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Preface

The use of abbreviations in medicine and nursing has been increasing rapidly. Unfortunately, there are no rules, regulations, or agreements about the proper form for such abbreviations, nor is there even a central group to make such rules, regulations, or agreements. Consequently, growing confusion has resulted. This book is an attempt to provide some help for those who encounter abbreviations that must be translated to make sense of a description, a history and physical, a physician's order, or a report. We are grateful to Ms. Pam Werner for her efficient secretarial assistance. We welcome any suggestions for new abbreviations to be added to future editions, or any other suggestions for improvements.

Introduction

The abbreviations listed in this book are those that are in use or have been in use. They are not to be considered our recommendations. Indeed, we believe, with others, that there are entirely too many abbreviations and that many of them are confusing and undesirable. Few if any readers will encounter all the abbreviations listed. However, no one can predict which mix of abbreviations will be encountered by any individual, so a fairly complete list is presented.

Many hospitals have, or should have, an approved list of abbreviations. This book can be used as the nucleus of such a list. A committee can check those abbreviations that are approved for use in that hospital, and space has been left at the bottom of each page to add any special abbreviations that are not listed. At the same time, the unchecked abbreviations can be helpful as a guide to understanding records from other hospitals and articles in journals.

All entries are arranged alphabetically, and the absence of a letter precedes the letter A. For example, the abbreviation P precedes PA.

We have followed established usage in deciding whether to capitalize or not to capitalize. However, we place no reliance on this, since there are too many discrepancies in such usage, and since it is in constant flux. If an abbreviation is capitalized in this book, it means that the sources in which we found the abbreviation used capitals. Unfortunately, however, a physician using that abbreviation may not employ capitals, so one must be prepared to interchange capital and small letters in many situations.

Following the alphabetical list are supplementary lists that include the letters of the Greek alphabet, symbols for Greek and Roman letters used together, and non-alphabetical symbols. The latter are not, of course, in any particular order.

Most of the abbreviations are derived from the first letters of the words being abbreviated. Others involve parts of words, and still others are derived from Latin. For this reason, there may not be any readily recognizable correspondence between the abbreviation and the original words.

Most of the abbreviations in this listing are in current use. Some older or obsolete abbreviations are also included since they are encountered when one reads old articles or patients' charts.

It is quite evident that the same abbreviation may be used to denote many different things that are completely unrelated. Sometimes, the context in which the abbreviation is used may indicate its probable meaning. At other times, however, this is not possible. For example, in the sentence "The ACS recommends an intensive search to find less toxic anticancer drugs," the abbreviation ACS could apply with equal logic to the American Cancer Society, the American Chemical Society, or the American College of Surgeons.

Greater care is needed in developing and using acronyms, especially those that duplicate or resemble words that already have a meaning. A particularly unfortunate choice is the acronym COLD to refer to chronic obstructive lung disease. One can imagine the distress of a patient who has been hospitalized and who received an extensive workup and substantial bill, when he inadvertently hears or sees the term COLD used as the final diagnosis. We recommend that acronyms used in medicine and nursing not be duplicates of any existing words.

Steps need to be taken to lessen the confusion caused by excessive use of abbreviations. It is customary, in some journals and books, to introduce an abbreviation in parenthesis immediately after the word or phrase being abbreviated, and to use only the abbreviation thereafter. This is cumbersome and quite unsatisfactory to the reader who may forget the meaning of the abbreviation and have to search the text for the key. A much better system would be to provide a box in which all abbreviations used in a particular article or chapter are listed and translated.

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A	abnormal	AAA	androgenic anabolic agent
A	absorbance	AAALAC	American Association for Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care
a	accommodation	AAAM	American Association for Automotive Medicine
a	acid	AAAS	American Association for the Advancement of Science
A	allergy	AABB	American Association of Blood Banks
A	alternate	AACC	American Association of Clinical Chemists
A	alveolar (gas)	AACO	American Association of Certified Orthoptists
a	ampere	AACP	American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
A	Angstrom unit	AACR	American Association for Cancer Research
Å	Angstrom unit	AAD	American Academy of Dermatology
a	anode	AADP	American Academy of Denture Prosthetics
a	anterior	AADS	American Association of Dental Schools
a	aqua (fluid)	AAE	American Association of Endodontists
A	area (of heart shadow)	AAEE	American Academy of Environmental Engineers
a	artery, arterial	AAF	acetaminofluorine
a	asymmetric	AAF	acetic-alcohol-formalin
A	atomic weight	AAGP	American Academy of General Practice
A	axial	AAI	American Association of Immunologists
a	before	AAIN	American Association of Industrial Nurses
A	water	AAL	anterior axillary line
A	year		
A ₂	aortic second sound		
AA	achievement age		
AA	Alcoholics Anonymous		
āā	of each		
AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm		
AAA	acquired aplastic anemia		
aaa	amalgam		
AAA	American Academy of Allergy		

AALAS	American Association of Laboratory Animal Science	AAP	Association of American Physicians
AAMA	American Association of Medical Assistants	AAPB	American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists
AAMC	American Association of Medical Clinics	AAPHP	American Association of Public Health Physicians
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges	AAPMR	American Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
AAMD	American Association on Mental Deficiency	AAPPP	American Association of Planned Parenthood Physicians
AAME	acetylarginine methyl ester	AAPS	Association of American Physicians and Surgeons
AAMI	Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation	AAR	Australia antigen radioimmunoassay
AAMRL	American Association of Medical Record Librarians	AAT	acute abdominal tympany
AAN	American Academy of Neurology	ab	abortion
AANS	American Academy of Neurological Surgery	ab	about
AANS	American Association of Neurological Surgeons	Ab	antibodies
AAO	American Association of Ophthalmology	AB	asthmatic bronchitis
AAO	American Association of Orthodontists	AB	Bachelor of Arts
AAOG	American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	A/B	acid-base ratio
AAO0	American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology	AbAP	antibody-against-panel
AAOP	American Academy of Oral Pathology	ABCC	Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission
AAOS	American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons	abd	abdomen, abdominal
AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics	abdom	abdomen, abdominal
AAP	American Academy of Pedodontics	ABE	acute bacterial endocarditis
AAP	American Academy of Periodontology	ABL	antigen-binding lymphocytes
		ABMS	Advisory Board for Medical Specialties
		abn	abnormal
		abnorm	abnormal

ABO	absent bed occupant	ACB	arterialized capillary blood
ABP	arterial blood pressure	acc	accident
abs	absolute	acc	accommodation
ABS	acute brain syndrome	acc	according
abs feb	in the absence of fever	ACC	alveolar cell carcinoma
absc	abscissa	ACC	American College of Cardiology
absorb	absorption	ACCC	Association of Community Cancer Centers
abstr	abstract	accel	acceleration
ac	acetyl	AcCh	acetylcholine
AC	acetylcysteine	accid	accident
AC	acid	AcCoA	acetyl coenzyme A
AC	acromioclavicular	accom	accommodation (eye)
Ac	acute	ACCP	American College of Chest Physicians
Ac	actinium	accum	accumulation
AC	adherent cell	ACD	absolute cardiac dullness
AC	adrenal cortex	ACD	acid, citrate, dextrose
AC	air conduction	ACE	adrenal cortical extract
ac	alternating current	ACE	angiotensin converting enzyme
AC	alternating current	ACEP	American College of Emergency Physicians
AC	antiphlogistic corticoid (anti-inflammatory cor- ticoid)	ACFS	American College of Foot Surgeons
AC	atriocarotid	Ac-G	accelerator globulin
ac	before meals	ACG	apexcardiogram
ACA	American College of Allergists	ACh	acetylcholine
ACA	American College of Anesthesiologists	ACH	adrenal cortical hormone
ACA	anterior cerebral artery	AChE	acetylcholinesterase
acad	academy	ACOG	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecol- ogists
ACB	aortocoronary saphenous vein bypass		

ACOS	American College of Osteopathic Surgeons	ad	to, up to
ACP	American College of Physicians	ad def an	to the point of fainting
ACP	aspirin, caffeine, phenacetin	ad lib	freely
ACPM	American College of Preventive Medicine	ADA	American Dental Association
ACPP	adrenocorticopolypeptide	ADA	American Dermatological Association
ACR	American College of Radiology	ADA	American Diabetes Association
ACS	American Cancer Society	ADA	American Dietetic Association
ACS	American Chemical Society	ADC	Aid to Dependent Children
ACS	American College of Surgeons	add	let there be added
ACS	antireticular cytotoxic serum	ADEM	acute disseminated encephalomyelitis
ACSW	Academy of Certified Social Workers	Adh	antidiuretic hormone
ACT	activated coagulation time	ADH	antidiuretic hormone
act	activity	ADHA	American Dental Hygienists Association
ACTD	Actinomycin D	adhib	to be administered
ACTH	adrenocorticotropic hormone	ADL	activities of daily life
activ	activity	ADM	Administrative Medicine
ACTP	adrenocorticotropic polypeptide	adm	administrator
ACVD	acute cardiovascular disease	adm	admission
AC/W	acetone/water	adm	admit
AD	achievement drive	admov	let it be applied
ad	add	ADN	Associate Degree in Nursing
AD	adenoidal degeneration	ADP	automated data processing
AD	average deviation	ADP	adenosine diphosphate
AD	right atrium	ADP	the 5' (pyro)-diphosphates of adenosine
AD	right ear	ADPL	average daily patient load
		ADR	Accepted Dental Remedies
		ADR	adverse drug reaction

ADS	antidiuretic substance	AFB	acid-fast bacillus
adst feb	while fever is present	AFB	American Foundation for the Blind
ADT	adenosine triphosphate	AFB ₁	aflatoxin B ₁
ADT	An abbreviation placed on label of a placebo prescrip- tion	AFCR	American Federation for Clinical Research
ADT	automated dithionate test	AFIP	Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
ADTe	tetanic contraction	AFP	alpha-fetoprotein
adv	against	AFQT	Armed Forces Qualification Test
advert	advertisement	Ag	antigen
AE	above elbow	ag	atrial gallop
AE	acrodermatitis enter- opathica	A/G	albumin-globulin ratio
AEC	at earliest convenience	AGA	American Gastroenterological Association
AEC	Atomic Energy Commission	AGA	American Goiter Association
AEG	air encephalogram	AGA	accelerated growth area
aeg	patient	AGD	agar gel diffusion
AEP	average evoked potential	agg	agglutinate, agglutination
AER	aldosterone excretion rate	agg1	agglutinate, agglutination
AER	auditory evoked response	agglut	agglutinate, agglutination
AER	average evoked response	aggreg	aggregation
AES	American Encephalographic Society	agit	shake
AES	American Epidemiological Society	agit vas	the vial being shaken
AES	antieosinophil sera	AGMK	African green monkey kidney
aet	age, of age, aged	AGN	acute glomerulonephritis
AF	acid fast	AgNO ₃	silver nitrate
AF	atrial fibrillation	AGS	American Gynecological Society
AF	atrial flutter	AGV	aniline gentian violet
af	audiofrequency	AH	hypermetropic astigmatism

AHA	American Heart Association	AIHD	acquired immune hemolytic disease
AHA	American Hospital Association	AILD	angioimmunoblastic lymphadenopathy with dysproteinemia
AHC	acute hemorrhagic conjunctivitis	AIN	American Institute of Nutrition
AHC	acute hemorrhagic cystitis	AINA	American Indian Nurses Association
AHD	antihypertensive drug	AINA	automated immunoephelometric assay
AHD	autoimmune hemolytic disease	AIP	acute idiopathic pericarditis
AHF	antihemophilic factor	AIP	acute intermittent porphyria
AHG	antihemophilic globulin	AJ	ankle jerk
AHG	antihuman globulin	AK	above knee
AHH	arylhydrocarbon hydroxylase	AKA	above knee amputation
AHN	assistant head nurse	AK amp	above knee amputation
AI	accidentally incurred	AL	adaptation level
AI	aortic insufficiency	AL	alignment mark (cardiography)
AI	apical impulse	Al	aluminum
AI	artificial insemination	ALA	American Laryngological Association
AI	atrial insufficiency	ALA	American Lung Association
AIB	aminoisobutyric acid	Ala	aminolevulinic acid
AIBA	aminoisobutyric acid	ALA-D	aminolevulinic acid dehydrase
AIBS	American Institute of Biological Sciences	alb	albumin
AICAR	amino-u-imidazole-5-carboxamide ribotide	alb	white
AID	acute infectious disease	alc	alcohol
AID	Agency for International Development	Alc R	alcohol rub
AID	artificial insemination by a donor	ALD	aldolase
AIH	artificial insemination, homologous (husband)	alg	algebraic
AIHA	American Industrial Hygiene Association	ALG	antilymphocytic globulin
AIHA	autoimmune hemolytic anemia		

ALH	anterior lobe of hypophysis	am	ametropia
alk	alkaline	AM	ampere meter
alk phos	alkaline phosphatase	AM	amplitude modulation
alk p'tase	alkaline phosphatase	am	amyl
ALL	acute lymphoblastic leukemia	AM	Aviation Medicine
ALL	acute lymphocytic leukemia	AM	before noon
all	allergy	am	meter angle
ALMV	anterior leaflet of mitral valve	am	myopic astigmatism
ALOS	average length of stay	AMA	against medical advice
ALP	acute lupus pericarditis	AMA	American Manufacturers Association
ALP	alkaline phosphatase	AMA	American Medical Association
ALROS	American Laryngological, Rhinological and Otological Society	AMA	Australian Medical Association
ALS	amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	AMA	mitochondrial antibody
ALS	antilymphocyte serum	AMA-DE	American Medical Association-Drug Evaluations
alt	alternate	AMAERF	American Medical Association Education and Research Foundation
alt	altitude	AMAL	Aero-Medical Acceleration Laboratory
alt dieb	every other day	amb	ambient
alt hor	every other hour	amb	ambiguous
alt noc	every other night	amb	ambulatory
alv	alveolar	AMCA	aminomethylcyclohexane-carbonic acid
ALW	arch-loop-whorl	AMCD	American Medical Center at Denver
AM	actomyosin	AMDS	Association of Military Dental Surgeons
Am	americium	AMEL	Aero-Medical Equipment Laboratory
AM	amethopterin	Amer	American
		AMH	mixed astigmatism with myopia predominating

AMHT	automated multiphasic health testing	AN	avascular necrosis
AMI	acute myocardial infarction	A _n	normal atmosphere
AML	acute myelocytic leukemia	ANA	American Neurological Association
AML	Automated Multitest Laboratory	ANA	American Nurses' Association
AMM	agnogenic myeloid meta- plasia	ANA	antinuclear antibodies
ammon	ammonia	anal	analysis
AMoL	acute monocytic leukemia	anal	analgesic
amor	amorphous	anat	anatomy
AMP	adenosine monophosphate	ANC	Army Nurse Corps
amp	ampere	anes	anesthesia, anesthesiology
amp	ampule	anesth	anesthesia, anesthesiology
amp	amputate, amputation	an ex	anode excitation
AMP	the 5'-phosphates of the ribosyl nucleosides of adenine	ANF	antinuclear factor
AMPS	acid mucopolysaccharide	ang	angle
AMRA	American Medical Record Association	anh	anhydrous
AMRS	automated medical record system	ANHA	American Nursing Home Association
AMS	auditory memory span	annot	annotation
am't	amount	ANoA	antinucleolar antibodies
AMVI	acute mesenteric vascular insufficiency	ANRC	American National Red Cross
aMVL	anterior mitral valve leaflet	ANS	autonomic nervous system
AMWA	American Medical Women's Association	ANT	2-amino-5 nitro thiazol (Enheptin)
AMWA	American Medical Writers' Association	ant	antenna
An	anisometropia	ant	anterior
An	anode, anodal	ant	anterior pituitary pit
		ant	anterior superior spine sup spine
		antag	antagonist
		ante	before

anti-coag	anticoagulant	A & P	anterior and posterior
anti-log	antilogarithm	A & P	auscultation and palpation
ANTU	alpha naphthylthiourea	$A_2=P_2$	aortic second sound equals pulmonary second sound
AO	achievement orientation	$A_2>P_2$	aortic second sound greater than pulmonary second sound
Ao	aorta	$A_2<P_2$	aortic second sound less than pulmonary second sound
Ao	aortic root	APA	American Pharmaceutical Association
AO	opening of the atrio-ventricular valves	APA	American Physiotherapy Association
AOA	American Orthopedic Association	APA	American Podiatry Association
AOA	American Osteopathic Association	APA	American Psychiatric Association
AOD	arterial occlusive disease	APA	American Psychoanalytic Association
aort regurg	aortic regurgitation	APA	American Psychological Association
aort sten	aortic stenosis	APA	antipernicious anemia factor
AOS	American Ophthalmological Society	APB	atrial premature beats
AOS	American Otological Association	APC	adenoidal-pharyngeal-conjunctival (virus)
AOTA	American Occupational Therapy Association	APC	aspirin, phenacetin, caffeine
AP	Academy of Periodontology	APC	atrial premature contraction
AP	action potential	APC-C	aspirin, phenacetin, caffeine, with codeine
AP	alkaline phosphatase	APD	action potential duration
AP	alum precipitated	APE	anterior pituitary extract
AP	anteroposterior	APF	animal protein factor
AP	antipyrene	APH	anterior pituitary hormone
\overline{AP}	aortic pressure	APHA	American Protestant Hospital Association
AP	appendix, appendectomy	APHA	American Public Health Association
AP	arterial pressure		
ap	before dinner		

APIM	Association Professionnelle Internationale des Medecins	aq bull	boiling water
APL	anterior pituitary-like substance	aq com	common water
APL	chorionic gonadotropin	aq dest	distilled water
AP & L	anteroposterior and lateral (x-ray views)	aq ferv	hot water
AP&Lat	anteroposterior and lateral (x-ray views)	aq frig	cold water
APORF	acute postoperative renal failure	aq mar	sea water
app	appendix	aq pur	pure water
app	applied	aq tep	tepid water
appar	apparatus	aqu	aqueous
appl	appliance	AR	achievement ratio
appl	applied	AR	active resistance (exercises)
applan	flattened	AR	alarm reaction
appoint	appointment	AR	analytic reaction
approx	approximate	AR	aortic regurgitation
appy	appendectomy	A/R	apical/radical
APR	anterior pituitary reaction	Ar	argon
APS	adenosine phosphosulphate	ARA	American Rheumatism Association
APT	alum-precipitated toxoid	Ara A	adenine arabinoside
APTA	American Physical Therapy Association	ARC	American Red Cross
APTT	activated partial thrombo- plastin time	ARC	anomalous retinal correspondence
APUD	amine and precursor uptake and decarboxylation	ARD	acute respiratory disease
APUR	amine precursor uptake decarboxylation	ARD	anorectal dressing
AQ	achievement quotient	ARF	acute renal failure
aq	aqueous	ARFC	autorosette forming cells
aq	water	arg	silver
		ARM	artificial rupture of the membranes

ARS	antirabies serum	ASDR	American Society of Dental Radiographers
ART	Accredited Record Technician	ASF	aniline, sulfur and formaldehyde
art	artery	ASG	American Society for Genetics
art	article	ASGE	American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
art	artificial	ASH	asymmetric septal hypertrophy
artif	artificial	As H	hypermetropic astigmatism
AS	androsterone sulfate	ASHA	American Social Health Association
AS	ankylosing spondylitis	ASHA	American Speech and Hearing Association
AS	aortic stenosis	ASHD	arteriosclerotic heart disease
As	arsenic	ASHP	American Society of Hospital Pharmacists
AS	arteriosclerosis	ASIS	anterior superior iliac spine
As	astigmatism	ASL	antistreptolysin
AS	atrial stenosis	ASL-0	antistreptolysin - 0
AS	left ear	As M	myopic astigmatism
A-S	Adams-Stokes (disease or syndrome)	ASMT	American Society of Medical Technologists
ASA	acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin)	ASO	American Society of Orthodontists
ASA	American Society of Anesthesiologists	ASO	antistreptolysin
ASA	American Standards Association	ASO	arteriosclerosis obliterans
ASAI0	American Society for Artificial Internal Organs	ASOT	antistreptolysin titer
ASAP	as soon as possible	ASP	asparaginase
ASAS	argininosuccinate synthetase	ASQ	abbreviated symptom questionnaire
ASCI	American Society for Clinical Investigation	ASR	aldosterone secretion rate
ASCP	American Society of Clinical Pathologists		
ASCVD	arteriosclerotic cardio- vascular disease		
ASD	atrial septal defect		

