelogram
Rh -ve	Rhesus factor negative
Rh +ve	Rhesus factor positive
RHD	Rheumatic heart disease
RHF	Right heart failure
RHW	Royal Hospital for Women
RIB	Reportable incident brief/ 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/ 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 / Right lower lobe
RLN	Recurrent laryngeal nerve
RLOQ	Right lower outer quadrant (breast)
RLQ	Right lower quadrant (abdomen)
RM	Registered midwife
RML	Right middle lobe (lung)
RMO	Resident Medical Officer
RMP	Regular male partner
RN	Registered Nurse
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
R/O	Removal of
RO	Radiation oncology
ROA	Right occipital anterior (obstetrics)
ROI	Release of information
ROL	Right occipitolateral (obstetrics)
ROM	Range of motion (physio)
ROP	Right occipitoposterior (obstetrics)
ROS	Removal of sutures
ROSH	Risk of Significant Harm
Rot.	Rotation (physio)
ROT	Right occipitotransverse (obstetrics)
RPC	Retained products of conception
RPF	Retroperitoneal fibrosis
RPR	Rapid plasma reagin
Rpt	Repeat
RR	Respiratory rate
RRM	Risk reducing mastectomy

RRMed	Risk reducing medication
RR(B/U)SO	Risk reducing (bilateral/unilateral) salpingo-oophorectomy
RRT	Renal Replacement Therapy - used in note RRT RED ZONE
RSA	Right sacro-anterior (obstetrics)
RSCP	Right Scapuloposterior
RSD	Reflex sympathetic dystrophy (now CRPS)
RSI	Repetitive strain injury
RSO	Right salpingo-oophorectomy
RSP	Right sacroposterior (obstetrics)
RST	Right sacrotransverse (obstetrics)
RSV	Respiratory syncytial virus
RSVB	Respiratory syncytial virus bronchiolitis
RT; R/T; RTx	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 (occ therapy)
RTU	Returned to unit
RTW	Returned to ward
RUDAS	Rowland Universal Dementia Assessment Scale
RUIQ	Right upper inner quadrant (breast)
RUL	Right upper lid/right upper lobe (lung)
RUO	Right ureteric orifice
RUOQ	Right upper outer quadrant (breast)
RUQ	Right upper quadrant
R/V	Review
RV	Right ventricle / Retro verted (uterus)
RVA	Right vertebral angiogram
RVAD	Right ventricular assist device
RVF	Right ventricular failure
RVH	Right ventricular hypertrophy
RVP	Right venous pressure
RVT	Renal vein thrombosis
Rx	Treatment/prescription
RXT	Right exotropia

S	Description	HOME
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s	serum (as in s bilirubin)
/s	without
S1-5	Sacral vertebrae (1-5)
S. aureus	Staphylococcus aureus
Sab	Sabouraud agar
SAFG	Short arm fibreglass (cast) (physio)
SAH	Subarachnoid haemorrhage
SAL	Sensorineural acuity level (test)
SAPOP	Short arm plaster of paris (physio)
SaO2	Saturation of arterial oxygen
S/B	Seen by / Stillborn / stillbirth
SBA	Standby assistance (occ therapy)
SBO	Small bowel obstruction
SBP	Systolic blood pressure
SBR	Serum bilirubin / Strict bed rest
S-B test	Stanford-Binet test
SBT	Sharp/blunt test (occ therapy)
SCA	Sickle cell anaemia
SCAD	Spontaneous coronary artery dissection
Scap.	Scapula (physio)
SCC	Squamous cell carcinoma / Sudden cardiac death
SCH	Subconjunctival haemorrhage
SCI	Subcutaneous injection
SCID	Severe combined immunodeficiency disease
SCI MH-OAT	Service Contact Info. Mental Health Outcome & Assessment Tools (MH)
SCLC	Small cell lung cancer
SCN	Special Care Nursery