ASS	anterior superior spine	ATS	antitetanic serum
assby	assembly	ATS	antithymocyte serum
assoc	associate, association	ATS	anxiety tension state
asst	assistant	at wt	atomic weight
AST	asparate aminotransferase	AU	Angstrom unit
Ast	astigmatism	AU	antitoxin unit
ASTO	antistreptolysin - 0	Au	Australia (antigen)
ASTR	American Society of Therapeutic Radiologists	AU	both ears together
ASV	antisiphon valve	AU	each ear
AT	abdominal tympany	AUA	American Urological Association
At	astratine	AUC	blood concentration curve
AT	achievement test	AUL	acute undifferentiated leukemia
A-T	ataxia-telangiectasia	aur fib	auricular fibrillation
AT 10	dihydrotachysterol	aus	auscultation
ATB	atrial tachycardia with block	ausc	auscultation
ATCC	American Type Culture Collections	auscul	auscultation
ATD	antithyroid drugs	AV	arteriovenous
ATL	atypical lymphocytes	AV	atrioventricular
atm	atmosphere	av	average
ATN	acute tubular necrosis	av	avoirdupois
at no	atomic number	AVA	arteriovenous anastomosis
ATP	adenosine triphosphate	avdp	avoirdupois
ATP	the 5' (pyro) -triphosphates of adenosine	AVH	arteriovenous malformation
ATPD	ambient temperature and pressure, saturated (with water vapor)	AVMA	American Veterinary Medical Association
ATR	Achilles tendon reflex	AVR	aortic valve replacement
atr	atrophy	A&W	alive and well
		AWF	adrenal weight factor

ax axis

ax axial gradient
grad

Az Aschheim-Zondek test

B	bacillus	BAO	basal acid output
B	barometric	BAO-MAO	ratio of basal acid output to maximal acid output
B	base	bar	barometer, barometric
B	bath	basos	basophils
B	Baumé scale	batt	battery
B	behavior	BB	both bones
B	bicuspid	BB	buffer base
B	blood	BBA	born before arrival
B	body	BBB	blood-brain barrier
b	born	BBB	bundle branch block
B	boron	BBC	brombenzylcyanide
B	brother	BBT	basal body temperature
B	buccal	BC	bone conduction
B	gauss	BCC	basal cell carcinoma
BA	Bachelor of Arts	BCDSP	Boston Collaborative Drug Surveillance Program
Ba	barium	BCG	bacillus Calmette-Guerin
BA	bile acid	BCG	ballistocardiogram
BA	boric acid	BCG	bicolor guaiac (test)
BA	brachial artery	BCG	bromcresol green
BA	bronchial asthma	BCH	basal cell hyperplasia
B/A	backache	BCNU	bischloroethylnitrosourea (carmustine)
BAA	benzoyl arginine amide	BCP	bromcresyl purple
BAC	bacterial antigen complex	BD	base of prism down
bact	bacteria, bacterial, bacteriology	BD	basophilic degeneration
BAIB	beta-aminoisobutyric acid	bd	board
bal	balance	bd	twice a day
BAL	British Anti-Lewisite (dimercaprol)	BDA	British Dental Association
bals	balsam	BDS	Bachelor of Dental Surgery

BDSc	Bachelor of Dental Science	bil	bilateral
BE	bacillen emulsion	bil	bilirubin
BE	barium enema	bilat	bilateral
BE	base excess	bili	bilirubin
Be	Baumé	bin	two times a night
BE	below elbow	bind	binding
Be	beryllium	biol	biological, biologist, biology
beg	began, begin, beginning	BIP	bismuth iodoform paraffin
beh	behavior, behaviorism	BIPP	bismuth iodoform paraffin paste
BEI	butanol extractable iodine	BIS	sodium bicarbonate in invert sugar
bepti	an acronym used in malaria epidemiology, composed from the initial letters of the five important factors: b-bionomics, e-environment, p-plasmodium, t-treatment, i-immunity	Bi sp	between ischial spines
bev	billion electron volts	bi wk	twice a week
BFP	biologic false positive	BJ	biceps jerk
BFR sol	buffered Ringer's solution	B&J	bone and joint
BFT	bentonite flocculation test	BK	below knee
BG	Bordet-Gengou (bacillus)	Bk	berkelium
BHA	butylated hydroxyanisole	BKA	below knee amputation
BHC	benzene hexachloride	bl	bleeding
BHIB	beef heart infusion broth	BL	blood loss
BHL	biological half-life	BL	Burkitt's lymphoma
BHT	butylated hydroxytoluene	bl cult	blood culture
BI	base of prism in	BLB	Boothby, Lovelace, Bulbulian (mask)
Bi	bismuth	bleed	bleeding
bib	drink	BLESS	bath, laxative, enema, shampoo, and shower
bid	twice daily	BLG	betalactoglobulin
bihor	during 2 hours	BLM	bleomycin
		BLS	basic life support

BM	Bachelor of Medicine	BPB	bromphenol blue
BM	basal metabolism	BPH	benign prostatic hypertrophy
BM	basement membrane	BPh	British Pharmacopoeia
BM	bone marrow	BPL	betapropiolactone
BM	bowel movement	BPRS	brief psychiatric rating scale
bm	seawater	BR	bathroom
BMA	British Medical Association	BR	bed rest
BMC	bone mineral content	Br	bromine
BMD	bone marrow depression	Br	Brucella
BMN	bone marrow necrosis	Brit	Britain, British
BMR	basal metabolic rate	bronch	bronchoscope, bronchoscopy
BMS	Bachelor of Medical Science	BRP	bathroom privileges
BMZ	basement membrane zone	BS	bowel sounds
BNDD	Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs	BS	breath sounds
BNO	bladder neck obstruction	BSA	body surface area
BO	base of prism out	BSA	bovine serum albumin
BO	body odor	BSB	body surface burned
bo	bowel	BSN	bowel sounds normal
B&O	belladonna and opium	BSNA	bowel sounds normal and active
BOD	biochemical oxygen demand	BSO	bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy
BOEA	ethyl biscoumacetate	BSP	bromsulphalein
bo1	pill	BSS	black silk suture
BP	bedpan	BSS	buffered saline solution
BP	birthplace	BST	blood serologic test
BP	blood pressure	BST	brief stimulus therapy
bp	boiling point	BSV	Batten-Spielmyer-Vogt (syndrome)
BP	British Pharmacopoeia	BT	bedtime

BT	bladder tumor
BT	body temperature
BT	brain tumor
BTB	bromthymol blue
BTPS	body temperature, (ambient), pressure, saturated, (with water)
BTU	British thermal unit
BU	Bodansky units
Bu	butyl
BUN	blood urea nitrogen
but	butter
BV	basilic vein
BV	blood volume
BW	biological warfare
BW	birth weight
BW	blood Wassermann
BW	body weight
BX	biopsy

c	calorie (small)	C	content (of gas in blood phase)
C	calorie (large)	C	contraction
C	canine (tooth)	C	cortex
C	capacitance	C	coulomb
c	capacitance	c	curie
c	capillary	c	cycle
C	carbohydrate	C	cylinder
C	carbon	C	gallon
C	cathode, cathodal	C	hundred
C	catholic	c	hundred
C	caucasian	C	rib (costa)
C	Celsius	C ²	square centimeter
C	centigrade	\bar{c}	with
C	cerebrospinal fluid	CA	cancer
C	certified	Ca	cancer
C	cervical	CA	carcinoma
C	chest (in electrocardiogram)	Ca	carcinoma
C	cholesterol	CA	cardiac arrest
C	clearance (in kidney function tests)	Ca	cathode, cathodal
C	clonus	CA	cholic acid
C	closure	CA	chronological age
C	coarse	ca	circa (about)
C	coefficient	CA	cold agglutinin
C	color sense	CA	common antigen
C	complement	CA	compressed air
C'	complement	CA	conditioned abstinence
C'-3	component of complement in serum	CA	coronary artery
C	compound	CA	cortisone acetate
c	contact	CA	croup associated (virus)

CAB	coronary artery bypass	CB	Bachelor of Surgery
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft	CB	chronic bronchitis
CAC	cardiac accelerator center	CBA	carcinoma bearing animal
CAD	coronary artery disease	CBC	complete blood count
CaEdTA	edathamil calcium disodium	CBD	closed bladder drainage
cal	caliber	CBD	common bile duct
cal	small calorie	CBF	cerebral blood flow
Cal	large calorie	CBG	corticosteroid binding globulin
C alb	albumin clearance	CBOC	completion of bed occupancy care
calc	calculate, calculated	CBPA	competitive protein binding assay
calef	warmed	CBR	carotid bodies resected
C _{am}	amylase clearance	CBS	chronic brain syndrome
CAM	chorioallantoic membrane	CBW	chemical and biological warfare
cAMP	cyclic adenosine monophosphate	CC	chief complaint
c am'plum	heaping spoonful	CC	coefficient of correlation
CAN	candida	CC	commission certified
ca ox	calcium oxalate	Cc	concave
cap	capacity	CC	coronary collateral
cap	capsule	CC	critical condition
caps	capsule	CC	current complaint
cap	let him take	cc	cubic centimeter
cardiol	cardiology	CC	(umbilical) cord compression
CAT	Children's Apperception Test	CCA	chick cell agglutination
CAT	chronic abdominal tympany	CCA	chimpanzee coryza agent
cath	cathartic	CCAT	conglutinating complement absorption test
cath	catheter, catheterize	CCC	central counteradaptive changes
cath	cathode		

CCCC	Citizens' Committee for the Conquest of Cancer	CD	diagonal conjugate diameter of the pelvic inlet
CCF	cephalin cholesterol flocculation	CD ₅₀	median curative dose; a dose that abolishes symptoms in 50 percent of the test subjects
CCF	congestive cardiac failure	γ CD	γ chain disease
CCI	chronic coronary insufficiency	CDA	congenital dyserythropoietic anemia
CCK	cholecystokinin	CDAA	chlorodiallylacetamide
CCK-GB	cholecystokinin cholecystography	CDC	calculated day of confinement
CCK-PZ	cholecystokinin pancreozymin	CDC	Center for Disease Control
CCNSC	Cancer Chemotherapy National Service Center	CDC	Communicable Disease Center
CCNU	chloroethyl cyclohexyl nitrosourea (lomustine)	CDCA	chenodeoxycholic acid
C Cr	creatinine clearance	CDE	canine distemper encephalitis
CCS	casualty clearing station	CDH	congenital dislocation of the hip
CCT	carotid compression tonography	CDP	constant distending pressure
cct	circuit	CDP	cytidine diphosphate
CCU	cardiac care unit	C dyn	dynamic compliance
CCU	coronary care unit	CE	California encephalitis
CCW	counterclockwise	CE	cardiac enlargement
ccw	counterclockwise	C-E	chloroform-ether
CD	cardiovascular disease	CE	conjugated estrogens
cd	caudal	CE	constant error
CD	civil defense	CE	continuing education
cd	coccygeal	CEA	carcinoembryonic antigen
CD	conjugata diagonalis	Cel	Celsius (thermometric scale)
CD	convulsive disorder	cemf	counter electromotive force
CD	Crohn's disease	cent	centigrade
CD	curative dose		

CEP	counterelectrophoresis	cg	centigram
ceph-floc	cephalin flocculation	CG	chorionic gonadotropin
CER	conditioned emotional response	CG	phosgene
cert	certified	CGD	chromosomal gonadal dysgenesis
CES	central excitatory state	CGD	chronic granulomatous disease
CF	carbolfuchsin	CGH	chorionic gonadotrophin hormone
CF	chest and left leg	cgm	centigram
CF	Christmas factor	CGM	central gray matter (spinal cord)
CF	citrovorum factor	CGN	chronic glomerulonephritis
cf	compare	CGO	chronic granulomatous disease
CF	complement fixation	CGP	chorionic growth-hormone prolactin
C'F	complement fixing	CGS	centimeter gram second
CF	counting fingers	ch	chest
C/F	counting fingers	ch	chief
CF	cystic fibrosis	ch	child
CFA	complement-fixing antibody	CH	crown-heel (length of fetus)
CFA	complete Freund adjuvant	CHA	Catholic Hospital Association
CFC	colony forming cell	ChAc	choline acetyltransferase
CFF	critical fusion (flicker) frequency	CHAMPUS	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services
CFFA	cystic fibrosis factor activity	chart	paper
CFI	chemotactic factor inactivator	ChB	Bachelor of Surgery
CFT	complement fixation test	CHB	complete heart block
CFU	colony forming unit	CHD	coronary heart disease
CFU-C	colony forming unit-culture	ChD	Doctor of Surgery
CFU-S	colony forming unit-spleen	ChE	cholinesterase
CG	center of gravity		

chem	chemical, chemistry	Circ	circulating
CHF	congestive heart failure	circ	circumference
ChM	Master of Surgery	CIS	carcinoma in situ
CHMD	clinical hyaline membrane disease	CIS	central inhibitory state
CHO	carbohydrate	cit	citrate
CH ₂ O	carbohydrate	CJD	Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease
Chol	cholesterol	ck	check
CHP	child psychiatry	CK	creatine kinase
ch px	chicken pox	cl	centiliter
chr	chronic	CL	chest and left arm
chron	chronic	Cl	chloride
CHS	Chediak-Higashi syndrome	Cl	Clostridium
CI	cardiac index	CL	critical list
CI	chemotherapeutic index	clin	clinic, clinical
CI	coefficient of intelligence	CLIP	cerebral lipidosis without visceral involvement/with onset of disease past infancy
CI	color index	CLL	chronic lymphocytic leukemia
Ci	curie	CLML	Current List of Medical Literature
cib	food	CLO	cod liver oil
CIB HA	congenital inclusion body hemolytic anemia	Cl pal	cleft palate
CIC	cardiac inhibitor center	cm	centimeter
CICU	cardiac intensive care unit	cm ³	cubic centimeter
CID	cytomegalic inclusion disease	cm	complications
CIE	counterimmunoelectrophoresis	cm	costal margin
CIEP	counterimmunoelectrophoresis	CM	Master of Surgery
CIN	cerebriform intradermal nevus	Cm	maximum clearance
C _{in}	insulin clearance	cm	tomorrow morning
CIOMS	Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences	CMA	Canadian Medical Association

c mag'num	tablespoon, tablespoonful	CNE	chronic nervous exhaustion
CMB	carbolic methylene blue	CNM	Certified Nurse-Midwife
CMC	carboxymethyl cellulose	CNS	central nervous system
CME	cervical mediastinal exploration	CNS	Clinical Nurse Specialist
CME	continuing medical education	cns	to be taken tomorrow night
c medium	dessertspoon, dessertspoonful	CNV	contingent negative variation
CMI	Cornell Medical Inventory	CO	carbon monoxide
c/min	cycles per minute	CO	cardiac output
CMIR	cell mediated immune response	Co	coenzyme
CML	chronic myelocytic leukemia	Co	cobalt
cm	cubic millimeter	C/O	complains of
CMO	cardiac minute output	CO	compound
CMP	cytidine monophosphate	CO	crossovers (genetic)
CMR	cerebral metabolic rate	co	cutoff
CMRG	cerebral metabolic rate of glucose	CO ₂	carbon dioxide
cms	to be taken tomorrow morning	Co I	coenzyme I (diphosphopyridine nucleotide)
cm/sec	centimeters per second	Co II	coenzyme II (triphosphopyridine nucleotide)
cm/sec ²	centimeters per second per second	CoA	coenzyme A
CMT	Charcot-Marie-Tooth	coag	coagulation
CMT	Current Medical Terminology	COAP	vincristine sulfate, prednisone, cytarabine, cyclophosphamide
CMV	cytomegalovirus	coc	coccygeal
CN	congenital nystagmus	cochl	a spoonful
CN	cyanogen	cochl amp	heaping spoonful
cn	tomorrow night	cochl mag	tablespoonful
CNA	Canadian Nurses' Association	coct	boiling
		COD	chemical oxygen demand
		Cod	codeine

coef	coefficient	conc	concentration or concentrated
coeff	coefficient	concis	cut
COEPS	cortical originating extrapyramidal system	cond	condense(d)
COH	carbohydrate	cond	condition
COHb	carboxyhemoglobin	conf	conference
COHgB	carboxyhemoglobin	cong	congress
col	strain	cong	gallon
colat	strained	congen	congenital
COLD	chronic obstructive lung disease	congr	congruent
coll	college	conjug	conjugated or conjugation
coll	eyewash	cons	keep
collut	mouthwash	const	constant
collyr	an eye wash	cont	continue
comb	combination	contin	continue(d)
comm	committee	cont rem	let the medicine be continued
commn	commission, commissioner	COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
commun dis	communicable disease	COPP	cyclophosphamide, vincristine, procarbazine, and prednisone
comp	compare, comparative, comparable	coq	boil
comp	composition	coq s a	boil properly
comp	compound	CoR	congo red
compd	compound	corr	corrected
compet	competition	cort	cortex
compl	complete, completed	cos	cosine
compl	complication	coul	coulomb
complic	complicating, complication(s)	CP	candle power
Comt	catechol-o-methyl transferase	CP	capillary pressure
		CP	cerebelloptine

CP	cerebral palsy	CPIB	chlorophenoxyisobutyrate
cp	chemically pure	CPK	creatinine phosphokinase
CP	chloropurine	cpm	counts per minute
CP	chloroquine and primaquine	CPN	chronic polyneuropathy
CP	constant pressure	CPP	cyclopentenophenanthrene
CP	cor pulmonale	CPR	cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation
CP	creatine phosphate	CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CP	cyclophosphamide	cps	counts per second
C_{PAH}	para-aminohippurate clearance	cps	cycles per second
CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure	CPSC	Consumer Product Safety Commission
c parvum	teaspoon or teaspoonful	CPT	combining power test
CPB	cardiopulmonary bypass	CPZ	chlorpromazine
CPB	competitive protein binding	CR	chest and right arm
CPC	chronic passive congestion	CR	closed reduction
CPC	clinicopathologic conference	CR	clot retraction
CPD	cephalopelvic disproportion	CR	coefficient of fat retention
CPD	citrate-phosphate-dextrose	CR	colon resection
cpd	compound	CR	complete remission
CPE	cytopathic effect	CR	complete response
CPEHS	Consumer Protection and Environmental Health Service	CR	conditioned reflex
CPH	Certificate in Public Health	CR	conditioned response
CPHA	Committee on Professional and Hospital Activities	Cr	cranial
CPI	constitutional psychopathic inferiority	Cr	creatinine
CPI	coronary prognostic index	CR	cresyl red
		CR	critical ratio
		CR	crown-rump length
		CRAB	Central Registry at Bethesda

CRD	chronic renal disease	CS	coronary sinus
CRD	complete reaction of degeneration	CS	corticosteroid
creat	creatinine	CS	current strength
CRF	corticotropin-releasing factor	CS	cycloserine
CRL	crown-rump length	C&S	culture and sensitivity
CRM	cross-reacting material	CSD	cat scratch disease
CRNA	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
CRO	cathode ray oscilloscope	CSFP	cerebrospinal fluid pressure
CROS	contralateral routing of signal	CSF-WR	cerebrospinal fluid—Wassermann reaction
Cr P	creatinine phosphate	CSI	cholesterol saturation index
CRP	C-reactive protein	CSLU	chronic stasis leg ulcer
CRPA	C-reactive protein antiserum	CSM	cerebrospinal meningitis
CRS	congenital rubella syndrome	CSN	carotid sinus nerve
Cr Sp	craniospinal	CSNS	carotid sinus nerve stimulator (stimulation)
CRT	cathode ray tube	CSR	Cheyne-Stokes respiration
CRT	complex reaction time	CST	convulsive shock therapy
CRTT	Certified Respiratory Therapy Technician	Cst	static
crys	crystal	CT	circulation time
CS	camptothecin sodium	CT	compressed tablet
cs	case	CT	computerized tomography
CS	cat scratch	CT	connective tissue
CS	Cesarean section	CT	corrective therapy (therapist)
CS	chronic schizophrenia	CTA	cytoplasmic tubular aggregates
CS	clinical stage	CTAB	cetyltrimethylammonium bromide
CS	conditioned stimulus	CTBM	cetyltrimethylammonium bromide
CS	conjunctival secretions	CTC	chlortetracycline
cs	conscious, consciousness		

CTF	Colorado Tick Fever	Cv	(specific heat at) constant volume
C/TG	cholesterol/triglyceride ratio	cv	tomorrow evening
CTP	cytidine triphosphate	CV	true conjugate diameter of the pelvic inlet
CTS	carpal tunnel syndrome	CVA	cardiovascular accident
CTX	cyclophosphamide	CVA	cerebrovascular accident
CTX	cytotoxin	CVA	costovertebral angle
CU	clinical unit	CVC	crying vital capacity
cu	cubic	CVD	cardiovascular disease
cu	curie	CVD	color vision deviant
Cu	curie	CVO	obstetric conjugate diameter of the pelvic inlet
C _u	urea clearance	CVP	central venous pressure
cu cm	cubic centimeter	CVR	cardiovascular renal (disease)
CUD	congenital urinary tract deformities	CVR	cardiovascular respiratory
cu ft	cubic foot	CVR	cerebrovascular resistance
cu in	cubic inch	CVS	cardiovascular system
cu j	of which	CW	chemical warfare
cu j lib	of any you desire	CW	chest wall
cu m	cubic meter	cw	clockwise
cum	cumulative report	cw	continuous wave
cu mm	cubic millimeter	CW	crutch walking
cu yd	cubic yard	CWBTS	capillary whole blood true sugar
CV	cardiovascular	CWP	coal workers' pneumoconiosis
CV	closing volume	cwt	hundredweight
CV	coefficient of variation	Cx	convex
CV	concentrated volume (solution)	cy	cyanogen
CV	conduction velocity	cyl	cylinder
CV	corpuscular volume		
CV	curriculum vitae		

D	date	DAB	diaminobutyric acid
d	date	DAB	dimethylaminoazobenzene
D	daughter	DAH	disordered action of the heart
D	day	dal	decaliter
d	day	DALA	delta-aminolevulinic acid
/d	daily, per day	DAM	degraded amyloid
D	dead space (gas)	DAM	diacetylmonoxime
d	deceased, dead, died	dAMP	the 5'-phosphates of 2' deoxyribosyladenine
D	deciduous	DAO	diamine oxidase
D	density	DAP	dihydroxyacetone phosphate
D	dermatology, dermatologist	DASP	double antibody solid phase
D	deuterium	DAT	diet as tolerated
d	dextro (to the right or clockwise)	DAT	differential agglutination titer
D	diameter	DAT	diphtheria antitoxin
D	diffusion coefficient	DAUNO	Daunorubicin
D	diopter	DB	date of birth
D	distal	D/B	date of birth
D	diverticulum	dB	decibel
D	divorced	db	decibel
D	dorsal	DBA	dibenzanthracene
d	dose	DBE	A synthetic estrogen
D	duration	DBH	dopamine β -hydroxylase
d	give	DBI	development at birth index
D	right	DBI	Trade mark for preparations of phenformin hydrochloride
D	Vitamin D unit	DBI-TD	phenformin hydrochloride
DA	delayed action		
DA	dopamine		
D/A	date of admission		

dbl	double	DD	dependent drainage
DBP	diastolic blood pressure	DD	differential diagnosis
DBP	dibutylphthalate	DD	diGuglielmo's disease
DBS	Division of Biological Standards	DD	dry dressing
DC	Dental Corps	DDA	an acetic derivation of DDT excreted in urine
D&C	dilatation and curettage	DDAVP	desamino-D-arginine vasopressin
DC	diphenylcyanarsine	DDC	diethyldithiocarbamic acid
DC	direct current	DDD	dichlorodiphenyldechloroethane
DC	discharge, discharged	DDE	a derivative of DDT stored in fat
DC	discontinue	DDRW	distance at which a watch is heard by the right ear
dc	discontinue	DDS	diaminodiphenylsulfone
DCA	deoxycholate citrate agar	DDS	Doctor of Dental Surgery
DCA	desoxycorticosterone acetate	DDSc	Doctor of Dental Science
DCB	dilutional cardiopulmonary bypass	DDT	dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (chlorophenothane)
DCc	double concave	DDVP	dichlorvos
DCF	direct centrifugal flotation	DE	dose equivalent
DCG	desoxycorticosterone glucoside	DEA	dehydroepiandrosterone
DCH	delayed cutaneous hypersensitivity	DEAE	diethylaminoethanol
DCI	dichloroisoproterenol	DEB	diethylbutanediol
DCP	dicalcium phosphate	DEB	dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa
DCR	direct cortical response	debil	debility
DCTMA	desoxycorticosterone trimethylacetate	dec	deceased
DCTPA	desoxycorticosterone triphenylacetate	dec	decompose, decomposed
DCx	double convex	dec	decreased

dec

dec	pour off	DEP	diethylpropanediol
deca	ten	depress	depressed, depression
dec'd	deceased	dept	department
decel	deceleration	De R	reaction of degeneration
deci	a tenth	deriv	derive, derivation, derivative
decoct	decoction	derm	dermatology, dermatologist
decomp	decompose, decomposed, decomposition	DES	deethylstilbestrol
decr	decrease	desat	desaturate
decub	lying down (decubitus)	desc	descent, descending
de d in d	from day to day	dest	distill, distilled
DEF	decayed, extracted or filled (teeth)	destil	distill, distilled
def	defecate, defecation	det	let it be given
def	deficient, deficiency	dets	let it be given and labeled
def	definition	dev	deviate, deviation
defic	deficiency	DEV	duck embryo vaccine
deform	deformity	devel	development
deg	degeneration	DF	degree of freedom
deg	degrees (centigrade)	DFDT	difluorodephenyltri-chloroethane
degen	degeneration	DFO	desferrioxamine
deglut	let it be swallowed	DFP	A gas, diisopropyl fluorophosphate
del	delivery	DFT4	dialyzable free thyroxine
del	delusion	dg	decigram
Dem	demerol (meperidine)	DG	diagnose, diagnosis, diagnostic
denom	denominator	dg	diagnose, diagnosis, diagnostic
dent	let it be given	dGMP	the 5'-phosphates of 2' deoxyribosylguanine
dep	dependent	DH	delayed hypersensitivity

DH	dermatitis herpetiformis	diff	differential diagnosis
DHA	dehydroepiandrosterone	diag	
DHA	dihydroxyacetone	DIFP	diisopropylflurorphenate
DHE	dihydroergotamine	Dig	digitalis
DHEA	dehydroepiandrosterone	dig	digitalis
DHEAS	dehydroepiandrosterone sulfate	dil	dilute, diluted, dilution
DHEW	Department of Health, Education and Welfare	dilat	dilate, dilated, dilation
DHO	deuterium hydrogen oxide	dilut	dilute, diluted, dilution
DHT	dihydrotachysterol	dim	dimension
DHy	Doctor of Hygiene	DIM	one-half
DI	deterioration index	dim	one-half
DI	diabetes insipidus	dIMP	the 5'-phosphates of 2' deoxyribosylhypoxanthine
Di	Diego blood group	d in p aeq	divide into equal parts
dia	diathermy	diopt	diopter
diab	diabetes, diabetic	DIP	desquamative interstitial pneumonia
diag	diagnosis, diagnostic	DIP	distal interphalangeal
diag	diagonal	DIPC	diffuse interstitial pulmonary calcification
diag	diagram	diph	diphtheria
diam	diameter	dir	direct
diath	diathermy	dis	disease
DIC	disseminated intravascular coagulation	disc	discontinue
dieb alt	on alternate days	disch	discharge, discharged
dieb tert	every third day	disloc	dislocate, dislocation
dif	differential count	disp	dispense, dispensary
DIF	diffuse interstitial fibrosis	dissem	disseminate, disseminated, dissemination
diff	difference, different, differential	dist	distill, distilled
		dist	disturbance

distill	distillation	DMD	Doctor of Dental Medicine
dist	distribute, distributed, distillation	DME	Director of Medical Education
DiT	diiodotyrosine	DMF	decayed, missing or filled (teeth)
div	divergence	DMM	dimethylmyleran
div	divide, division	DMN	dimethylnitrosamine
DJD	degenerative joint disease	DMNA	dimethylnitrosamine
DKS	deoxyketosteroids	DMO	dimethylloxazolidinedione
DL	danger list	DMP	dimethylphosphate
dl	decaliter	DMPA	depomedroxyprogesterone acetate
dl	deciliter	DMS	dermatomyositis
DL	difference limen	DMS	Director of Medical Service
DL	diffusing capacity of the lung	DMSO	dimethylsulfoxide
DL	Donath-Landsteiner	DMT	dimethyltryptamine
DLCO	diffusing capacity of the lung for carbon monoxide	DN	dicrotic notch
DLCO-SB	single breath diffusing capacity of the lung for carbon monoxide	DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
DLE	discoid lupus erythematosus	DNase	deoxyribonuclease
DLE	disseminated lupus erythematosus	DNB	dinitrobenzene
dm	decimeter	DNB	Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners
DM	diabetes mellitis	DNCB	dinitrochlorobenzene
DM	diastolic murmur	DNE	Director of Nursing Education
DM	dopamine	DNFB	dinitrofluorobenzene
DM	membrane diffusing capacity	DNP	deoxyribonucleoprotein
DMABA	dimethylaminobenzaldehyde	DNPH	dinitrophenylhydrazine
DMCT	demthylchlortetracycline	DNPM	dinitrophenylmorphine
		DNR	Daunorubicin (daunomy- cin, rubidomycin)

DNR	do not resuscitate	DPDT	double pole, double throw
D/NR	dextrose to nitrogen ratio	DPG	diphosphoglycerate
DO	diamine oxidase	DPH	diphenylhydantoin
DO	Doctor of Osteopathy	DPH	Diploma in Public Health
DOA	dead on arrival	DPH	Doctor of Public Health
DOB	date of birth	dpm	disintegrations per minute
DOB	Doctor's order book	DPN	diphosphopyridine nucleotide
DOC	desoxycorticosterone	DPNH	diphosphopyridine nucleotide (reduced)
doc	document, documentation	dps	disintegrations per second
DOCA	desoxycorticosterone acetate	DPST	double pole, single throw
DOE	desoxyephedrine hydrochloride	DPT	diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus immunization
DOE	dyspnea on exertion	DPTI	diastolic pressure time index
DOET	dimethoxyethyl amphetamine	DQ	deterioration quotient
DOPA	dihydroxyphenylalanine	DR	diagnostic radiology
DOPAC	dihydroxyphenylacetic acid	Dr	doctor
dos	dose, dosage	DR	dorsal root
doz	dozen	dr	dram
DP	deep pulse	dr	dressing
DP	diastolic pressure	DR	reaction of degeneration
DP	disopyramide phosphate	DRQ	discomfort relief quotient
DP	distal pancreatectomy	DS	dead (air) space
DP	Doctor of Pharmacy	DS	dehydroepiandrosterone sulfate
DP	dorsalis pedis (artery)	DS	dextrose in saline
DP	with proper direction		
DPA	diphenylamine		
DPDA	phosphorodiamidic anhydride		

DS	Down's syndrome	D&V	diarrhea and vomiting
DSCG	disodium cromoglicate	DVA	duration of voluntary apnea (test)
DSD	dry sterile dressing	DVM	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
DSI	drug seeking index	DVMS	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery
DST	dexamethasone suppression test	DVS	Doctor of Veterinary Surgery
DT	delirium tremens	DVS	Doctor of Veterinary Science
DT	distance test	DVT	deep venous thrombosis
DT	doubling time (of tumor size)	D/W	dextrose in water
DT	duration of tetany	D5W	5% dextrose in water
dtd	give of such a dose	DW	distilled water
DTM	dermatophyte test medium	Dx	diagnosis
DTN	diphtheria toxin, normal	DZ	dizygous, dizygotic
DTNB	dithiobisnitrobenzoic acid		
DTP	diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis		
DTP	distal tingling on percussion		
DTR	deep tendon reflex		
DTX	detoxification		
DU	diagnosis undetermined		
DU	dog unit		
DU	duodenal ulcer		
dup	duplicate, duplication		
dur dolor	while the pain lasts		
DV	dependent variable		
DV	dilute volume (of solutions)		
dv	double vibration		

e	electric charge	EBI	emetine bismuth iodine
E	electrode potential	EBP	epidural blood patch
e	electron, or the amount of charge in an electron	EBP	estradiol binding protein
E	electromotive force	EBV	Epstein Barr virus
E	expired (gas)	EC	enteric coated
E	emmetropia	EC	entrance complaint
E	enzyme	EC	expiratory center
E	epinephrine	E/C	estriol creatinine
E	erythrocyte	E-C	ether-chloroform
E	Escherichia	ECA	electrocardioanalyzer
E	experimenter	ECC	emergency cardiac care
E	extinction coefficient	ECC	extracorporeal circulation
E	eye	ECF	extended care facility
e	from (ex)	ECF	extracellular fluid
E ₁	estrone	ECF-A	eosinophil chemotactic factor of anaphylaxis
E ₂	estradiol	ECG	electrocardiograph, electrocardiogram
E ₃	estriol	echo	echoencephalogram
EA	educational age	ECHO	enteric cytopathogenic human orphan (virus)
EA	electroanesthesia	ECI	extracorporeal irradiation (of blood)
EAC	external auditory canal	eclec	eclectic
EACA	epsilon aminocaproic acid	econ	economic, economics
ead	the same	ECP	external counterpulsation
EAE	experimental allergic encephalomyelitis	ECT	electroconvulsive therapy
EAHF	eczema, asthma, hay fever	ECFMG	Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates
EAP	epiallopregnanolone	ed	editor
Ea R	reaction of degeneration	ED	effective dose
EB	elementary body		
EB	Epstein Barr (virus)		

ED	emergency department	EFA	essential fatty acids
ED	erythema dose	EFE	endocardial fibroelastosis
ED ₅₀	median effective dose	eff	effect, effects, effective
EDC	estimated date of confinement	eff	efferent
ED&C	electrodesiccation and curettage	eff	efficient
EDD	end diastolic dimension	EFP	effective filtration pressure
EDD	expected date of delivery	EFR	effective filtration rate
edit	editorial	eg	for example
EDN	electrodesiccation	EGC	epithelioid A globoid cells
EDP	electronic data processing	EGF	epidermal growth factor
EDR	electrodermal response	EGG	electrogastrogram
EDTA	edetic acid	EGOT	erythrocyte glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase
EDTA	ethylenediaminetetraacetate	EGR	erythrocyte glutathione reductase
educ	education	eH	oxidation reduction potential
EDV	end diastolic volume	E&H	environment and heredity
EDx	electrodiagnosis	EHBF	estimated hepatic blood flow
EE	equine encephalitis	EHBF	extrahepatic blood flow
EE	eye and ear	EHC	enterophepatic circulation
EEE	eastern equine encephalomyelitis	EHDP	ethane hydroxydiphosphate
EEG	electroencephalogram, electroencephalography	EHDP	disodium etidronate
EEMG	electromyogram	EHF	exophthalmos-hyperthyroid factor
EEP	end expiratory pressure	EHL	effective half-life
EENT	eye, ear, nose and throat	EHPT	Eddy hot plate test
EESG	electrospinogram	EIA	exercise induced asthma
EF	ejection fraction	EJ	elbow jerk
EF	equivalent focus		
EF	erythrocytic fragmentation		

ejud	of the same	emp	as directed
EKG	electrocardiogram	EMPEP	erythrocyte membrane protein electrophoretic pattern
EKY	electrokymogram	EMS	Emergency Medical Service (British)
elb	elbow	EMT	emergency medical technician
elec	electric, electricity	emu	electromagnetic unit
elix	elixir	emul	emulsion
em	electromagnetic	en	enema
EM	electron microscopy	enem	enema
E-M	Embden-Meyerhof (glycolytic pathway)	ENT	ear, nose and throat
EM	emmetropia	environ	environment, environmental
E&M	endocrine and metabolism	enz	enzyme
Emb	embryology	eod	every other day
EMB	eosin methylene blue	EOG	electrooculogram
EMC	encephalomyocarditis	EOM	extraocular movements
emer	emergency	eos	eosinophils
EMF	electromotive force	EQ	education quotient
emf	electromotive force	eq	equation
EMF	endomyocardial fibrosis	eq	equivalent
EMF	erythrocyte maturation factor	equilib	equilibrium
EMG	electromyogram	equip	equipment
EMG	exophthalmos, macroglossia, gigantism	equiv	equivalent
EMGN	extramembranous glomerulonephritis	EP	erythrocyte protoporphyrin
EMI	electromagnetic interference	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EMIC	emergency maternity and infant care	EPC	epilepsia partialis continua
emot	emotion, emotional	EPCG	endoscopic pancreato-cholangiography
emp	a plaster		

EPF	exophthalmos producing factor	ERG	electroretinogram
EPI	epinephrine	ERP	endoscopic retrograde pancreatography
epis	episiotomy	ERPF	effective renal plasma flow
epith	epithelium	ERV	expiratory reserve volume
EPP	erythropoietic protoporphyria	Ery	Erysipelothrix
EPR	electrophrenic respiration	ES	end to side (referring to portacaval shunt)
EPS	elastosis perforans serpiginosa	E _s	estriol
EPS	exophthalmos producing substance	Esch	Escherichia
EPS	extrapyramidal symptoms	ESD	end systolic dimension
EPSP	excitatory postsynaptic potential	ESE	electrostatic unit
EPTS	existed prior to service	ESF	erythropoietic stimulating factor
ER	emergency room	ESG	estrogen
ER	endoplasmic reticulum	esp	especially
ER	equivalent roentgen (unit)	ESP	extrasensory perception
ER	estradiol receptor	ESR	electron spin resonance
ER	external resistance	ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
ERA	electric response audiometry	ess	essential, essentially
ERA	evoked response audiometry	EST	electroshock therapy
ERBF	effective renal blood flow	est	estimated
ERCP	endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography	esu	electrostatic unit
ERD	evoked response detector	et	and
ERF	Education and Research Foundation (AMA)	ET	endotracheal
erf	error function	Et	ethyl
		et	etiology
		ET	exercise treadmill (test)
		et al	and others

etc	et cetera (and so forth)	ext	extremity, extremities
ETF	electron transferring flavoprotein	ext	spread
eth	ether	extrap	extrapolate
etiolo	etiology		
ETOH	ethyl alcohol		
ETR	effective thyroxine ratio		
EUA	examination under anesthetic		
EUCD	emotionally unstable character disorder		
ev	electron volt		
ev	eversion		
EV	extravascular		
eval	evaluate, evaluation		
evap	evaporate, evaporated		
EW	emergency ward		
exam	examination, examiner		
exc	excision		
exec	executive		
exhib	let it be given		
exist	existing		
exp	expired		
exp	exponent		
exper	experimental		
expir	expiratory		
expn	expression		
exptl	experimental		
ext	exterior		
ext	external		
ext	extract		

F	Fahrenheit	FACHA	Fellow of the American College of Hospital Administrators
F	farad	FACOG	Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology
f	farad	FACP	Fellow of the American College of Physicians
F	father	FACR	Fellow of the American College of Radiology
F	fecal	FACS	Fellow of the American College of Surgeons
F	fellow	FAD	flavine adenine dinucleotide
F	female	Fahr	Fahrenheit
F	field (vision)	FAI	functional aerobic impairment
F ₁ , F ₂ , F ₃ , etc.	filial generations	FAMA	Fellow of the American Medical Association
F	formula, formulary	fam doc	family doctor
F	fractional concentration (in dry gas phase)	FAPHA	Fellow of the American Public Health Association
F	French (catheter size)	far	farad, faradic
F	make	FAR	immediate good function followed by accelerated rejection
FA	fatty acid	fasc	bundle
FA	femoral artery	FASEB	Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
FA	field ambulance	FAT	fluorescent antibody test
FA	filterable agent	FB	fingerbreadth
FA	filtered air	FB	foreign body
FA	first aid	FBG	fasting blood glucose
FA	fluorescent antibody	FBS	fasting blood sugar
FA	folic acid	FC	fluorocytosine
FA	forearm	FCP	final common pathway
FA	fortified aqueous (solution)		
FA	Franconi anemia		
FACA	Fellow of the American College of Anesthesiologists		
FACD	Fellow of the American College of Dentists		

FD	fatal dose	FEV ₁	volume of gas forcefully expired in one second
FD	fibrinogen derivative	FF	fat free (diet)
FD	focal distance	FF	filtration fraction
FD	freeze-dried	FF	fixing fluid
FD ₅₀	median fatal dose	ff	following
FDA	Food and Drug Administration	ff	force fluids
FDC Act	Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act	FF	foster father
FDI	Federation Dentaire Internationale (International Dental Association)	FFA	free fatty acid
FDP	fibrinogen degradation product	FFC	free from chlorine
FE	fatty ester	FFD	focus to film distance (x-ray)
Fe	iron	FFT	flicker fusion threshold
feb dur	while the fever lasts	FH	family history
FECG	fetal electrocardiogram	FH	fetal heart
FeCl ₃	ferric chloride	FH	Frankfort horizontal (plane of skull)
FeCn	ferricyanide	FHR	fetal heart rate
FEEG	fetal electroencephalogram	FHS	fetal heart sounds
FEF	forced expiratory flow	FHT	fetal heart tones
fem	female	fib	fibrillation
fem in-tern	inner thighs	FICD	Fellow of the International College of Dentists
FEP	free erythrocyte protoporphyrin	FICS	Fellow of the International College of Surgeons
ferv	boiling	FIF	formaldehyde induced fluorescence
Fe/TIBC	iron saturation of serum transferrin	fig	figure
FEV	forced expiratory volume	FIGLU	forminoglutamic acid
		filt	filter
		FIN	fine intestinal needle
		fist	fistula

fl	flexion	fort	strong
fl	fluid	found	foundation
FL	focal length	FP	Federation Proceedings
fla	let it be done according to the rule	FP	flavin phosphate
fld	fluid	fp	freezing point
fl dr	fluid dram	FPM	filter paper microscopic (test)
FLEX	Federal Licensing Examination	fps	feet per second
flor	flowers	FR	flocculation reaction
fl oz	fluid ounce	Fr	French (catheter gauge)
fluores	fluorescent, fluores- cence	F&R	force and rhythm (of pulse)
FM	flavin mononucleotide	fract dos	in divided doses
FM	frequency modulation	frag	fragile
fm	frequency modulation	FRC	functional residual capacity
fm	make a mixture	FRCP	Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians
FMF	familial Mediterranean fever	FRCP(C)	Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada
FMG	foreign medical graduate	FRCPE	Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh
FMH	fat mobilizing hormone	FRCP (Glasg)	Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow
FML	fluorometholone	FRCS(C)	Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada
FMN	flavin mononucleotide	FRCSI	Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
FMR	Friend-Moloney-Rauscher (virus)	FRCVS	Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
FN	finger to nose (coordination test)	freq	frequency
fn	function		
FNP	Family Nurse Practitioner		
fn p	fusion point		
FOB	fiberoptic bronchoscopy		
fol	leaves		