SCTx	Static cervical traction
SCTAT	Sex cord tumour with annular tubules (of the ovary)
SDAT	Senile dementia Alzheimer's type (mental health)
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
SDT	Speech detection threshold
S/E	Subjective examination (physio)
SEM	Systolic ejection murmur
sens.	Sensation (physio)
SFA	Superficial femoral artery
SFD	Small for dates
SFGA	Small for gestational age
SFL/R	Side flexion left/right (physio)
SG	Specific gravity
SGA	Small for gestational age
SGC	Senior genetic counsellor
SGIS	Side glide in standing (physio)
Sh.	Shoulder (physio)
SH; SHx	Social history/ Self harm/ Sexual Health
SHIL	Sexual health info link
SHL	Sudden hearing loss
SI	Stress incontinence/ Self Injury / Sexual intercourse
SIADH	Syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone (secretion)
Sibs	Siblings
SIBR	Structured Interdisciplinary Bedside Rounds
SIDS	Sudden infant death syndrome
SIJ	Sacro-iliac joint (physio)
SIL	Supported Independent Living
SIMV	Synchronised intermittent mandatory ventilation
SIRS	Systemic inflammatory response syndrome
SISADH	Syndrome of inappropriate secretion of antidiuretic hormone
SIW	Self inflicted wound
SL	Side lying (physio) / Sublingual
SLAP	Superior labrum anterior-posterior lesion
SLE	Systemic lupus erythematosus
SLFG	Short leg fibreglass (cast) (physio)
SLN	Superior laryngeal nerve
SLPOP	Short leg plaster of Paris (physio)
SLR	Straight leg raising (physio)
SLS	Single leg stand (physio)
SLT	Single lung transplant
SM	Student midwife
SMA	Superior mesenteric artery
SMAD4	SMAD family member 4 gene
SMBG	Self monitoring of blood glucose
SMD	Senile macular degeneration
SMI	Sustained maximal inspiration (physio)
SMR	Submucous resection (nose)
SMHSOP	Specialist Mental Health Services for Older Persons (mental health)
SN	Senile nuclear (cataract)
Sn	Suction (physio)
SNAP	Subacute & non-acute patient
SNAP AROC	Subacute and Non-Acute Patient Australian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre
SNM	Senior Nurse Manager
SNRI	Serotonin/Noradrenalin re-uptake inhibitor (mental health)
SNS	Sympathetic nervous system
s/o	Suction out (physio) / Standing order
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 (physio)

SOL	Spontaneous onset of labour
Sol'n	Solution (mental health)
SOM	Secretary otitis media
SOOB	Sit out of bed
SP	Speech Pathology
sp	Species
SPC	Suprapubic catheter
Spiro.	Spirometry (physio)
SPO2	Saturation of peripheral oxygen
SPS	Single point stick (physio)
SPPS	Stable plasma protein solution
SPRED1	Sprouty-related gene
SPROM	Spontaneous premature rupture of the membranes
SPS	Single point stick (physio)
Sput.	Sputum (physio)
SQ	Static quadriceps (physio)
SR	Sinus rhythm
SR	Self Report
SROM	Spontaneous rupture of membranes
s-s	Side to side (physio)
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 (mental health)
SSS	Sick sinus syndrome
SST	Supraspinatus tendon (physio)
SSV	Short saphenous vein
ST	Sinus tachycardia
STACS	Sutherland Transitional Aged Care Team
Staph.	Staphylococcus
stat	immediately and once only (statim)
Statim/Stat	Immediately, once only
STD	Sexually transmitted disease
STEMI	ST elevation myocardial infarction
STIGMA	Sexually Transmissible Infections in Gay Men Action Group
STI	Soft tissue injury / Sexually transmissible infection
STK11	Serine/threonine kinase 11 gene
STM	Short term memory
STML	Short term memory loss
STO	Standing order
STR	Soft tissue release (physio)
STS	Serology tests for syphilis
STSG	Split-thickness skin graft
Strep.	Streptococcus
subcut.	Subcutaneous
subj.	Subjective (physio)
subling.	Sublingual
Subscap.	Subscapularis (tendon) (physio)
SUD	Sudden unexplained death
SUDI	Sudden unexplained death in Infancy
Sup.	Supination (physio)
Supp.	Suppository/ Supplement
SUPPS	Substance Use in Pregnancy and Parenting Support
Surg.	Surgery or surgical
Sub US	Subaquatic ultrasound (physio)
Susp.	Suspension
S/V	Supervision
SVC	Superior vena cava
SVD	Septal ventricular defect
SVG	Saphenous vein graft
SVR	Systemic vascular resistance
SVT	Supraventricular tachycardia
SW	Social work
SW/ SIW	Sex industry worker
SWOP	Sex Workers Outreach Project

Sx	Surgery (physio)
SX	Symptoms
SXR	Skull x-ray
Syph	Syphilis
SZ/SCZ	Schizophrenia (mental health)

T	Description	HOME
T1-12	Thoracic vertebrae (1-12)	
Tab.	Tablet	
TA	Tendo Achilles / Tubular adenoma	
TACP	Transitional Aged Care Program	
TACS	Transitional Aged Care Team	
TAF	Tenofovir Alafenamide	
TAH	Total abdominal hysterectomy	
TAHBSO	Total abdominal hysterectomy and bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy	
TAPVC	Total anomalous pulmonary venous connection	
TAT	Turnaround time	
TB	Tuberculosis (tubercle bacillus)	
TBA	To be arranged	
TBC	To be confirmed (physio)	
TBI	Traumatic brain injury	
TBLC	Term birth living child	
TBLI	Term birth live infant	
TBW	Tension band wiring	
TCA	Tricyclic antidepressant (mental health)	
TCC	Transitional cell carcinoma	
TCI	To come in	
TCRA	Transfer of Care Risk Assessment	
TCM	Transcutaneous monitoring	
T-CLL	T-cell chronic lymphocytic leukaemia	
TCV	Talipes calcaneovalgus (physio)	
TD	Tardive dyskinesia (mental health) Transdermal	
TDF	Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate	
t.d.s	Three times a day (Ter die submentum)	
TED	Thromboembolic deterrent (stockings)	
Temp.	Temperature	
TEN	Trainee enrolled nurse	
TENS	Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (physio)	
TEST	Tubal embryo stage transfer	
Tet-tox	Tetanus toxoid	
TEV	Talipes equinovarus (physio)	
TF	Thickened fluids	
TFA	Transfemoral amputation (physio)	
TFGT	Treatment focussed genetic testing	
TFL	Tensor fasciae latae (physio)	
TFT	Thyroid function tests	
T/F	Transfer (physio)	
TG	Triglycerides	
TGA	Transient global amnesia	
TGF-b	Tumour growth factor - b	
TH	Total hysterectomy	
THA	Total hip arthroplasty	
THBSO	Total hysterectomy bilateral sapling-oophorectomy	
THC	Tetrahydrocannabinol (marijuana) (mental health)	
THR	Total hip replacement	
TIA	Transient ischaemic attack	
TIBC	Total iron binding capacity	
TIPS	Trans jugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt	
TIS	Translating and Interpreting Service	
TIVA	Total intravenous anaesthesia	
TJ	Triceps jerks	
TKA	Total knee arthroplasty	
TKR	Total knee replacement	
TKVO	To keep vein open	
TLA	Trans lumbar aortogram	
TLE	Temporal lobe epilepsy	

TLR	Tonic labyrinthine reflex (physio)
TM	Tympanic membrane
TMC	Threatened miscarriage
TMJ	Temporomandibular joint
TML	Trachea midline
TMR	Trans myocardial revascularisation
TMT	Tarsometatarsal (physio)
THN	Take home Naloxone
TNBC	Triple negative breast cancer
TNF	Tumour necrosis factor
TNP	Transitional Nurse Practitioner
TOC	Test Of Cure
TOE	Transoesophageal echocardiogram
TOF	Trachea-oesophageal fistula– Tetralogy of Fallot
TOL	Trial of labour
TOP	Termination of pregnancy
TOR	Test of reinfection
TORCH	Toxoplasmosis, rubella, cytomegalovirus and herpes simplex
TOS	Trial of scar
TOV	Trial of void
Toxo	Toxoplasmosis
T/P	Transplant
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
TPR	Temperature, pulse and respiration
TPTL	Threatened pre-term labour
TPW	Temporary pacing wire
TP53	Tumour protein p53 gene
TrA	Transversus abdominis (physio)
tract.	Traction (physio)
TRAM	Transverse rectus abdominis myocutaneous (flap)
traps.	Trapezius (physio)
TRH	Thyrotropin-releasing hormone
Trich/ TV	Trichomoniasis
Ts and As	Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
T/S	Thoracic spine (physio)
TSE	Testicular self examination
TSH	Thyroid stimulating hormone
TSI	Thyroid stimulating immunoglobulin
TSS	Toxic shock syndrome
TTA	Trans tibial amputation (physio)
TTE	Transthoracic echocardiogram
TTN	Transient tachypnoea of the newborn
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 (physio)
TVA	Tubulovillous adenoma
TVH	Total vaginal hysterectomy
TVP	Transvenous pacing/ Transvenous pacemaker
TVR	Tricuspid valve replacement
TVT	Transvaginal tension (tape)
TVUS	Transvaginal ultrasound
TWB	Touch weight bearing (physio)
TWOC	Trial without catheter
Tx	Traction (physio) / Treatment/ Transplant / Transplant
TZ	Transformation zone
T1DM	Type 1 diabetes mellitus
T2DM	Type 2 diabetes mellitus