FRFPGS	Fellow of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow	FTI	free thyroxine index
Fried	Friedman's (test for pregnancy)	ft lb	foot pound
frig	refrigerator	FTT	failure to thrive
FRJM	full range joint movement	FU	fecal urobilinogen
FROM	full range of motion	Fu	Finsen unit
FRS	Fellow of the Royal Society	FU	fluorouracil
FRS	first rank symptoms (Schneider's)	FU	follow-up
FRS	furosemide	FUDR	fluorodeoxyuridine
FS	factor of safety	FUO	fever of undetermined origin
FSD	focus to skin distance (x-ray)	fu p	fusion point
FSGS	focal segmental glomerulosclerosis	FVC	forced vital capacity
FSH	follicle stimulating hormone	FWR	Felix-Weil reaction
FSP	fibrin split products	Fx	fracture
F _t	ferritin		
ft	foot		
ft	make		
ft ²	square foot		
ft ³	cubic foot		
FTA	fluorescent treponemal antibody		
FTA-ABS	fluorescent treponemal antibody absorption test		
F-TAG	fast binding target attaching globulin		
FTC	Federal Trade Commission		
ft c	foot candle		

g	acceleration of gravity	GC	glucocorticoid
g	gas	GC	gonococcus, gonococcal
G	gastrin	Gc	gonorrhea
G	gauss	GC	guanine cytosine
G	giga (prefix)	g-cal	gram calorie (small calorie)
G	gingival	g-cm	gram-centimeter
G	good	GDP	guanosine diphosphate
g	gram, grams	2 g/d x 2/wk	duration of use, example of
G	Greek	GE	gastroenterology
G	Newtonian constant of gravitation	gen	general
GA	gastric analysis	geom	geometric
GA	general anesthesia	GF	glomerular filtrate
GABA	gamma-aminobutyric acid	GF	globule fibril
GAD	glutamic acid decarboxylase	GFR	glomerular filtration rate
GAG	glycosaminoglycans	GG	gamma globulin
gal	galactose	GG	glyceryl guaiacolate
gal	gallon	GGE	generalized glandular enlargement
gal/min	gallons per minute	GGTP	gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase
galv	galvanic	GH	growth hormone
gang	ganglion	GHRF	growth hormone releasing factor
garg	gargle	GHRIF	growth hormone release inhibiting factor
GAS	general adaptation syndrome	GHQ	general health questionnaire
GB	gallbladder	GI	gastrointestinal
GB	Guillain-Barré (syndrome)	GI	glomerular index
GBM	glomerular basement membrane	GI	globin insulin
GBS	gallbladder series	GIBF	gastrointestinal bacterial flora
GC	gas chromatography		

GIGO	garbage in, garbage out	gnd	ground
GIP	gastric inhibitory polypeptide	G/N r	glucose to nitrogen ratio
GIS	gastrointestinal series	GOE	gas, oxygen, ether
GITT	glucose insulin tolerance test	GOK	God only knows
GIX	An insecticidal compound, similar to DDT, but with fluorine replacing chlorine in the paraphenyl position	GOR	general operating room
gl	gland, glands	GOT	glutamic oxalacetic transaminase
GL	greatest length	govt	government
GLC	gas liquid chromatography	GP	general paresis
glc	glaucoma	GP	general practice
Glob	globular, globulin	GP	general practitioner
glu	glucose	GP	group (muscle)
glucur	glucuronic acid	GP	guinea pig
glu ox	glucose oxidase	GPB	glossopharyngeal breathing
GLV	gross leukemia virus	GPC	gastric parietal cells
glyc	glycerin	GPD	glucose phosphate dehydrogenase
gm	gram, grams	G-6-PD	glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase
GMC	General Medical Council (British)	GPI	general paralysis of the insane
gm cal	gram calorie (small calorie)	GPM	general preventive medicine
GMK	green monkey kidney	GNP	Graduate Practical Nurse
gm-m	gram-meter	GPT	glutamic pyruvic transaminase
GMP	guanosine monophosphate	gr	grain
GM&S	general medical and surgical	GRA	Gombarts reducing agent
GMT	geometric mean titer	grad	by degrees
GMW	gram molecular weight	grad	gradient
GN	glomerulonephritis	grad	gradually
GNC	General Nursing Council	grad	graduate

GRAN Gombarts reducing agent-negative

GRAS generally recognized as safe

grav pregnant

GRAY Gombarts reducing agent-positive

GS general surgery

GSD glycogen storage disease

GSE gluten sensitive enteropathy (celiac sprue)

GSH reduced glutathione

GSR galvanic skin response

GSR generalized Schwartzman reaction

GSSG oxidized glutathione

GSW gunshot wound

gt drop

GTH gonadotropic hormone

GTN glomerulotubulonephritis

GTP guanosine triphosphate

gtt drops

GTT glucose tolerance test

GU gastric ulcer

GU genitourinary

GUS genitourinary system

GV gentian violet

GVA general visceral afferent

GVE general visceral efferent

GVH graft versus host

GVHR graft versus host reaction

GW gigawatt

gyn gynecologic, gynecology

gyro gyroscope

H	height	HBAb	hepatitis B antibody
h	height	HB Ag	hepatitis B antigen
H	henry (symbol for unit of electrical inductance)	Hb A-S	sickle cell trait
h	high	HBD	hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase
H	Holzknicht unit	HBDH	hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase
h	horizontal	HBF	hepatic blood flow
h	hour	HBO	hyperbaric oxygen
H	hydrogen	HBP	high blood pressure
h	hypermetropia	HbS	sickle hemoglobin
h	hyperopia, hyperopic	HBV	hepatitis B virus
h	hypodermic	HC	head compression
h	Planck's constant	HC	high calorie
H ⁺	hydrogen ion	HC	home care
HA	headache	HC	hospital corps
HA	hemagglutination	HC	house call
HAA	hepatitis associated antigen	HC	hydranencephaly
HABA	hydroxyazobenzene benzoic acid	HC	hydrocortisone
HAE	hereditary angioneurotic edema	HCD	heavy chain disease
HAGG	hyperimmune anti-variola gamma globulin	HCG	human chorionic gonadotropin
halluc	hallucination	HC1	hydrochloric acid
harm	harmonic	HCN	hydrocyanic acid
HASP	Hospital Admission and Surveillance Program	HCO ₃	bicarbonate
HATG	horse antihuman thymocyte globulin	HCP	hexachlorophene
HB	heart block	hct	hematocrit
Hb	hemoglobin	HCT	human calcitonin
HB	hepatitis B	HCVD	hypertensive cardiovascular disease
		hd	at bedtime

HD Hansen's disease (leprosy)

HD hearing distance

HD Hodgkin's disease

HDC histidine decarboxylase

HDF host defensive factor

HDL high density lipoprotein

HDLP high density lipoprotein

HDLW distance at which a watch is heard by the left ear

HDN hemolytic disease of the newborn

HDRW distance at which a watch is heard by the right ear

HE hemoglobin electrophoresis

H&E hematoxylin and eosin stain

H&E heredity and environment

HEAT human erythrocyte agglutination test

HED unit skin dose

HEENT head, eyes, ears, nose and throat

HEK human embryonic kidney

HEL human embryonic lung

Hem hemolysis, hemolytic

He SCA Health Sciences Communications Association

HETP hexaethyltetraphosphate

HEW Health, Education and Welfare Department

HF hard filled (capsules)

HF heart failure

HF hemorrhagic factor

HF high frequency

HFAK hollow fiber artificial kidney

HFUPR hourly fetal urine production rate

Hg mercury

Hgb hemoglobin

HGF hyperglycemic glycogenolytic factor (glucagon)

HGH human growth hormone

HGO hepatic glucose output

HGPRT hypoxanthine guanine phosphoribosyl transferase

HH hard of hearing

HHb reduced hemoglobin

HHD hypertensive heart disease

H&Hm compound hypermetropic astigmatism

HHT hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia

HI hemagglutination inhibition

HIAA hydroxyindoleacetic acid

5 HIAA 5-hydroxyindoleacetic acid

HICN cyanmethemoglobin solution

HID headache, insomnia, depression (syndrome)

HIFC hog intrinsic factor concentrate

H inf hypodermoclysis infusion

HIOMT hydroxyindole-0-methyl transferase

HIP Health Insurance Plan

His	histidine	HNP	herniated nucleus pulposus
Hist	histidinemia	HO	House Officer
H-K	hand to knee (coordination)	H ₂ O	water
HK	human kidney (cells)	H ₂ O ₂	hydrogen peroxide
HL	half-life	HOB	head of bed
HL	hearing loss	HOCM	hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy
H&L	heart and lungs	hoc vesp	tonight
Hl	hypermetropia, latent	Hoff	Hoffman (reflex)
Hl	hyperopia, latent	homolat	homolateral
HL	hypertriglyceridemia	HOP	high oxygen pressure
HLA	homologous leukocyte antibodies	hor	horizontal
HLI	hemolysis inhibition	hor	at bedtime
HLP	hyperlipoproteinemia	decub	
HLR	heart-lung resuscitation	hor	at the intermediate hours
HM	hand movement	interm	
hm	hectometer	hor som	at bedtime
Hm	manifest hypermetropia	hor un	at the end of an hour
HMD	hyaline membrane disease	spatio	
HMG	human menopausal gonadotropin	horiz	horizontal
HMI	healed myocardial infarction	hosp	hospital, hospitalization
HMO	health maintenance organization	HOT	human old tuberculin
HMO	heart minute output	Hp	haptoglobin
HMP	hexose monophosphate	HP	high potency
HMPG	hydroxymethoxyphenylglycol	HP	high power
HN	Head Nurse	HP	high pressure
hn	tonight	HP	highly purified
HN ₂	mechlorethamine (nitrogen mustard)	H&P	history and physical
		hp	horsepower
		HP	hot pack
		HP	hot pad

HP	hydrostatic pressure	HSCD	Hand-Schüller-Christian disease
HP	hyperphoria	HSP	Henoch-Schönlein purpura
HPA	hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal	HSS	Hallervorden-Spatz syndrome
HPF	high power field	HSV	herpes simplex virus
HPFH	hereditary persistence of fetal hemoglobin	HSV	highly selective vagotomy
HPG	human pituitary gonadotropin	ht	height
HPG	human pituitary gonadotrophin	Ht	hypermetropia, total
HPI	history of present illness	Ht	hyperopia, total
HPL	human placental lactogen	HT	hypodermic tablet
HPM	Harding-Passey melanoma	H&T	hospitalization and treatment
HPN	hypertension	HT	hydroxytryptamine
hpn	hypertension	5HT	5-hydroxytryptamine
HPO	high pressure oxygen	HTP	hydroxytryptophan
HPO	hyperbaric oxygen	HTS	human thyroid stimulator
HPPH	hydroxyphenyl phenylhydantoin	HU	hydroxyurea
HR	heart rate	HU	hyperemia unit
hr	hour	HUIS	high-dose urea in invert sugar
HRIG	human rabies immune globulin	HUS	hemolytic uremic syndrome
HS	heart sounds	HV	high voltage
HS	heme synthetase	HV	hospital visit
HS	herpes simplex	HV	hyperventilation
hs	hour of sleep (bedtime)	HVA	homovanillic acid
HS	house surgeon	HVD	hypertensive vascular disease
HSA	Hazardous Substances Act	HVE	high voltage electrophoresis
HSA	human serum albumin	HVH	herpesvirus hominis
HSC	Hand-Schüller-Christian	HVHMH	herpesvirus hominis membrane antigen

HVL	half-value layer
HVT	half-value thickness
H _x	history
HXM	hexamethylmelamine
Hy	hypermetropia
hy	hysteria
hyd	hydration
hydro	hydrotherapy
hyg	hygiene
hyp	hyperresonance
hyp	hypertrophy
hyperten	hypertension
hypn	hypertension
hypo	injection under skin
hys	hysteria, hysterical
hys	hysterectomy
HZ	herpes zoster

i

i	incisor	i amniot	intra-amniotical
I	incisor (permanent)	IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
I	index	i arter	intra-arterial
I	induction	IASD	interatrial septal defect
i	insoluble	IAT	iodine azide test
I	inspired (gas)	IB	inclusion body
I	intake	IB	index of body build
I	intensity of magnetism	IBI	intermittent bladder irrigation
I	internal medicine	ibid	ibidem (in the same place)
I	internist	IBR	infectious bovine rhinotracheitis
I	iodine	IBS	irritable bowel syndrome
I ₂	iodine	IBU	international benzoate unit
i	optically inactive	ic	between meals
I ¹³¹	iodine 131	IC	inspiratory capacity
IA	immunobiologic activity	IC	inspiratory center
IA	impedance angle	IC	intensive care
IA	intra-amniotic	IC	intercostal
IA	intra-arterial	IC	interstitial cells
IA	intra-articular	IC	intracerebral
IAA	indole-3-acetic acid	IC	intracutaneous
IABC	intra-aortic balloon counterpulsation	ICA	internal carotid artery
IABP	intra-aortic balloon pumping	i card	intracardial
IABPA	intra-aortic balloon pumping assistance	ICC	intensive coronary care
I-Ac	imidazoleacetic acid	ICCU	intensive coronary care unit
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency	ICD	International Classification of Diseases
IAFI	infantile amaurotic familial idiocy	ICD	isocitric dehydrogenase
IAHA	immune adherence hemagglutination		

ICDH	isocitric dehydrogenase	IDD	insulin dependent diabetes
ICF	intracellular fluid	i derm	intra dermal
ICG	indocyanine green	IDP	inosine diphosphate
ICM	intercostal margin	IDU	iododeoxyuridine
ICN	intensive care nursery	IEOP	immuno electro-osmophoresis
ICN	International Council of Nurses	IF	immunofluorescence
i coch	intracochlear	IF	interferon
ICR	distance between iliac crests	IF	intermediate frequency
IGS	intercostal space	IF	interstitial fluid
ICSH	interstitial cell stimulating hormone (luteinizing hormone)	IF	intrinsic factor
ict	icterus	Ig	immunoglobulin
iCT	immunoreactive human calcitonin	iG	immunoreactive human gastrin
ICT	inflammation of connective tissue	IgA	immunoglobulin A
ICT	insulin coma therapy	IgD	immunoglobulin D
ict ind	icterus index	IgE	immunoglobulin E
ICU	intensive care unit	IgG	immunoglobulin G
i cut	intracutaneous	IgM	immunoglobulin M
ID	immunodiffusion	IH	infectious hepatitis
ID	immunoglobulin deficiency	IHD	ischemic heart disease
I&D	incision and drainage	IHF	International Hospital Federation
ID	infective dose	IHP	idiopathic hypopituitarism
ID	inside diameter	IHSA	iodinated human serum albumin
ID	intra dermal	IHSS	idiopathic hypertrophic osteoarthropathy
ID ₅₀	median infective dose	IIE	idiopathic ineffective erythropoiesis
id	the same	IIIVC	infrahepatic interruption of the inferior vena cava
IDA	iron deficiency anemia	IL	insensible weight loss

ILA	insulin-like activity	inc	increase, increased, increasing
I-Lac	imidazolelactic acid	inc	increment
i lesion	intralesional	incompat	incompatible
IM	infectious mononucleosis	incompl	incomplete
IM	internal medicine	inc(r)	increase (relative)
IM	intramedullary	incur	incurable
IM	intramuscular	in d	daily
IMA	Industrial Medical Association	ind	independent
IMI	immunologically measurable insulin	IND	Investigational New Drug
inmat	immature	indust	industry, industrial
inmed	immediate	inf	infant, infancy, infantile
immob	immobilize	inf	infect, infected, infectious
immunol	immunological	inf	inferior
imp	impression	inf	infirmary
imp	improved	inf	infusion
IMP	incomplete male pseudohermaphroditism	inf	pour in
IMP	inosine monophosphate (inosinic acid)	infarct	infarction
impair	impaired, impairment	infect	infection, infectious
IMR	infectious mononucleosis receptors	inflamm	inflamed, inflammation, inflammatory
IMS	Indian Medical Service	info	information
IMViC	indol, methyl red, Voges-Proskauer, citrate	ing	inguinal
in	inch	ingest	ingestion
IN	intranasal	INH	isoniazid (isonicotinic acid hydrazide)
INAH	isonicotinic acid hydrazide	inhal	inhalation
inc	incomplete	inhib	inhibit, inhibition, inhibitor
inc	inconclusive	INI	intranuclear inclusion (agent)

inj	inject, injection	IP	interphalangeal
inject	injection	IP	intraabdominally
inj	injury, injurious	IP	isoelectric point
inj enem	give an enema	IPA	isopropyl alcohol
in-lb	inch-pound	I para	primipara
innerv	innervation	IPC	isopropyl chlorophenyl
inoc	inoculate, inoculated, inoculation	IPE	interstitial pulmonary emphysema
insol	insoluble	i periton	intraabdominal
inst	institute	IPF	infection potentiating factor
inst	instrument	IPH	idiopathic pulmonary hemosiderosis
instill	instillation	i pleur	intrapleural
insuff	insufficiency, in- sufficient	IPP	intermittent positive pressure
int	integral	IPPA	inspection, palpation, percussion, auscultation (chest examination)
int	intermittent	IPPB	intermittent positive pressure breathing
int	internal	IPPF	International Planned Parenthood Federation
int	intestinal	IPPR	intermittent positive pressure respiration
intest	intestinal, intestine	IPPV	intermittent positive pressure ventilation
intox	intoxication	IPSP	inhibitory postsynaptic potential
inv	inverse	iPTH	immunoreactive parathyroid hormone
inv	inversion	IPV	inactivated poliovaccine
invol	involuntary	IQ	intelligence quotient
I&O	intake and output	IR	infrared
IO	intraocular	IR	internal resistance
IOFB	intraocular foreign body		
IOP	intraocular pressure		
IOS	International Organization for Standardization		
IOTA	information overload testing aid		

IRHGH	immunoreactive human growth hormone	ITP	inosine triphosphate
IRI	immunoreactive insulin	ITPA	Illinois Test of Psycholinguistic Abilities
IRO	International Refugee Organization	i trach	intratracheal
IRP	immunoreactive proinsulin	ITT	insulin tolerance test
IRP	International Reference Preparation	i tumor	intratumoral
IRR	intrarenal reflux	ITX	intertriginous xanthoma
IRV	inspiratory reserve volume	IU	immunizing unit
IS	intercostal space	IU	international unit
IS	interspace	IU	intrauterine
IS	intraventricular septum	IUB	International Union of Biochemistry
ISC	International Statistical Classification	IUCD	intrauterine contraceptive device
ISC	interstitial cells	IUD	intrauterine contraceptive device
ISD	isosorbide dinitrate	IUD	intrauterine death
ISF	interstitial fluid	IUD	intrauterine device
ISG	immune serum globulin	IUDR	iododeoxyuridine
ISO	International Standards Organization	IUPAC	International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry
isoenz	isoenzymes	IV	interventricular
ISP	distance between iliac spines	IV	intervertebral
ISR	Institute of Surgical Research	iv	intravenous
IST	insulin shock therapy	IV	intraventricular
IT	intrathecal	IVC	inferior vena cava
ITFS	incomplete testicular feminization syndrome	IVC	inspired vital capacity
i thec	intrathecal	IVCD	intraventricular conduction delay
ITP	idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura	IVD	intervertebral disk
		IVGTT	intravenous glucose tolerance test

IVH	intravenous hyperalimentation
IVP	intravenous pyelogram
IVP	intraventricular pressure
IVS	intraventricular septum
IVSD	interventricular septal defect
IVT	isovolumic time
IVU	intravenous urography
IWL	insensible water loss
IZS	insulin zinc suspension

J

J	Jewish
J	joint
J	joule
J	Joule's equivalent
J	journal
J	juice
JAMA	Journal of the American Medical Association
jaund	jaundice
JCAH	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals
jct	junction
JG	juxtglomerular
JGA	juxtglomerular apparatus
JJ	jaw jerk
JND	just noticeable difference
jour	journal
jt	joint
junct	junction
juv	juvenile

K	absolute zero	K_i	inhibition constant
K	cathode	KJ	knee jerk
k	constant	KK	knee kick
K	equilibrium constant	KL bac	Klebs-Loeffler bacillus
K	electrostatic capacity	kl	kiloliter
K	Kelvin	KM	kanamycin
k	kilo	km	kilometer
K	potassium	K_m	Michaelis constant
k	thousand	kMc	kilomegacycle
$^{\circ}K$	degree Kelvin (absolute temperature)	kMcps	kilomegacycles per second
Ka	cathode	KOH	potassium hydroxide
KA	King-Armstrong (units)	KP	keratitic precipitates
kc	kilocycle	KRP	Kolmer's test with Reiter protein
kcal	kilocalorie (large calorie)	KS	ketosteroid
KCl	potassium chloride	KU	Kimbel unit
kcps	kilocycles per second	KUB	kidney, ureter and bladder
KCS	keratoconjunctivitis sicca	kv	kilovolt
kd/sec	kilocycles per second	kVA	kilovolt ampere
KE	kinetic energy	kvp	kilovolt peak
kev	kiloelectron volt	kw	kilowatt
kg	kilogram	kw hr	kilowatt hour
kg cal	kilogram calorie (large calorie)		
kg-m	kilogram meter		
KGS	ketogenic steroid		
KHb	potassium hemoglobinate		
KHN	Koop hardness number		
KI	Krönig's isthmus		
KI	potassium iodide		

L

L	coefficient of induction	lact	lactate, lactating
l	counterclockwise	LAD	lactic acid dehydrogenase
L	lactobacillus	LAD	left anterior descending
L	lambert	LAD	left axis deviation
L	Latin	LAD	linoleic acid depression
L	left	LAE	left atrial enlargement
L	length	LAF	laminar air flow
L	lethal	LAH	left anterior hemiblock
L	lewisite	LAO	left anterior oblique
L	licensed	LAP	left atrial pressure
L	light sense	lap	laparotomy
L	liter	LAP	leucine aminopeptidase
l	low, lower	LAP	leukocyte alkaline phosphatase
L	lumbar (in vertebral formulas)	LAP	lyophilized anterior pituitary (tissue)
l	pound	LAR	left arm recumbent
LA	lactic acid	LAS	linear alkyl sulfonate
LA	Latin American	LASER	light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation
LA	left angle	LASS	labile aggregation stimulating substance
LA	left arm	lat	lateral
LA	left atrium	lat	latitude
LA	left auricle	LATS	long acting thyroid stimulator
LA	leucine aminopeptidase	LATSP	long acting thyroid stimulator protector
LA	linoleic acid	L&B	left and below
LA	local anesthesia	L-B	Liebermann-Burchard
LA	long acting (medication)	LB	low back
L&A	light and accommodation	lb	pound
LAA	leukocyte ascorbic acid		
lab	laboratory		
lac	laceration		

LBB	left bundle branch	LCS	left coronary sinus
LBBB	left bundle branch block	LCT	lymphocytotoxicity test
LBBsB	left bundle branch system block	LD	lactic dehydrogenase
LBBX	left breast biopsy examination	LD	learning disability
LBCD	left border cardiac dullness	LD	lethal dose
LBD	left border of dullness (of heart percussion)	LD ₅₀	lethal dose, median
LBF	lactobacillus bulgaricus factor	LD	perception of light difference
LBF	limb blood flow	LDA	left dorsoanterior
lb-ft	pound-feet, pound-foot	LDH	lactic dehydrogenase
LBH	length, breadth, height	LDL	low density lipoprotein
LBM	lean body mass	LDP	left dorsoposterior
LBNP	lower body negative pressure	LDS	Licentiate in Dental Surgery
LBP	low back pain	LE	left eye
LBP	low blood pressure	Le	Leonard (unit for cathode rays)
LBRF	louse borne relapsing fever	LE	lower extremity
LC	low calorie	LE	lupus erythematosus
LCA	left coronary artery	LED	lupus erythematosus disseminatus
LCAT	lecithin cholesterol acyltransferase	LES	local excitatory state
LCCS	low cervical cesarean section	LES	lower esophageal sphincter
LCh	Licentiate in Surgery	LF	limit of flocculation
LCIS	tubular carcinoma in situ	LFA	left frontoanterior
LCL	Levinthal-Coles-Lillie (bodies)	LFD	least fatal dose
LCM	left costal margin	LFD	low forceps delivery
LCM	lymphocytic chorio-meningitis	LFP	left frontoposterior
		LFPS	Licentiate of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons
		LFT	left frontotransverse
		LFT	liver function test

lg	large	LLE	left lower extremity
LGB	Landry-Guillain-Barré syndrome	LLL	left lower lobe
LGV	lymphogranuloma venereum	LLLI	LaLeche League International
LH	left hand	LLM	localized leukocyte mobilization
LH	lues hereditaria (hereditary syphilis)	LLQ	left lower quadrant
LH	lutinizing hormone	LM	Licentiate in Midwifery
LHRF	lutinizing hormone releasing factor	LM	light microscopy
LHRH	lutinizing hormone releasing hormone	LM	longitudinal muscle
LHS	left heart strain	LMC	lymphocyte-mediated cytotoxicity
lib	a pound	LMD	local medical doctor
LICM	left intercostal margin	LMI	leukocyte migration inhibition
LIF	left iliac fossa	LML	left mediolateral (episiotomy)
lig	ligament	LMP	last menstrual period
LIMA	left internal mammary artery	LMP	left mentoposterior
linim	liniment	LMRCP	Licentiate in Midwifery of the Royal College of Physicians
LIP	lymphoid interstitial pneumonia	LMS	Licentiate of Medicine and Surgery
liq	liquid	LMT	left mentotransverse
LK	left kidney	LMT	leukocyte migration technique
LKS	liver, kidneys, spleen	lmtd	limited
LKQCPI	Licentiate of the King and Queen's College of Physicians of Ireland	LMW	low molecular weight
LL	lepromatous leprosy	LMWD	low molecular weight dextran
LLBCD	left lower border of cardiac dullness	ln	logarithm (natural)
LLD	Lactobacillus lactis, Dorner factor (Vitamin B ₁₂)	LNC	lymph node cells
LLD	left lateral decubitus	LNMP	last normal menstrual period

LNPF	lymph node permeability factor	LPN	licensed practical nurse
LOA	leave of absence	LPS	levator palpebrae superioris (muscle)
LOA	left occipitoanterior position	LQ	lower quadrant
LOC	level of consciousness	LR	latency relaxation
loc cit	loco citato (in the place cited)	LR	light reflex
loc dol	to the painful spot	LRCP	Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians
LOD	line of duty	LRCP&SI	Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ireland
log	logarithm	LRCs	Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons
LOM	limitation of motion	LRCSE	Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh
LOM	loss of movement	LRE	leukemic reticuloendotheliosis
long	longitude	LRF	liver residue factor
LOP	leave on pass	LS	lumbosacral
LOP	left occipitoposterior position	LSA	left sacroanterior position
LOQ	lower outer quadrant	LSA	left subclavian artery
LOT	left occipitotransverse position	LSA	Licentiate of Society of Apothecaries
lot	lotion	LSA	lymphosarcoma
LP	latent period	LSB	left sternal border
LP	light perception	LScA	left scapuloanterior position
LP	low pressure	LScP	left scapuloposterior position
LP	lumbar puncture	LSD	lysergic acid diethylamide
LP	lymphoid predominance	LSH	lutein stimulating hormone
L/P	lactate-pyruvate ratio	LSK	liver, spleen, kidneys
LPA	left pulmonary artery		
LPF	leukocytosis-promoting factor		
LPF	low power field		
lpm	liters per minute		

LSM lysergic acid morpholide
 LSP left sacroposterior position
 L-S ratio the ratio of lecithin to sphingomyelin in the amniotic fluid
 LST left sacrotransverse position
 LSU life support unit
 lt left
 lt light
 LT lymphocyte transformation
 LT lymphotoxin
 LTB laryngotracheobronchitis
 LTF lipotropic factor
 LTH luteotropic hormone
 LTP L-tryptophan
 LTPP lipothiamide pyrophosphate
 LTT leucine tolerance test
 LTT lymphocyte transformation test
 LUE left upper extremity
 LUIS low dose urea in invert sugar
 LUL left upper lobe
 LUQ left upper quadrant
 LV left ventricle
 LVEDP left ventricular end diastolic pressure
 LVEDV left ventricular end diastolic volume
 LVET left ventricular ejection time

LVFP left ventricular filling pressure
 LVH left ventricular hypertrophy
 LVIDP left ventricular initial diastolic pressure
 LVN licensed vocational nurse
 LVP left ventricular pressure
 LVW left ventricular wall
 L&W living and well
 Lyp lymphosarcoma
 LZM lysozyme

M	handful	m	murmur
M	macerate, macerated	M	muscle
M	male	M	myopia
M	malignant	M	noon
M	married	M	thousand
m	mass	m ²	square meter
M	massage	m ³	cubic meter
M	mature	MA	mandelic acid
M	mean	MA	manifest achievement
M	media (laboratory)	MA	medical abbreviation
M	median	MA	membrane antigen
M	medical	MA	menstrual age
M	medium	MA	mental age
M	membrane	ma	meter angle
M	metabolite	MA	Miller-Abbott (tube)
M	meter	ma	milliampere
m	meter	MAA	macroaggregated albumin
M	method in use at NIH	MAB	Metropolitan Asylums Board (British)
M	Micrococcus	MABP	mean arterial blood pressure
M	minim	mac	macerate
m	minim	MAC	maximum allowable concentration
m	minute	MAC	minimum alveolar concentration
M	mix	MAF	minimum audible field
M	mixture	mag	large
M	molar	MAHA	microangiopathic hemolytic anemia
M	Monday	MAM	milliampere minute
m	morphine		
M	mother		
m	mucoïd		

M+Am	compound myopic astigmatism	MB	methylene blue
man	handful	mb	mix well
mand	mandible, mandibular	MBC	maximum breathing capacity
manif	manifest, manifested, manifestation	MBC	minimal bactericidal concentration
manip	a handful	MBD	minimal brain dysfunction
manip	manipulation	MBF	myocardial blood flow
man pr	early in the morning	MBP	antigen prepared from melitensis, bovine, porcine
MAO	maximal acid output	MBP	mean blood pressure
MAO	monoamine oxidase	MBT	mixed bacterial toxin
MAOI	monoamine oxidase inhibitor	MC	macroglobulinemia
MAP	minimum audible pressure	M-C	Magovern-Cromie (prosthesis)
mAP	monophasic action potential	MC	Master of Surgery
MAP	muscle action potential	MC	Medical Corps
MaS	milliampere second	MC	medullary cystic (disease)
MASER	microwave amplification by stimulated emission of radiation	mc	megacurie
MASH	Mobile Army Surgical Hospital	mc	megacycle
mast	mastectomy	MC	metacarpal
mAST	mitochondrial aspartate aminotransferase	MC	microcephaly
MAT	manual arts therapy	mc	millicurie
Mat	maternity	MC	mineralocorticoid
MAT	motivation analysis test	MC	mixed cellularity
matut	in the morning	MC	mycelial phase
max	maxillary	MCAR	mixed cell agglutination reaction
max	maximal, maximum	MCAT	Medical College Admission Test
MB	Bachelor of Medicine	MCB	membranous cytoplasmic body
MB	Marsh-Bender (factor)	MCD	mean corpuscular diameter
		MCD	metabolic coronary dilation

mcg	microgram	MDA	motor discriminative acuity
MCGN	mesangiocapillary glomerulonephritis	MDA	Muscular Dystrophy Association
MCH	mean corpuscular hemoglobin	MDD	mean daily dose
mch	millicurie hour	MDF	myocardial depressant factor
MCHC	mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration	MDH	malic dehydrogenase
MCL	midclavicular line	m dict	as directed
MCLS	mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome	MDP	mentodextra posterior (position)
MCPH	metacarpophalangeal	MDR	minimum daily requirement
mcps	megacycles per second	MDS	Master of Dental Surgery
MCR	metabolic clearance rate	MDT	mentodextra transverse (position)
MCT	mean circulation time	ME	medical examiner
MCT	medium chain triglyceride	Me	methyl
MCT	medullary carcinoma of the thyroid	ME	middle ear
MCV	mean clinical value	M:E	myeloid-erythroid ratio
MCV	mean corpuscular volume	M/E	myeloid-erythroid ratio
MD	Doctor of Medicine	MEA	multiple endocrine adenomatosis
MD	manic depressive	meas	measure, measuring, measured
MD	mean deviation	MeB	methylene blue
MD	medical department	mech	mechanism
MD	mentally deficient	med	median
md	median	MED	median erythrocyte diameter
MD	muscular dystrophy	med	medical, medicine
MDA	malonyldialdehyde	MED	minimal effective dose
MDA	manual dilation of the anus	MED	minimal erythema dose
MDA	mentodextra anterior (position)	MEDLARS	Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System
MDA	methylenedioxyamphetamine		

MEDPRO	Medical Education Resources Program	mev	million electron volts
med tech	medical technologist, medical technician	M:F	male-female ratio
MEF	maximal expiratory flow	M/F	male-female ratio
MEFR	maximum expiratory flow rate	mf	microfilaria
MEFV	maximal expiratory flow volume	M&F	mother and father
meg	megacycle	MF	myelin figures
meg	megaloblastic	MFB	median forebrain bundle
MEG	mercaptoethylguanidine	MFB	metallic foreign body
MEM	macrophage electrophoretic migration	MFD	minimum fatal dose
MEM	minimum essential medium	MFG	modified heat degraded gelatin
memb	membrane	MFP	monofluorophosphate
menst	menstrual, menstruate, menstruating	M ft	let a mixture be made
ment	mental	MFT	muscle function test
MEOS	microsomal ethanol oxidizing system	Mg	magnesium
MEP	mean effective pressure	mg	milligram
MEP	motor end plate	MG	myasthenia gravis
mEq	milliequivalent	MGF	maternal grandfather
MES	morpholino-ethane-sulfonic acid	mg/kg	milligrams per kilogram
met	metal, metallic	MGM	maternal grandmother
met	methionine	mgm	milligram
metab	metabolic, metabolism, metabolites	MgSO ₄	magnesium sulfate
metas	metastasis, metastasize, metastasizing	MH	malignant hyperthermia
meth	method	MH	marital history
M et sig	mix and write a label	MH	melanophore hormone
		MH	menstrual history
		MH	mental health
		MHA	microangiopathic hemolytic anemia
		MHB	maximum hospital benefit

MHb	methemoglobin	MKS	meter kilogram second
MHC	multiphasic health checkup	ML	Licentiate in Medicine
MHD	minimum hemolytic dose	ML	middle lobe
MHPG	methoxyhydroxypropane	ML	midline
MI	mental illness	ml	milliliter
MI	mitral insufficiency	MLA	Medical Library Association
MI	myocardial infarction	MLA	mentolaeva anterior (position)
MIC	minimal inhibitory concentration	MLC	mixed lymphocyte culture
MiC	minocycline	MLCR	mixed lymphocyte culture reaction
mid	middle	MLD	metachromatic leukodys- trophy
MID	minimum infective dose	MLD	minimum lethal dose
mid sag	midsagittal	MLG	mitochondria lipid glucogen
MIF	macrophage inhibiting factor	MLP	mentolaeva posterior (position)
MIF	migration inhibitory factor	MLR	mixed lymphocyte reaction
MIFR	maximal inspiratory flow rate	MLS	mean lifespan
min	minimal	MLT	mentolaeva transverse (position)
min	a minim	MM	medial malleolus
min	minute	mm	millimeter
MIO	minimal identifiable odor	mM	millimole
misc	miscellaneous	MM	mucous membrane
mist	a mixture	MM	multiple myeloma
MIT	monoiodotyrosine	mm	muscles
mit	send	MMA	methylmalonic acid
mIu	milli international unit	MMEF	maximal midexpiratory flow
mixt	mixture	MMEFR	maximal midexpiratory flow rate
MK	monkey kidney		

MMF	maximal midexpiratory flow	mod	in the way directed
MMFR	maximal midexpiratory flow rate	praesc	
MMI	methimazole	MOF	methoxyflurane
MMI	methylmercaptoimidazole	MOH	Medical Officer of Health
mM/l	millimols per liter	MOJAC	mood, orientation, judgment, affect, content
mmm	millimicron	moll	soft
MMPI	Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory	mol wt	molecular weight
mmpp	millimeters partial pressure	MOM	milk of magnesia
MMR	mass miniature radiography	mon	monocyte
MMS	methyl methanesulfonate	mon	month
MMT	manual muscle test	MOPP	nitrogen mustard, vincristine sulfate, procarbazine, prednisone
MMTP	Methadone Maintenance Treatment Program	mor dict	in the manner directed
mn	midnight	mOs	milliosmole, milliosmolar
mN	millinormal	mOsm	milliosmole, milliosmolar
MNCV	motor nerve conduction velocity	m osmole	milliosmole
MND	minimum necrosing dose	mp	as directed
MND	motor neuron disease	mp	melting point
MNU	methylnitrosourea	MP	mercaptopurine
MO	Medical Officer	MP	metacarpophalangeal
MO	mineral oil	MP	metatarsophalangeal
MO	minute output (of heart)	MP	mucopolysaccharide
Mo	month	6MP	mercaptopurine
mod	moderate, moderately	MPA	medroxyprogesterone acetate
mod	modified	MPC	maximum permissible concentration
mod	modulation	MPD	maximum permissible dose
mod	modulus	MPH	Master of Public Health

mph	miles per hour	MRL	medical record librarian
MPN	most probable number	mRNA	messenger ribonucleic acid
MPR	mercaptapurine riboside	MRT	major role therapy
MPS	mucopolysaccharide	MS	Master of Surgery
MPU	Medical Practitioners Union (British)	MS	mitral stenosis
MR	mentally retarded	MS	morphine sulfate
MR	metabolic rate	MS	multiple sclerosis
mr	milliroentgen	MS	muscle strength
MR	mitral regurgitation	MSA	Medical Services Association
MRACP	Member of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians	MSD	mild sickle cell disease
MRC	Medical Reserve Corps	MSD	multiple sulfatase deficiency
MRCP	Member of the Royal College of Physicians	msec	millisecond
MRCP (Glasg)	Member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow	MSG	monosodium glutamate
MRCPE	Member of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh	MSH	melanocyte stimulating hormone
MRCPI	Member of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland	MSH	melanophore stimulating hormone
MRCSC	Member of the Royal College of Surgeons	MSL	midsternal line
MRCSE	Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh	MSN	Master of Science in Nursing
MRCSCI	Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland	MSRPP	Multidimensional Scale for Rating Psychiatric Patients
MRCVCS	Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons	mss	massage
MRD	minimum reacting dose	MST	median survival time
		MSTh	mesothorium
		MSU	midstream specimen of urine
		MSUD	maple syrup urine disease

MSV	Moloney sarcoma virus	MWt	molecular weight
MSV	murine sarcoma virus	My	myopia
MSW	Master of Social Work	myel	myelin
MT	empty	myel	myelogram
MT	medical technologist	myo	myocardial, myocardium
MT	tympanic membrane	MZ	monozygotic (monozygous)
MT6	thiomerin		
MTD	metastatic trophoblastic disease		
MTR	Meinicke turbidity reaction		
MTT	mean transit time (blood through heart and lungs)		
MTU	methylthiouracil		
MTV	mammary tumor virus		
MTX	methotrexate		
Mu	Mache unit		
mu	micron		
mJ	milliunit		
mu	mouse unit		
mult	multiplication		
multip	multipara		
MUP	motor unit potential		
musc	muscle, muscular		
mv	millivolt		
MV	minute volume		
MV	mitral valve		
MVO ₂	myocardial oxygen demand		
MVV	maximal voluntary ventilation		
mw	microwave		

n	born	NAD	no apparent distress
n	index of refraction	NAD	no appreciable disease
n	nano- (one billionth)	NADH	nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (reduced form)
N	nasal	NADP	nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate
N	negative	NADPH	nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate (reduced)
N	Negro (Black)	NAG	nonagglutinable vibrios
N	Neisseria	NAME	National Association of Medical Examiners
N	nerve	NAMH	National Association of Mental Health
N	neurology, neurologist	NANA	N-acetylneuraminic acid
N	nonmalignant	NAPA	N-acetyl-p-aminophenol
n	normal	NAPCA	National Air Pollution Control Administration
N	normal	NAPNES	National Association for Practical Nurse Education and Service
n	nostril	NARC	National Association for Retarded Children
n	number (size of sample)	NAS	National Association of Sciences
NA	Nomina Anatomica	NAS	no added salt
NA	noradrenaline (norepinephrine)	NAS/NRC	National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council
NA	not applicable	nat	national
NA	not available	nat	native
NA	numeric aperture	nat	nature, natural
NA	Nurse Anesthetist		
NA	nurses' aide		
NA	nursing assistant		
Na	sodium		
NAACOG	Nurses Association of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology		
NAC	Nursing Audit Committee		
NACOR	National Advisory Committee on Radiation		
NAD	nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide		
NAD	nicotinic acid dehydrogenase		