U	Description	HOME
U/A	Urinalysis	
UA	Unstable angina	
UAP	Unstable angina pectoris	
UBT	Uterine balloon therapy	
UC	Ulcerative colitis	
U & E	Urea and electrolytes (use UEC instead)	
UCG	Urinary chorionic gonadotrophin	
UEC	Urea, electrolytes and creatinine	
U/K	Unknown	
UL	Upper limb (physio)	
ULTT	Upper limb tension test (physio)	
ULTT1-3	Upper limb tension test 1-3 (physio)	
UMN	Upper motor neuron	
Unilat	Unilateral	
U/O	Urine output	
UPDRS	Unified Parkinson's Disease Rating Scale (physio)	
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 (physio)	
UTI	Urinary tract infection	
UTT	Up to toilet (physio)	
UULEX	Unsupported upper limb exercise test (physio)	
UV	Ultraviolet	
UVP	Utero vaginal prolapse	
UVR	Ultraviolet radiation	
UWSD	Underwater seal drain	
UZ	Upper zone (physio)	

V	Description	HOME
VA	Visual acuity	
VAD	Vascular access device	
VAIN	Vaginal intra-epithelial neoplasia (grades 1-3)	
VAS	Visual analogue scale (physio)	
Vax.	Vaccine	
VBAC	Vaginal birth after Caesarean	
VBI	Vertebrobasilar insufficiency	
VC	Vital capacity (physio)	
VCE	Video capsule endoscopy	
V & D	Vomiting and diarrhoea	
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 (physio)	
VH	Vaginal hysterectomy	
VHD	Valvular heart disease	
VHL	Von Hippel-Lindau syndrome / gene	
vibs/vibes.	Vibrations (physio)	
VIB	Voided in bed	
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	Namely	
VL	Viral Load	
VLAP	Visual laser assisted prostatectomy	

VLBW	Very low birth weight
VLDL	Very low-density lipoproteins
VMO	Visiting Medical Officer
VP	Ventriculoperitoneal
VPB	Ventricular premature beats
VPC	Ventricular premature contractions
VPS	Ventricular-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
VSI	Vaginal sexual intercourse
VT	Ventricular tachycardia
VTE	Venous thrombo-embolism
VUJ	Vesico-ureteric junction
VV	Varicose vein
vWD	von Willebrand's disease
VVC	Vulvovaginal candidiasis
Vx	Vertex
VZV	Varicella zoster virus

W	Description	HOME
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WB	Weight bearing (physio) / Whole blood
WBAT	Weight bearing as tolerated (physio)
WBC	White blood cell
WBC	White blood count
WBR	Whole body radiation
WC	Workers' compensation
WCC	White cell count
W/cm ²	Watts per centimetre squared (physio)
Wee-FIM	Paediatric functional independence measure (physio)
WH&S	Work Health and safety
Wks	Weeks
WNL	Within normal limits
W/O	Washout / Without / Welfare officer (mental health)
WOB	Work of breathing
WPW	Wolff-Parkinson-White (Syndrome)
W/S	Walking stick
WSW	Women who have sex with women
Wt	Weight
WTM	Will take message
2WW	Two-wheeled walker
4WF	Four-wheeled frame (physio)
4WW	Four-wheeled walker

X	Description	HOME
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XLD	X-linked dominant
XLR	X-linked recessive
X-match	Cross match
XR	X-ray / Extended release
XRT	X-ray therapy

Y	Description	HOME
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Y/O	Years old
Yr/S	Year / Years

Z	Description	HOME
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Z-N	Ziehl Neelsen (stain)
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Symbols	Description	HOME
@	At	
&	And	
↓	Decreased	
↑	Increased	
△	Disease	
♂	Male	
♀	Female	
#	Fracture	
/60	Minutes	
/7	Days	
/12	Months	
/52	Weeks	
/24	Hours	
/40	Weeks of pregnancy	
1°	Primary, first degree	
2°	Secondary, second degree	
3°	Third degree	
+	Slight trace	
++	Trace	
+++	Moderate trace	
++++	Large trace	
-	Absent	
-ve	Negative	
(R)	Right	
(L)	Left	
<	Less than	
>	Greater than	
/C	With	
/S	Without	
∴	Therefore	
=	Equal to	
°	No; no history of	
%	Percent	
?	Doubtful; questionable; query	
° F	Degrees Fahrenheit	
° C	Degrees Celsius	
←	Transverse left (physio)	
→	Transverse right (physio)	
↔	Longitudinal movement (physio)	
→←	Transverse mobs	
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HOME	Home	HOME