NB	Negri bodies	NCS	noncoronary sinus
NB	newborn	NCSH	National Clearinghouse for Smoking and Health
NB	normoblast	NCV	noncholera Vibrio
NBM	nothing by mouth	ND	neutral density
NBME	National Board of Medical Examiners	ND	not done
NBO	nonbed occupancy	n_D	refractive index
NBS	National Bureau of Standards	NDA	National Dental Association
NBT	nitroblue tetrazolium	NDA	New Drug Application
nc	nanocurie	NDCD	National Drug Code Directory
NC	no change	NDGA	nordihydroguaiaretic acid
N/C	no complaints	NDM	N-desmethyl-methsuximide
NC	noncontributory	NDTI	National Disease and Therapeutic Index
NC	Nurse Corps	NDV	Newcastle disease virus
NCA	National Council on Alcoholism	NE	norepinephrine
NCA	neurocirculatory asthenia	NE	not enlarged
NCA	nonspecific cross-reacting antigen	NE	nursing educator
NCDC	National Communicable Disease Center	NEC	necrotizing enterocolitis
NCHPD	National Council on Health Planning and Development	NEC	not elsewhere classified
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics	NED	no evidence of disease
NCI	naphthalene creosote iodoform (powder)	NEFA	nonesterified fatty acid (free fatty acid)
NCI	National Cancer Institute	neg	negative
NCME	Network for Continuing Medical Education	NEISS	National Electronic Injury Surveillance System
NCP	National Cancer Program	neo	neoarsphenamine
NCRP	National Council on Radiation Protection	nerv	nervous
		neuro1	neurologic
		NF	National Formulary (U.S.)
		NF	Negro female

NF	nonfunction	NIEHS	National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
NFLPN	National Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses	NIGMS	National Institute of General Medical Sciences
NFSID	National Foundation for Sudden Infant Death	NIH	National Institutes of Health
NFTD	normal full term delivery	NIMH	National Institute of Mental Health
ng	nanogram	NINDB	National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness
NG	nasogastric	NINDS	National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke
NG	no good	NIOSH-CDC	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health—Center for Disease Control
NGU	nongonococcal urethritis	NIRMP	National Intern and Resident Matching Program
NH ₃	ammonia	nit ox	nitrous oxide
NH ₄	ammonium	NJPC	National Joint Practice Commission
NH ₄ CL	ammonium chloride	NLA	neuroleptanalgesia
NH	nursing home	NLM	National Library of Medicine
NHI	National Health Insurance	NLN	National League for Nursing
NHI	National Heart Institute (now National Heart and Lung Institute)	nm	nanometer
NHL	non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	nM	nanomolar
NHLI	National Heart and Lung Institute	NM	Negro male
NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Council	NM	neuromuscular
NHS	National Health Service	NM	nitrogen mustard
NIAID	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases	NMA	National Medical Association
NIAMD	National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases	NMRI	Naval Medical Research Institute
NICHHD	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development		
NICU	neonatal intensive care unit		
NIDR	National Institute of Dental Research		

N:N	azo group	NPH	normal pressure hydrocephalus
nn	nerves	NPJT	nonparoxysmal AV junctional tachycardia
NND	neonatal death	NPN	nonprotein nitrogen
NND	New and Nonofficial Drugs	NPO	nothing by mouth
NNE	neonatal necrotizing enterocolitis	npo/hs	nothing by mouth at bedtime
NNR	New and Nonofficial Remedies	NR	neutral red
no	number	NR	nonreactive
NO	nursing office	NR	nonbreathing
noc	night	NR	normal range
noct	at night	NRC	National Research Council
noct maneq	at night and in the morning	NRC	normal retinal correspondence
NOMI	nonocclusive mesenteric infarction	NREM	nonrapid eye movement
non rep	do not repeat	nRNA	nuclear RNA
norm	normal	NRS	normal rabbit serum
normet	normetanephrine	NS	nephrotic syndrome
NOS	not otherwise specified	NS	nervous system
NOTB	National Ophthalmic Treatment Board (British)	NS	neurosurgical
NP	neuropsychiatric	NS	nodular sclerosis
NP	nucleoplasmic index	NS	normal saline
NP	nucleoprotein	NS	normal serum
NP	nursing procedure	NS	not stated
NPC	nasopharyngeal carcinoma	NSA	no significant abnormality
NPC	near point of convergence	NSC	not service connected
NPD	Niemann-Pick disease	NSD	normal spontaneous delivery
NPH	neutral protamine Hagedorn (insulin)	NSDP	National Society of Denture Prosthetists
		nsec	nanosecond
		NSF	National Science Foundation

NSFTD	normal spontaneous full term delivery
NSILA	nonsuppressible insulin-like activity
NSPB	National Society for the Prevention of Blindness
NSR	normal sinus rhythm
NSS	normal saline solution
NSST	Northwestern Syntax Screening Test
NSU	nonspecific urethritis
NT	nasotracheal
NT	neutralization test
NT	not tested
N&T	nose and throat
NTA	Narcotics Treatment Administration
NTA	National Tuberculosis Association
NTG	nitroglycerin
NTP	normal temperature and pressure
NTRDA	National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association
NTRS	National Therapeutic Recreation Society
NTV	nervous tissue vaccine
num	numerator
Nv	naked vision
N&V	nausea and vomiting
NVWSC	nonvolatile whole smoke condensate
NWB	nonweight bearing
NYD	not yet diagnosed

0	eye	OBS	organic brain syndrome
0	female	obst	obstetric, obstetrician
0	in vivo physiological test	OC	office call
0	none, negative	OC	oral contraceptive
0	occiput, occipital	OCA	oral contraceptive agent
0	old	occ	occasional
0	opening	occas	occasional, occasionally
0	oral, orally	occup	occupation, occupational
o	orthopedic	OCT	oral contraceptive therapy
0	other	OCT	ornithine carbamyl transferase
0	output	OD	Officer of the Day
$\bar{0}$	pint	OD	outside diameter
O_2	oxygen	OD	Doctor of Optometry
O_2	both eyes	od	every day
OA	occiput anterior	OD	optical density
OA	old age	OD	overdose
OA	osteoarthritis	OD	right eye
OA	oxalic acid	ODA	occipitodextra anterior (position)
OAA	Old Age Assistance	ODP	occipitodextra posterior (position)
OAA	oxaloacetic acid	ODT	occipitodextra transversa (position)
OAAD	ovarian ascorbic acid depletion	O&E	observation and examination
OALF	organic acid labile fluoride	O/E	ratio of observed to expected
OASI	Old Age and Survivors Insurance	OF	occipitofrontal
OB	obstetric, obstetrician	off	official
OBG	obstetrics and gynecology	OGA	orogastric aspirate
OB-GYN	obstetrics and gynecology	OGTT	oral glucose tolerance test
obl	oblique		

oh	every hour	OM	otitis media
OH	hydroxy	omn bih	every two hours
OHC	outer hair cell	omn hor	every hour
OHCS	hydroxycorticosteroid	omn noct	every night
OD	occupational disease	OMPA	octamethyl pyrophosphoramide
OD	open drop (anesthesia)	om quad hor	every quarter hour
OHD	organic heart disease	on	every night
OHFA	hydroxy fatty acids	OOB	out of bed
OHI	ocular hypertension indicator	OP	occipitoparietal
ohm-cm	ohm-centimeter	OP	occiput posterior
OHP	hydroxypyroline	OP	opening pressure
OI	opsonic index	OP	operative procedure
OIH	orthoiodohippurate	op	operation, operative
oint	ointment	OP	osmotic pressure
OJ	orange juice	OP	outpatient
OK	all right, approved, correct	O&P	ova and parasites
OKN	optokinetic nystagmus	OPC	outpatient clinic
OL	left eye	OPD	optical path difference
OI	oil	OPD	outpatient department
OLA	occipitolaeva anterior (position)	Oph	ophthalmology
ol oliv	olive oil	Ophth	ophthalmology
OLP	occipitolaeva posterior (position)	opt	optimal
OLT	occipitolaeva transversa (position)	OPT	outpatient
om	every morning	ophth	ophthalmology
OM	occipitontal (diameter of head)	OPV	oral poliovaccine
OM	Occupational Medicine	OR	operating room
		OR	oxidation reduction
		ord	orderly
		ord	ordinate

OR en oil retention enema
 ORIF open reduction with
 internal fixation
 ORS orthopedic surgery
 ORT operating room technician
 ortho orthopedics
 os left eye
 os mouth
 osc oscillate
 OSHA Occupational Safety and
 Health Administration
 osmol osmole
 OST Office of Science and
 Technology
 osteo osteomyelitis
 OT occupational therapist,
 occupational therapy
 OT objective test
 OT old terminology
 OT old tuberculin
 OT orotracheal
 OT otolaryngology,
 otolaryngologist
 OTA Office of Technology
 Assessment
 OTC ornithine transcarbamylase
 OTC over the counter
 OTD organ tolerance dose
 oto otology
 otol otology, otologist
 OU both eyes together
 OU each eye

ov ovum, egg
 OV obvious
 O/W oil in water
 OW out of wedlock
 oz ounce

p	after	PA	phosphoargenine
P	by weight	PA	physician's assistant
P	handful	PA	posteroanterior
\bar{P}	mean pressure (gas)	PA	procainamide
P	near	PA	prolonged action (drugs)
P	para	PA	psychoanalyst, psychoanalysis
P ₁	parental generation	PA	pulmonary artery
p	partial pressure, expressed in millimeters of mercury	PAB	paraaminobenzoic acid
P	pharmacopeia	PAB	premature atrial beats
P	phenolphthalein	PABA	paraaminobenzoic acid
p	pico	PAC	phenacetin, aspirin, caffeine
P	plasma	PAC	premature auricular contraction
P	pole	PAD	phenacetin, aspirin, desoxyephedrine
P	population	PADP	pulmonary artery diastolic pressure
P	position	p ae	in equal parts
P	posterior	PAEDP	pulmonary artery end diastolic pressure
P	postpartum	PAF	pulmonary arteriovenous fistula
P	presbyopia	PAH	paraaminohippuric acid
P	pressure	PAHO	Pan American Health Organization
p	probability	PAL	posterior axillary line
P	protein	PALS	periarteriolar lymphocyte sheaths
P	psychiatry, psychiatrist	PA-LS-ID	pernicious anemia-like syndrome and immunoglobulin deficiency
P ₂	pulmonary second sound	PAM	crystalline penicillin G in aluminum monostearate
P	pulse		
P	pupil		
PA	paralysis agitans		
PA	pathology		
P&A	percussion and auscultation		
PA	pernicious anemia		

PAM	phenylalanine mustard	PAT	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
PAN	peroxyacetyl nitrate	path	pathology, pathologist
PAN	polyarteritis nodosa	PB	Paul-Bunnell (antibodies, test)
pancreat	pancreatic	PB	peripheral blood
Pap	Papanicolaou (stain, smear, test)	PB	Pharmacopoeia Britannica
PAP	primary atypical pneumonia	PB	phonetically balanced
PAP	pulmonary alveolar proteinosis	Pb	presbyopia
par	parallel	PB	pressure breathing
PAR	postanesthesia room	PBC	point of basal convergence
par aff	part affected	PBE	a form of tuberculin prepared from a culture of bacilli of bovine tuberculosis
para	number of pregnancies	PBI	protein bound iodine
I-para	primipara (first pregnancy)	PBL	peripheral blood lymphocytes
II-para	secundipara (second pregnancy)	PBP	porphyrin biosynthetic pathway
III-para	tertipara (third pregnancy)	PBS	phosphate buffered saline
paradox	paradoxical	PBV	pulmonary blood volume
part aeq	equal parts	PBZ	Pyribenzamine
part vic	in divided doses	PC	parent to child
PAS	paraaminosalicylic acid	pc	percent
PAS	periodic acid Schiff (method, stain, technique, test)	PC	phosphocreatine
PAS	professional activity study	pc	picocurie
PASA	paraaminosalicylic acid	PC	pneumotoxic center
PAS-C	paraaminosalicylic acid crystallized with ascorbic acid	PC	avoirdupois weight
Past	Pasteurella	pc	after meals
		PCA	passive cutaneous anaphylaxis
		Pcb	near point of convergence to the intercentral base line

PCc	periscopic concave	PD	pressor dose
PCF	prothrombin conversion factor	pd	prism diopter
PCG	phonocardiogram	PD	pulmonary disease
PCH	paroxysmal cold hemoglobinuria	pd	pupillary distance
PCI	pneumatosis cystoides intestinorum	PDA	patent ductus arteriosus
PCK	polycystic kidney disease	PDA	pediatric allergy
PCM	protein calorie malnutrition	PDB	paradichlorobenzene
pCO ₂	partial pressure of carbon dioxide	PDC	pediatric cardiology
PCP	peripheral coronary pressure	PDE	paroxysmal dyspnea on exertion
pcpt	perception	PDLL	poorly differentiated lymphocytic lymphoma
pcs	preconscious	PDR	Physicians Desk Reference (book)
PCT	porcine calcitonin	pdr	powder
PCT	porphyria cutanea tarda	PDS	pain dysfunction syndrome
p cut	percutaneous	PDT	patent ductus arteriosus
PCV	packed cell volume	PDT	phenyldimethyltriazine
PCV	parietal cell vagotomy	Pe	perylene
PCW	pulmonary capillary wedge	PE	pharyngoesophageal
PCx	periscopic convex	PE	physical examination
PD	Doctor of Pharmacy	Pe	pressure on expiration
PD	interpupillary distance	PE	probable error
PD ₅₀	median paralysis	PE	pulmonary embolism
pd	papilla diameter	PEC	peritoneal exudate cells
PD	parkinsonism dementia	Pecho	prostatic echogram
PD	pediatrics	PED	pediatrics, pediatrician
PD	potential difference	Peds	pediatrics
		PEEP	positive end expiratory pressure
		PEF	peak expiratory flow

PEFR	peak expiratory flow rate	PFO	patent foramen ovale
PEFV	partial expiratory flow volume	PFR	peak flow rate
PEG	polyethylene glycol	PFU	plaque forming unit
PEG	pneumoencephalography	PG	Pharmacopoeia Germanica
PEM	protein energy malnutrition	pg	picogram
pen	penicillin	PG	plasma gastrin
Pent	pentothal	PG	postgraduate
PEP	phosphoenol pyruvate	Pg	pregnant
PEP	pre-ejection period	PGA	pteroylglutamic acid
per	periodic	PG-AC	phenylglycine acid chloride
per	through, by	2-PG	2-phosphoglycerate
perim	perimeter	3-PG	3-phosphoglycerate
periph	peripheral	PG	prostaglandin
PERLA	pupils equal, react to light and accommodation	PGA	pteroylglutamic acid
PERRLA	pupils equal, round, regular, react to light and accommodation	PGH	pituitary gonadotropin
PERT	Program Evaluation Review Technique	PGO	pontogeniculo-occipital
PET	preeclamptic toxemia	PGR	psychogalvanic response
PETN	pentaerythritol tetranitrate	pH	symbol commonly used in expressing hydrogen ion concentration, the measure of alkalinity and acidity
pev	peak electron volts	PH	past history
Pf	permeability factor	PH	personal history
PF	platelet factor	Ph	pharmacopoeia
pf	power factor	ph	phase
PFC	plaque forming cells	Ph	phenanthrene
PFG	peak flow gauge	PHA	passive hemagglutination
PFK	phosphofructokinase	PHA	phytohemagglutinin
PFM	peak flow meter	phar	pharmacy, pharmaceutical, pharmacopoeia
		Phar B	Bachelor of Pharmacy

Phar C	Pharmaceutical Chemist	PIFR	peak inspiratory flow rate
Phar D	Doctor of Pharmacy	PIGPA	pyruvate, inosine, glucose phosphate, adenine
Phar G	Graduate in Pharmacy	pill	pill
Phar M	Master of Pharmacy	PIP	proximal interphalangeal
pharm	pharmacy, pharmaceutical, pharmacopeia	pit	pituitary
pharmacol	pharmacological	PITR	plasma iron turnover rate
Ph B	British Pharmacopoeia	PIVKA	protein in Vitamin K absence
PHC	posthospital care	pK	dissociation constant
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy	PK	Prausnitz-Küstner (reaction)
PHE	periodic health examination	PK	psychokinesis
PhG	Graduate in Pharmacy	PKF	phagocytosis and killing function
PHN	Public Health Nurse	PKU	phenylketonuria
phos	phosphatase	PL	light perception
phos	phosphate	PLDH	plasma lactic dehydrogenase
PHS	Public Health Service	PM	afternoon
phy	phytohemagglutinin	PM	peritoneal macrophages
phys	physical	PM	physical medicine
phys	physician	PM	pneumomediastinum
physio	physiological	PM	postmortem
PI	pressure on inspiration	PM	presystolic murmur
Pi	protease inhibitor	pm	picometer
P _x	orthophosphate	pM	picomolar
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease	PMA	paramethoxyamphetamine
PIE	pulmonary infiltration and eosinophilia	PMA	An expression of the prevalence of gingivitis in large groups of persons
PIE	pulmonary interstitial emphysema	PMA	Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association
PIF	peak inspiratory flow		
PIF	prolactin inhibiting factor		

PMA	progressive muscular atrophy	PND	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea
PMB	polymorphonuclear basophil leukocytes	PND	postnasal drip
PMB	postmenopausal bleeding	PNH	paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria
PME	polymorphonuclear eosinophil leukocytes	PNP	paranitrophenol
PMH	past medical history	PNP	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
PMI	point of maximum impulse	PNRP	positive-negative pressure respiration
PMI	point of maximum intensity	PNRP	Philadelphia Pulmonary Neoplasm Research Project
PMK	primary rhesus monkey kidney	PNS	peripheral nervous system
PML	progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy	Pnx	pneumothorax
PMLE	polymorphous light eruption	PO	by mouth, orally
PMN	polymorphonuclear neutrophil leukocytes	PO	parieto-occipital
PMP	previous menstrual period	PO	phone order
PMR	physical medicine and rehabilitation	PO	postoperative
PMS	poor miserable soul	PO	predominating organism
PMS	pregnant mare serum	pO ₂	partial pressure of oxygen
PMSG	pregnant mare serum gonadotropin	pO ₄	phosphate
PMT	premenstrual tension	POB	penicillin in oil and beeswax
pMVL	posterior mitral valve leaflet	pocul	cup
PN	percussion note	POD	postoperative day
PN	peripheral neuropathy	Pod D	Doctor of Podiatry
PN	practical nurse	POF	pyruvate oxidation factor
P&N	psychiatry and neurology	pois	poison
PN	psychoneurology	polio	poliomyelitis
PNA	pentosenucleic acid	POLY	polymorphonuclear leukocyte
PNC	peripheral nucleated cell	POMP	6-mercaptopurine, vincristine, methotrexate, prednisone

POMR	Problem Oriented Medical Records	PPC	progressive patient care
POP	plasma osmotic pressure	PPCF	plasma prothrombin conversion factor
pop	popliteal (artery)	PPD	purified protein derivative (tuberculin)
POPOP	1, 4-bis [2-(5-phenyloxazolyl)]benzene	PPD-B	purified protein derivative-Batley
pos	position	PPD-S	purified protein derivative-standard
pos	positive	PPF	pellagra preventive factor (niacinamide)
POSC	Problem Oriented System of Charting	ppg	picopicogram
poss	possible	PPH	postpartum hemorrhage
post	posterior	PPI	Plan-Position-Indication
post	postmortem	PP	pyrophosphate
postop	postoperative	PPLO	pleuropneumonia-like organism
pot	potassium	ppm	parts per million
pot	potion	PPMM	postpolycythemia myeloid metaplasia
poten	potential	PPO	2, 5-dephenyloxazole
pp	after shaking	PPO	pleuropneumonia organism
PP	near point of accommodation	PPP	pentose phosphate pathway
PP	pellagra preventive	PPR	Price precipitation reaction
pp	polyphosphate	PPSH	pseudovaginal peritoneo-scrotal hypospadias
PP	postpartum	ppt	precipitate
PP	postprandial	ppt	prepared
PP	protoporphyrin	pptd	precipitated
PP	pulse pressure	pptn	precipitation
P&P	prothrombin and proconvertin	PPVT	Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test
PP _i	pyrophosphate	PQ	permeability quotient
ppa	shake well		
ppb	parts per billion		
PPBS	postprandial blood sugar		

PQ	Physicians questionnaire	progn	prognosis
PR	far point of accommodation	prof	professor
PR	partial remission	PROM	prolonged rupture of membranes
PR	partial response	prostat	prostatic
PR	peripheral resistance	prot	protein
Pr	presbyopia	Prot	Protestant
Pr	prism	prox	proximal
PR	public relations	PRP	platelet rich plasma
PR	pulse rate	PRP	pressure rate product
pr	by rectum	PRPP	phosphoribosylpyrophosphate
PRA	plasma renin activity	PRT ase	phosphoribosyltransferase
PRC	plasma renin concentration	PRU	peripheral resistance unit
PRD	partial reaction of degeneration	PS	chloropicrin
PRE	progressive resistive exercise	PS	paradoxical sleep
precip	precipitation	PS	pathological stage
preg	pregnancy, pregnant	ps	per second
pregn	pregnancy, pregnant	PS	physical status
preop	preoperative	PS	plastic surgery
prep	preparation	Ps	prescription
Pres	president	PS	pulmonary stenosis
PRF	progressive renal failure	PS	pyloric stenosis
PRFA	plasma recognition factor activity	PSC	posterior subcapsular cataract
primip	primipara	PSH	postspinal headache
prn	whenever necessary	PSI	posterior sagittal index
prob	probable	psi	pounds per square inch
proc	procedure	PSL	potassium, sodium chloride, sodium lactate (solution)
prod	produce, produced	PSLT	Picture Story Language Test
prog	prognosis		

PSMA	progressive spinal muscular atrophy	PTB	patellar tendon bearing
PSP	phenolsulfonphthalein	PTC	percutaneous transhepatic cholangiography
PSP	progressive supranuclear palsy	PTC	phenylthiocarbamide
PSRO	Professional Standards Review Organization	PTC	plasma thromboplastin component
PSS	progressive systemic sclerosis (scleroderma)	PTC	pseudotumor cerebri
PSS	physiological saline solution	PTD	permanent and total disability
PST	pancreatic suppression test	PTE	parathyroid extract
PSW	psychiatric social worker	PTE	pulmonary thromboembolism
psy	psychiatry, psychology	PTF	plasma thromboplastin factor
psych	psychiatry, psychology	PTH	parathyroid hormone
Pt	part (in citation)	PTS	painful tonic seizure
pt	patient	pts	patients
PT	physical therapy, physical therapist	PTT	partial thromboplastin time
pt	point	PTT	prothrombin time
pt	point	PTU	propylthiouracil
PT	posterior tibial (artery)	PTX	pneumothorax
PT	prothrombin time	PU	peptic ulcer
PTA	peroxidase labeled antibodies (test)	PU	pregnancy urine
PTA	plasma thromboplastin antecedent	PuD	pulmonary disease
PTA	post-traumatic amnesia	PUFA	polyunsaturated fatty acid
PTA	prior to admission	pul	pulmonary
P-TAG	target attaching globulin precursor	pulm	pulmonary
PTAP	a purified diphtheria toxoid precipitated by aluminum phosphate	pulm	gruel
		pulv	powder
		PUN	plasma urea nitrogen
		PUO	pyrexia of unknown origin

PUVD pulsed ultrasonic (blood) velocity detector
PV peripheral vascular
PV plasma volume
PV portal vein
PVA polyvinyl alcohol
PVB premature ventricular beats
PVC polyvinyl chloride
PVC premature ventricular contraction
PVD peripheral vascular disease
PVE premature ventricular extrasystole
PVM pneumonia virus of mice
PVP polyvinylpyrrolidone
PVP-I povidone-iodine
PVR pulmonary vascular resistance
PVT paroxysmal ventricular tachycardia
pvt private
P-W Prader-Willi (syndrome)
PWB partial weight bearing
PWC physical work capacity
PWLV posterior wall of left ventricle
PX physical examination
Px pneumothorax
Px prognosis
PXE pseudoxanthoma elasticum
Py pyrene

PZ pregnancy zone protein
PZA pyrazinamide
PZI protamine zinc insulin

Q	coulomb	qqh	every four hours
Q	electric quantity	qq hor	every hour
q	every (e.g. in dosage regimen q 8 hr.)	qs	as much as required
q	four	q s ad	to a sufficient quantity
Q̇	perfusion	q suff	as much as suffices
Q	quantity	qt	quart
Q	volume (of blood)	qt	quiet
qam	every morning	quad	quadrant
QAP	quinine, atabrine, plasmoquine (treatment)	quant	quantitative
Qc	pulmonary capillary blood flow	quat	four
QC	quality control	quinq	five
qd	every day	quint	fifth
qh	every hour	quot	daily
q 2 h	every 2 hours	quot	quotient
q 3 h	every 3 hours	quotid	daily
q 4 h	every 4 hours	qv	as much as you like
qid	four times a day	qv	which see (reference in literature)
qI	as much as desired		
qm	every morning		
QNS	quantity not sufficient		
QNS	Queen's Nursing Sister (British)		
QO ₂	oxygen quotient		
qod	every other day		
qp	at will		
QP	quanti-Pirquet reaction		
qpm	every night		
qq	each		

R	far, remote	rad	ionizing radiation unit
R	indicates number in reference file	rad	radian
R	organic radical (in chemical formulas)	rad	radiation absorbed dose
R	radiology, radiologist	RAD	right axis deviation
R	rectal	rad	root
R	regression coefficient	RAH	right anterior hemiblock
R	resistance	RAHTG	rabbit antihuman thymocyte globulin
R	respiration	RAI	radioactive iodine
R	respiratory exchange ratio	RAIU	radioactive iodine uptake
R	response	RAMC	Royal Army Medical Corps
R	review	RAO	right anterior oblique
R	Rickettsia	RAR	right arm recumbent
R	right	RAS	reticular activating system
R	Rinne's test (hearing)	ras	scrapings
-R	Rinne's test negative	R _{AW}	airway resistance
+R	Rinne's test positive	RBA	relative binding activity
r	roentgen (former symbol, now officially replaced by R)	RBB	right bundle branch
R	roentgen	RBBB	right bundle branch block
R	rough colony (of bacteria)	RBBsB	right bundle branch system block
R	reticulocyte	RBBX	right breast biopsy examination
Ra	radium	RBC	red blood cell
RA	renin activity	RBC	red blood count
RA	repeat action (drugs)	RBC-ADA	red blood cell adenosine deaminase
RA	residual air	RBD	right border of dullness
RA	rheumatoid arthritis	RBE	relative biological effectiveness
RA	right arm	RBF	renal blood flow
RA	right atrium		
RA	right auricle		

RC	red cell	RDP	right dorsoposterior
RC	respiration ceases	RDS	respiratory distress syndrome
RC	respiratory center	RDS	reticuloendothelial depressing substance
RC	Roman Catholic	RDT	regular dialysis treatment
RCA	red blood cell agglutination	re	concerning
RCA	right coronary artery	RE	radium emanation
rCBF	regional cerebral blood flow	RE	regional enteritis
RCD	relative cardiac dullness	RE	reticuloendothelial
RCF	red cell folate	RE	right eye
RCF	relative centrifugal force	react	reaction
RCM	red cell mass	rec	fresh
RCM	right costal margin	REC	radioelectrocomplexing
RCOG	Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists	recip	recipient
RCP	Royal College of Physicians	recip	reciprocal
RCS	reticulum cell sarcoma	rect	rectified
RCS	right coronary sinus	red	reduce, reducing, reduction
RCS	Royal College of Surgeons	REEGT	Registered Electroencephalographic Technicians
RD	Raynaud's disease	ref	refer, referred, reference
RD	reaction of degeneration	ref doc	referring doctor
R&D	research and development	REG	radioencephalogram
RD	respiratory disease	reg	region
RD	retinal detachment	reg umb	umbilical region
rd	rutherford (unit of radioactivity)	rehab	rehabilitation
RDA	recommended dietary allowance	rel	related, relative
RDA	right dorsoanterior	REM	rapid eye movement
RDE	receptor destroying enzyme	rem	roentgen equivalent man
		rep	let it be repeated

REP	retrograde pyelogram	RHD	rheumatic heart disease
REP	roentgen equivalent physical	rheum	rheumatic, rheumatism, rheumatoid
rept	repeat	RHF	right heart failure
res	research	rhm	roentgen (per) hour (at one) meter
res	residue	RI	refractive index
RES	reticuloendothelial system	RI	respiratory illness
resp	respective, respectively	RIA	radioimmunoassay
resp	respiration, respiratory	RIC	Royal Institute of Chemistry
retic	reticulocyte	RICM	right intercostal margin
rev/min	revolutions per minute	RICU	respiratory intensive care unit
rf	radiofrequency	RIF	right iliac fossa
RF	Reitland-Franklin (unit)	RIHSA	radioactive iodinate human serum albumin
RF	relative flow (rate)	RIMA	right internal mammary artery
RF	rheumatic fever	RIPH	Royal Institute of Public Health
RF	rheumatoid factor	RIPHH	Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene
R _f	retardation factor	RISA	radioiodinated serum albumin
RFA	right frontoanterior	RIVS	ruptured interventricular septum
RFL	right frontolateral	RKY	roentgen kymography
RFN	Registered Fever Nurse	R-L	right to left
RFP	right frontoposterior	R↔L	right to left
RFR	refraction	RLBCD	right lower border of cardiac dullness
RFT	right frontotransverse	RLE	right lower extremity
RGE	relative gas expansion		
RH	relative humidity		
Rh	Rhesus (blood factor)		
RH	right hand		
RHC	respirations have ceased		
RHD	relative hepatic dullness		

RLF	retrolental fibroplasia	RNV	radionuclide venography
RLL	right lower lobe	R/O	rule out
RLQ	right lower quadrant	ROA	right occipitoanterior position
RLV	Rauscher leukemia virus	ROM	range of motion
RM	respiratory movement	ROP	right occipitoposterior position
RMA	right mentoanterior	ROS	review of systems
RMD	retromanubrial dullness	ROT	remedial occupational therapy
RMK	rhesus monkey kidney	ROT	right occipitotransverse position
RML	right mediolateral (episiotomy)	rot	rotate, rotated, rotation, rotating
RML	right middle lobe	RPA	right pulmonary artery
RMN	Registered Mental Nurse (England and Wales)	RPCF	Reiter protein complement fixation (test)
RMO	Regional Medical Officer (British)	RPF	renal plasma flow
RMP	Regional Medical Program	RPGN	rapidly progressive glomerulonephritis
RMP	right mentoposterior	RPHA	reverse passive hemagglutination
RMPS	Regional Medical Programs Service	rpm	revolutions per minute
RMS	root mean square	RPR	rapid plasma reagent (test)
RMSF	Rocky Mountain spotted fever	RPS	renal pressor substance
RMT	right mentotransverse	rps	revolutions per second
RMV	respiratory minute volume	RQ	recovery quotient
RN	Registered Nurse	RQ	respiratory quotient
RNA	ribonucleic acid	RR	radiation response
RNase	ribonuclease	R&R	rate and rhythm (of pulse)
RNMS	Registered Nurse for the Mentally Subnormal	RR	recovery room
RNP	Registered Nurse Practitioner	RR	respiratory rate
RNP	ribonucleoprotein		
RNS	reference normal serum		

RRE	radiation related eosinophilia	rt	right
RR&E	round, regular and equal (pupils)	RTA	renal tubular acidosis
RRL	Registered Record Librarian	RTC	return to clinic
rRNA	ribosomal RNA	RTech	radiology technologist, technician
RRP	relative refractory period	RTF	resistance transfer factor
RRR	regular rate and rhythm (heart)	RTF	respiratory tract fluid
RS	respiratory system	rtn	return
RS	review of symptoms	RU	rat unit
R-S	reticulated siderocytes	rub	red
RSA	right sacroanterior position	RUE	right upper extremity
RScA	right scapuloanterior position	RUL	right upper lobe
RSCN	Registered Sick Children's Nurse	RUQ	right upper quadrant
RScP	right scapuloposterior position	RURTI	recurrent upper respiratory tract infection
R-SICU	respiratory-surgical intensive care unit	RV	residual volume
RSP	right sacroposterior position	RV	retroversion
RSR	regular sinus rhythm	RV	right ventricle
RST	radiosensitivity test	RVD	relative vertebral density
RST	right sacrotransverse position	RVDO	right ventricular diastolic overload
RSV	respiratory syncytial virus	RVEDP	right ventricular end diastolic pressure
RT	radiotherapy	RVEDV	right ventricular end diastolic volume
RT	reaction time	RVH	right ventricular hypertrophy
RT	reading test	RVO	relaxed vaginal outlet
RT	recreational therapy	RVV	rubella vaccine like virus
RT	registered technician	Rx	prescription
RT	respiratory therapy	Rx	take
		Rx	treatment

S	half	SACD	subacute combined de- generation
S	left	SAD	Self Assessment Depression Scale
S	mark	SAD	sugar, acetone, diacetic acid (test)
S	percentage of saturation (of Hgb with O ₂ or CO ₂)	SAFA	soluble antigen fluorescent antibody
S	sacral (in vertebral formulas)	SAH	subarachnoid hemorrhage
S	second	Sal	salmonella
S	sedimentation coefficient	sanit	sanitary, sanitation
S	sensation	SAP	serum alkaline phosphatase
S	sensitive	SAPD	self administration of psychotropic drugs
S	serum	sap	saponify, saponification
S	siderocyte	sapon	saponify, saponification
S	single	sat	saturate, saturated
S	smooth colony	SAT	Scholastic Aptitude Test
S	soluble	satis	satisfactory
S	spherical (lens)	SB	sideroblast
S	stimulus	SB	sinus bradycardia
S	subject	SB	spina bifida
S	supravergence	SB	Stanford-Binet (test)
S	surgery, surgeon, surgical	SB	stillborn
S	Svedberg unit of sedimen- tation coefficient	SBE	subacute bacterial endocarditis
̄	without	SBN ₂	single breath nitrogen
S-A	sinoatrial	SBP	systolic blood pressure
S-A	sinoauricular	SBTI	soy bean trypsin inhibitor
SA	specific activity	SC	closure of semilunar valves
SA	Stokes-Adams (disease)	SC	service connected
SA	surface area	SC	sickle cell
SA	sustained action		
sacc	cog wheel (respiration)		

SC	stimulus, conditioned	SCT	staphylococcal clumping test
SC	subcorneal	SCUBA	self-contained underwater breathing apparatus
sc	subcutaneous, subcutaneously	SCV	smooth capsulated, virulent (with reference to bacteria)
SC	sugar coated	SD	skin dose
SCAT	sheep cell agglutination test	SD	standard deviation
SCAT	sickle cell anemia test	SD	streptodornase
ScD	Doctor of Science	SD	sudden death
SCD	service connected disability	SDA	sacrodextra anterior position
ScDA	scapulodextra anterior position	SDA	specific dynamic action
ScDP	scapulodextra posterior position	SDA	succinic dehydrogenase activity
SCG	sodium cromoglycate	SDH	sorbitol dehydrogenase
sched	schedule	SDH	succinate dehydrogenase
sci	science, scientific	sdm	standard deviation of the mean
SCID	severe combined immunodeficiency disease	SDP	sacrodextra posterior position
SCL	serum copper level	SDT	sacrodextra transversa position
ScLA	scapuloaeva anterior position	SE	saline enema
ScLP	scapuloaeva posterior position	SE	spherical equivalent
SCM	State Certified Midwife	SE	standard error (of the mean)
scop	scopolamine	S-E	Starr-Edwards (prosthesis)
SCP	single celled protein	SEA	spontaneous electrical activity (physiology)
SCPK	serum creatine phosphokinase	sec	second
SCRAP	simple complex reaction time apparatus	sec	secondary
SCT	salmon calcitonin	SEC	soft elastic capsules
SCT	sickle cell trait	sect	section

SED	skin erythema dose	SFP	spinal fluid pressure
sed	stool	SFR	screen filtration resistance
seg	segment, segmented	SG	specific gravity
SEG	sonoencephalogram	SG	Surgeon General
SEM	scanning electron microscopy	SGa	specific conductance
sem	standard error (of the mean)	SGaw	specific airway conductance
SEM	systolic ejection murmur	SGO	Surgeon General's Office
semih	half an hour	SGOT	serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase
sens	sensitivity	SGPT	serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase
SENTAC	Society for Ear, Nose and Throat Advances in Children	SH	serum hepatitis
SEP	sensory evoked potential	Sh	shigella
seq	that which follows	Sh	short
seq luce	the following day	sh	shoulder
ser	series	SH	social history
SER	somatosensory evoked responses	SH	somatotrophic (growth) hormone
serv	keep, preserve	SH	sulphydryl
sev	severe	SHBD	serum hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase
sev	severed	SHCC	Statewide Health Coordinating Council
SeXO	serum xanthine oxidase	SHPDA	State Health Planning and Development Agency
SF	scarlet fever	SI	sacroiliac
SF	slow initial function	SI	saturation index
SF	spinal fluid	SI	seriously ill
Sf	Svedberg flotation units	SI	serum iron
SF	synovial fluid	SI	soluble insulin
SFA	serum folate	SIADH	inappropriate secretion of antidiuretic hormone
SFC	spinal fluid count		
SFP	screen filtration pressure		

SIDS	sudden infant death syndrome	SLT	sacrolaeva transversa position
sig	let it be labeled	sm	small
SIG	sigmoidoscope, sigmoidoscopy	SM	streptomycin
sig	signal	SM	systolic murmur
sig	significant	SMA	sequential multiple analyzer
Sig	surface immunoglobulin	SMA	smooth muscle antibodies
sig n pro	label with the proper name	SMA	superior mesentery artery
SIJ	sacroiliac joint	SMD	submanubrial dullness
simul	simultaneously	SMO	Medical Officer of Schools
sin	sine (without)	SMO	Senior Medical Officer (Navy)
sing	of each	SMON	subacute myelo-optic neuropathy
si op sit	if it is necessary	SMR	somnolent metabolic rate
SIW	self-inflicted wound	SMR	standardized mortality ratio
S-J	Stevens-Johnson syndrome	SMR	submucous resection
SK	streptokinase	SMZ	sulfamethoxazole
SKSD	streptokinase-streptodornase	SN	serum neutralizing
sl	slight	SN	student nurse
SLA	sacrolaeva anterior position	SN	school of nursing
SLA	slide latex agglutination	SNDO	Standard Nomenclature of Diseases and Operations
SLD	serum lactic dehydrogenase	SNE	subacute necrotizing encephalomyopathy
SLE	St. Louis encephalitis	SNS	sympathetic nervous system
SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus	SO	salpingo-oophorectomy
SLO	streptolysin-0	SOAP	subjective and objective observations, assessment of patient response, plan of action
SLP	sacrolaeva posterior position		
SLR	straight leg raising		

SOAPS	suction, oxygen, apparatus, pharmaceuticals, saline (a mnemonic device for anesthetists to confirm presence of necessary equipment)	spec	specimen
SOB	short of breath	SPF	specific pathogen free
SOB	suboccipitobregmatic	sp gr	specific gravity
soc	society	sph	spherical, spherical lens
sol	solution	SPI	serum precipitable iodine
soln	solution	spkr	speaker
solu	solute	SPMA	spinal progressive muscular atrophy
SOP	standard operating procedure	SPN	student practical nurse
s op s	if it is necessary	spont	spontaneous (delivery)
S-O-R	stimulus-organism-response	SPP	suprapubic prostatectomy
sos	if it is necessary	SPPS	stable plasma protein solution
SOTT	synthetic medium old tuberculin trichloroacetic acid precipitated	SPS	systemic progressive sclerosis
Sp	sacropubic	SPST	single pole, single throw
sp	space	sq	square
sp	species	SQ	subcutaneous
sp	specific	sq cm	square centimeter
sp	spine, spinal	sq ft	square foot
sp	spirit (alcohol)	sq in	square inch
SP	systolic pressure	sq m	square meter
SPBI	serum protein-bound iodine	SR	sarcoplasmic reticulum
SPCA	serum prothrombin conversion accelerator (blood coagulation factor VII)	SR	secretion rate
SPD	salmon poisoning disease	SR	sedimentation rate
SPDT	single pole, double throw	SR	sensitization response
		SR	sinus rhythm
		SR	stimulus response
		SR	stomach rumble

SR	system review	sss	layer upon layer
SRBC	sheep red blood cells	SSS	specific soluble substance
SRCA	specific red cell adherence	SSS	sterile saline soak
SRFC	sheep red cell rosette forming cells	SSSV	superior sagittal sinus blood velocity
SRN	State Registered Nurse (England and Wales)	st	let it stand
SRNA	soluble ribonucleic acid	ST	sedimentation time
SRS	slow reacting substance	ST	sinus tachycardia
SRS-A	slow reacting substance of anaphylaxis	ST	slight trace
SRT	speech reception threshold	ST	standardized test
ss	one half	st	straight
SS	saline soak	ST	surface tension
SS	siblings	ST	survival time
SS	side to side (referring to portacaval shunt)	ST37	trade mark for a solution of hexylresorcinol
SS	soapsuds	STA	serum thrombotic accelerator
SS	standard score	staph	staphylococcal
SS	sterile solution	staph	staphylococcus
SS	steroid sulfurylation	stat	at once (immediately)
SS	suction socket	stb	stillborn
SSA	skin sensitizing antibody	STD	sexually transmitted disease
SSA	Social Security Administration	STD	skin test dose
SSD	source to skin distance	STD	sodium tetradecyl sulphate
SSE	soapsuds enema	STD	standard test dose
SSI	segmental sequential irradiation	STET	submaximal treadmill exercise test
SSKI	saturated solution of potassium iodide	STH	somatotropic hormone
SSPE	subacute sclerosing panencephalitis	stim	stimulation
		STK	streptokinase

STM	streptomycin	sv	single vibration
STP	standard temperature and pressure	SV	sinus venosis
STPD	standard temperature and pressure, dry	SV	stroke volume
str	streptococcus	SVA	selective visceral angiography
strep	streptococcus	SVC	superior vena cava
struct	structure	SVC	suprahepatic vena cava
STS	serologic test for syphilis	SVCS	superior vena cava syndrome
STS	standard test for syphilis	SVG	saphenous vein graft
STSG	split thickness skin graft	SVI	stroke volume index
STU	skin test unit	SVPB	supraventricular premature beats
su	let him take	SVT	supraventricular tachycardia
SU	sensation unit	^s 20,w	sedimentation coefficient in water at 20° C
SUA	serum uric acid	SW	social worker
subcu	subcutaneous, subcutaneously	sw	switch
subq	subcutaneous injection	SWI	stroke work index
subst	substance	SWR	serum Wassermann reaction
SUD	sudden unexpected death	sx	signs
SUID	sudden unexplained infant death	sx	symptoms
sum	let him take	sym	symmetrical
sum	summation	symp	symptom
SUN	serum urea nitrogen	sync	synchronous
sup	superficial	synch	synchronous
sup	superior	syr	syrup
surg	surgery, surgical		
sv	alcoholic spirit		
SV	simian virus		

T	obtained under test conditions	TAA	tumor associated antigens
T	life (time)	tab	tablet
T	temperature	TAB	typhoid, paratyphoid A, paratyphoid B
t	temporal	TACE	trianisylchloroethylene
T	tension	tachy	tachycardia
T	thoracic	TAF	tumor angiogenesis factor
t	three times	TAG	target attaching globulin
T	tidal (gas)	TAH	total abdominal hysterectomy
t	time	tal	of such
T	topical (with reference to drug administration)	TAM	toxoid-antitoxin mixture
T	total	TAM _E	toluene-sulpho-trypsin arginine methyl ester
T	transition point	tan	tangent
T	transverse	TAO	thromboangiitis obliterans
T	Treponema	TAO	triacetyloleandomycin
T+	increased tension	TAPVD	total anomalous pulmonary venous drainage
T-	decreased tension	TAQW	transient abnormal Q waves
T _{1/2}	half-life (time)	TAT	tetanus antitoxin
T3	triiodothyronine	TAT	Thematic Apperception Test
T4	thyroxine	TAT	toxin antitoxin
T-1824	Evans blue	TB	total body
TA	temperature, axillary	Tb	tubercle bacillus
TA	thyroglobulin auto-precipitation	TB	tuberculosis
TA	toxin-antitoxin	TB	thymol blue
TA	transactional analysis	TBA	tertiary butylacetate
TA	transaldolase	TBA	thiobarbituric acid
TA	transantral	TBA	tumor bearing animal
TA	tryptophane acid (reaction)	TBC	tuberculosis
T&A	tonsillectomy and adenoid-ectomy		

TBG	thyroxine binding globulin	TD	thoracic duct
TBLC	term birth, living child	td	three times a day
TBM	tuberculous meningitis	TD	time disintegration
TBNA	total body neutron activation	TD	torsion dystonia
TBP	bithionol	TD	typhoid dysentery
TBP	thyroxine binding protein	TDD	thoracic duct drainage
TBPA	thyroxine binding prealbumin	TDI	toluene diisocyanate
TBS	tribromosalicylanilide	TDN	totally digestible nutrients
tbsp	tablespoonful	tds	to be taken three times a day
TBW	total body water	Te	tetanus
TC	tetracycline	TE	trial and error
TC	tissue culture	T&E	trial and error
TC	to contain	TEA	tetraethylammonium
TC	tuberculosis, contagious	TEAB	tetraethylammonium bromide
T&C	turn and cough	TEAC	tetraethylammonium chloride
TCA	tricarboxylic acid	TEAE	triethylaminoethyl
TCA	trichloroacetate	TeBG	testosterone binding globulin
TCA	trichloroacetic acid	TEC	total blood eosinophil count
TCAP	trimethylcetylammonium pentachlorophenate	tech	technical
TCC	transitional cell carcinoma	tech	technique
TCD	tissue culture dose	TED	threshold erythema dose
TCD ₅₀	median tissue culture dose	TEG	thromboelastograph
TCE	trichloroethylene	TEL	tetraethyl lead
TCID ₅₀	median tissue culture infective dose	TEM	transmission electron microscopy
		TEM	triethylene melamine

temp	temperature	TGFA	triglyceride fatty acid
temp	temporary	TGT	thromboplastin generation test
temp dext	to the right temple	TGV	thoracic gas volume
temp sinist	to the left temple	th	thoracic
TEPA	triethylenephosphoramide	TH	thyroid hormone
TEPP	tetraethylpyrophosphate	THA	tetrahydroaminacrine
ter	rub	THAM	trihydroxymethylamino- methane
term	terminal	THC	tetrahydrocannabinol
tert	tertiary	THE	tetrahydrocortisone
TETD	tetraethylthiuram- disulfide (antabuse)	ther	therapy
TETRAC	tetraiodothyroacetic acid	therm	thermometer
TF	tactile fremitus	THF	tetrahydrocortisol
TF	tetralogy of Fallot	THFA	tetrahydrofolic acid
TF	free thyroxine	Thg	thyroglobulin
tf	to follow	thor	thorax, thoracic
TF	transfer factor	thr	threonine
T _f	transferrin	throm	thrombosis
TF	transfrontal	THU	tetrahydrouridine
TF	tuberculin filtrate	TI	transverse diameter between ischia
tf	tuning fork	TI	tricuspid insufficiency
TFA	total fatty acids	TIA	transient ischemic attack
TFB	trifasicular block	TIBC	total iron binding capacity
TG	thioguanine	TIC	trypsin inhibitory capacity
TG	triglyceride	tid	three times a day
tg	type genus	TID	titrated initial dose
TGE	transmissible gastro- enteritis	tin	three times a night
TGE	tryptone glucose extract		

tinct	tincture	TNBP	tri-(n-butyl) phosphate
TIR	terminal innervation ratio	TNG	nitroglycerin
TIR	total immunoreactive insulin	TNI	total nodal irradiation
tiwk	three times a week	TNM	tumor, nodes, metastases
TJ	triceps jerk	TNT	trinitrotoluene
TK	transketolase	TNTC	too numerous to count
TKD	tokodynamometer	TO	original tuberculin
TKG	tokodynagraph	TO	target organ
TL	tubal ligation	TO	telephone order
TLC	tender loving care	TO	temperature, oral
TLC	thin layer chromatography	TO	tincture of opium (illegal abbreviation)
TLC	total lung capacity	TOA	tubo-ovarian abscess
TLI	total lymphoid irradiation	TOCP	triorthocresyl phosphate
TLV	threshold limit value	tol	tolerance
TM	temporomandibular	tonoc	tonight
TM	trademark	top	topical, topically
Tm	maximal tubular excretory capacity	TOPV	trivalent oral polio-virus vaccine
TM	tympanic membrane	tox	toxicity, toxicology
TmG	maximal tubular reabsorption of glucose	TP	toilet paper
TMJ	temporomandibular joint	TP	total protein
TML	tetramethyl lead	TP	Treponema pallidum
TMP	thymidine monophosphate	TPCF	Treponema pallidum complement fixation
TMP	trimethoprim	TPI	Treponema pallidum immobilization (test)
TMP	trimethylpsoralen	TPIA	Treponema pallidum immune adherence
TMP-SMZ	trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole	TPN	total parenteral nutrition
TMV	tobacco mosaic virus	TPN	triphosphopyridine nucleotide
Tn	normal intraocular tension		

TPNH	reduced triphosphopyridine nucleotide	Trep	Treponema
TPO	tryptophan peroxidase	TRF	thyrotropin releasing factor
TPP	thiamine pyrophosphate	TRH	thyrotropin releasing hormone
TPR	temperature, pulse and respiration	TRI	total response index
TPR	total peripheral resistance	TRIC	trachoma inclusion conjunctivitis
TPRI	total peripheral resistance index	trid	three days
TPT	tetraphenyl tetrazolium	tris	tris (hydroxymethyl) aminomethane
TPVR	total pulmonary vascular resistance	trit	triturate
TR	new tuberculin	tRNA	transfer ribonucleic acid
TR	temperature, rectal	TRP	tubular reabsorption of phosphate
TR	therapeutic radiology	trt	treatment
tr	tincture	TRU	turbidity reducing unit
tr	trace	Tryp	tryptophan
tr	traction	TS	terminal sensation
tr	treatment	TS	test solution
tr	tremor	TS	thoracic surgery
TR	tricuspid regurgitation	TS	tracheal sound
TR	turbidity reducing	TS	tricuspid stenosis
trach	trachea, tracheostomy	TS	triple strength
trans	transverse	TS	tubular sound
transm	transmission	TSBB	transtracheal selective bronchial brushing
transpl	transplant	TSD	target skin distance
trans sect	transverse section	TSD	Tay-Sachs disease
TRBF	total renal blood flow	TSH	thyroid-stimulating hormone
TRC	tanned red cell	TSI	triple sugar iron (agar)
treat	treatment		

tsp	teaspoonful	Tx	traction
TSTA	tumor specific trans- plantation antigen	Tx	treatment
TT	tetanus toxoid	Ty	type
TT	thrombin time		
TT	thymol turbidity		
TT	transit time (of blood through the heart)		
TTA	transtracheal aspirates		
TTC	triphenyltetrazolium chloride		
TTH	thyrotropic hormone		
TTI	tension time index		
TTP	thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura		
TU	transmission unit		
TU	toxic unit		
TU	tuberculin units		
tuberc	tuberculosis, tuberculous		
TUR	transurethral resection		
TURB	transurethral resection of the bladder		
turb	turbidity		
TURP	transurethral resection of the prostate		
tus	cough		
TV	tetrazolium violet		
TV	tidal volume		
TV	total volume		
TV	trial visit		
TV	Trichomonas vaginalis		
TVC	timed vital capacity		

U	unit	UDPGT	uridine diphosphoglu- curonyl transferase
U	upper	UE	upper extremity
U	urine	UFA	unesterified fatty acids
U	urology, urologist	UG	urogenital
ua	up to, as far as	UGI	upper gastrointestinal
UA	uric acid	UHF	ultrahigh frequency
UA	urinalysis	uhv	ultrahigh voltage
UA	urocanic acid	UHV	ultrahigh voltage
UBA	undenatured bacterial antigen	UI	uroporphyrin isomerase
UBI	ultraviolet blood irradiation	UIBC	unsaturated iron binding capacity
UC	ulcerative colitis	UICC	International Union Against Cancer (Union International Contra le Cancrum)
UC	uterine contractions	ULQ	upper left quadrant
UCD	usual childhood diseases	ult	ultimate, ultimately
UCHD	usual childhood diseases	ult	as last prescribed
UCL	urea clearance (test)	ult praes	
UCR	unconditioned response	UM	upper motor (neuron)
UCR	usual, customary and reasonable	UM	uracil mustard
UCS	unconditioned stimulus	umb	umbilical, umbilicus
UCV	uncontrolled variable	UMP	uracil monophosphate
ud	as directed	UN	urea nitrogen
UD	urethral discharge	uncomp	uncompensated
UD	uridine diphosphate	uncond	unconditioned
UDC	usual diseases of childhood	uncond ref	unconditioned reflex
UDO	undetermined origin	uncor	uncorrected
UDP	uridine diphosphate	unCS	unconditioned stimulus
UDPG	uridine diphosphate glucose	ung	ointment
UDPGA	uridine disphosphate glucuronic acid	univ	university

UnS	unconditioned stimulus	UTI	urinary tract infection
UOQ	upper outer quadrant	UTP	uridine triphosphate
U/P	urine/plasma concentration ratio	UU	urine urobilinogen
up ad lib	up (out of bed) as desired	UV	ultraviolet (light)
UPI	uteroplacental insufficiency	UVA	longwave ultraviolet light
UQ	upper quadrant	UVL	ultraviolet light
UR	unconditioned response	UVR	ultraviolet radiation
UR	unrelated		
UR	upper respiratory		
ur	urine		
URI	upper respiratory infection		
URQ	upper right quadrant		
URTI	upper respiratory tract infection		
US	ultrasonic		
US	unconditioned stimulus		
USAN	United States Adopted Name (for drugs)		
USD	United States Dispensatory		
USMH	United States Marine Hospital		
USP	United States Pharmacopeia		
USPHS	United States Public Health Service		
USR	unheated serum reagin (test)		
UTBG	unbound thyroxine binding globulin		
ut dict	as directed		
utend	to be used		

v

v	see	val	valve
V	unipolar chest lead (electrocardiogram)	Va/Qc	ratio of ventilation (alveolar air flow) to perfusion (blood flow through the capillaries)
V	velocity	var	variation, variety
v	vein	vasc	vascular
v	venous (blood)	vasodil	vasodilatation
V	ventilation	VB	vinblastine
V	verbal	VBG	vein aortocoronary artery bypass graft
V	vertex	VC	acuity of color vision
V	Vibrio	VC	capillary volume
V	viral, virus	VC	venous capacitance
V	virulence	VC	ventilatory capacity
V	vision	VC	vincristine
V	visual acuity	VC	vital capacity
V	visual capacity	VCA	virus capsid antigen
v	volt	V _{CF}	mean fiber shortening rate
V	volume	VCG	vector space cardiogram
VA	alveolar volume	VCM	vinyl chloride monomer
VA	Veterans Administration	VCR	vincristine
VA	visual acuity	vd	double vibrations
va	volt ampere	VD	venereal disease
vac	vacuum	VDA	visual discriminatory acuity
VAC	vincristine, actinomycin D, cyclophosphamide	VDC	vasodilator center
vacc	vaccine, vaccination	VDEL	Venereal Disease Experi- mental Laboratory
VACTERL	vertebral, anal, cardiac, tracheoesophageal, renal, limb (syndrome) [Acronym for teratogenic effects of hormonal agents administered to pregnant women]	VDG	venereal disease-gonorrhoea
vag	vagina, vaginal	VDH	vascular disease of the heart
val	valine		

VDM	vasodepressor material	VI	volume index
VDRL	Venereal Disease Research Laboratories	VIA	virus inactivating agent
VDS	vasodilator substance	vib	vibration
VDS	venereal disease-syphilis	vic	times
VE	vesicular exanthema	VIC	vasoinhibitory center
VEA	ventricular ectopic arrhythmia	vid	see
vect	vector	VIG	vaccinia immune globulin
VEE	Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis	vin	wine
vel	velocity	VIP	vasoactive intestinal polypeptide
VEM	vasoexciter material	vis	vision
vent	ventilation	vis	visiting, visitors
vent	ventricle	visc	visceral
vent fib	ventricular fibrillation	visc	viscous, viscosity
VEP	visual evoked potential	vit	vital
vert	vertical	Vit	vitamin
ves	bladder	vitel	yolk
ves	vesicular	VLDL	very low density lipoprotein
vesic	blister	VLD-TG	very low density lipoprotein triglyceride
VF	ventricular fibrillation	VM	viomycin
VF	ventricular flutter	VM	voltmeter
Vf	video frequency	VMA	vanillylmandelic acid
VF	visual field	V_{max}	maximum velocity
VF	vocal fremitus	VNA	Visiting Nurse Association
VFC	ventricular function curve	VO	verbal order
VG	ventricular gallop	vol	volume
VG	very good	VOD	vision, right eye
VHF	very high frequency	VOS	vision, left eye

V&P	vagotomy and pyloroplasty	VTI	volume thickness index
vp	vapor pressure	VUR	vesico-ureteric reflux
VP	venous pressure	vv	veins
VP	Voges-Proskauer (reaction)	v/v	conversely (vice versa)
VPB	ventricular premature beat	v/v	volume/volume
VPC	ventricular premature contraction	VW	vessel wall
VR	variable ratio	VZ	varicella-zoster
VR	venous return		
VR	ventilation rate		
VR	ventral root (of spinal nerve)		
VR	vocal resonance		
VRA	Vocational Rehabilitation Administration		
VRI	viral respiratory infection		
VRP	very reliable product		
vs	single vibrations		
vs	versus (against)		
vs	vibration seconds		
VS	vital signs		
VS	volumetric solution		
VSD	ventricular septal defect		
VT	ventricular tachycardia		
Vt	pulmonary parenchymal tissue volume		
Vt	tidal volume		
V&T	volume and tension		
VTE	vicarious trial and error		
VTG	thoracic gas volume		

W	water	WD	Wilson's disease
w	watt	wd	wound
w	week	WDHA	watery diarrhea, hypokalemia, achlorhydria or hypochlorhydria (syn-drome)
W	wehnelt, a unit of roentgen ray hardness	WDLL	well differentiated lymphocytic lymphoma
W	weight	WD/WN	well developed, well nourished
W	white	WEE	Western equine encephalomyelitis
W	white cell	wf	white female
W	widow, widower, widowed	WH	well healed
w	wife	wh	whisper, whispered
w	with	wh	white
W	word fluency (psychology)	WHO	World Health Organization
WA	when awake	w hr	watt hour
WAIS	Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale	WHVP	wedged hepatic vein pressure
WAP	wandering atrial pacemaker	WIA	wounded in action
WB	washable base	WIC	women, infants and children
Wb	weber	wid	widow, widowed, widower
WB	weight bearing	WISC	Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children
WB	Wechsler-Bellevue (scale)	wk	weak
WB	whole blood	wk	week
WBC	white blood cell	/wk	per week
WBC	white blood (cell) count	WK	Wernicke-Korsakoff syndrome
WBCT	whole blood clotting time	wks	weeks
WBT	wet bulb temperature	WL	waiting list
WC	wheel chair	WL	wavelength
WCN	Walther's cell nests	WM	white male
wd	ward	WM	whole mount
WD	well-developed		
WD	wet dressing		

WMA	World Medical Association
w/n	well nourished
WNL	within normal limits
W/O	water in oil
w/o	without
WO	written order
WOU	women's outpatient unit
WP	wet pack
WP	working point
WPW	Wolff-Parkinson-White (syndrome)
WR	Wassermann reaction
WR	work rate
wt	weight
w/v	weight/volume
w/w	weight for weight

X	cross or transverse (with reference to sections)
X	Kienböck's unit (of x-ray dosage)
x	multiplied by (e.g. dosage regimen 5 mg/d x 3)
X	times
Xa	chiasma
XDP	xeroderma pigmentosum
Xfmr	transformer
XGP	xanthogranulomatous pyelonephritis
XP	xeroderma pigmentosum
XR	x-ray
XRT	x-ray therapy
XT	extropia

y

y yield
Y young
yd yard
YE yellow enzyme
yel yellow
y/o years old
YP yeast phase
yr year
ys yellow spot (of the retina)

Z	atomic number
Z	no effect
Z	zero
Z	zone
ZE	Zollinger-Ellison (syndrome)
ZES	Zollinger-Ellison syndrome
ZIG	zoster immune globulin
ZIP	zoster immune plasma
Zn	zinc
Zz	ginger
Z,Z',Z''	increasing degrees of contraction

$\text{A}\alpha$	alpha
$\text{B}\beta$	beta
$\text{Γ}\gamma$	gamma
$\Delta\delta$	delta
$\text{E}\epsilon$	epsilon
$\text{Z}\zeta$	zeta
$\text{H}\eta$	eta
$\Theta\theta$	theta
$\text{I}\iota$	iota
$\text{K}\kappa$	kappa
$\Lambda\lambda$	lambda
$\text{M}\mu$	mu
$\text{N}\nu$	nu
$\Xi\chi$	xi
$\text{O}\omicron$	omicron
$\text{I}\Pi\pi$	pi
$\text{P}\rho$	rho
$\Sigma\sigma$	sigma
$\text{T}\tau$	tau
$\text{T}\upsilon$	upsilon
$\Phi\phi$	phi
$\text{X}\chi$	chi
$\Psi\psi$	psi
$\Omega\omega$	omega

γ CD	γ chain disease
ϵ	molecular extinction coefficient
η	viscosity
λ	wave length
μ	micro (one millionth)
μ	micron
μc	microcurie
μEq	microequivalent
μf	microfarad
μg	microgram
μIU	micro International Unit
$\mu\mu\text{g}$	micromicrogram
μl	microliter
μm	micrometer
μM	micromolar
$\mu\mu$	micromicron
$\text{m}\mu$	millimicron
$\text{m}\mu\text{c}$	millimicrocurie
$\mu\mu\text{c}$	micromicrocurie
$\text{m}\mu\text{g}$	millimicrogram
μr	microrentgen
μsec	microsecond
μU	microunit
μv	microvolt
μw	microwatt

&	and	<	less than
*	birth	≪	much less than
†	death	≥	corresponds to
°	degree	≧	equal to or greater than
′	foot	≦	equal to or less than
′	minute	∝	proportional to
"	inch	≈	approximately equal to
"	second	∑	sum of (a series)
#	number	√	square root of
#	pounds	³ √	cube root of
∞	infinity	Δ	change
↑	increase	%	per cent
↓	decrease	•	times (multiplied by)
→	approaches	:	ratio
+	plus	::	equality between ratios "as"
+	positive	♀	female
+	present	♂	male
-	minus	o	female
-	negative	□	male
-	absent	∅	phase
±	plus or minus	?	indicates "possible" or "unknown"
÷	divided by	*	indicates entries under this heading
x	multiplied by	℥	dram (drachm)
X	magnified by	℥	ounce
=	equals	f _℥	fluidram
≡	identically equal to	f _℥	fluid ounce
≠	not equal to	2nd	secondary
>	larger than		
>>	much larger than		