

Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used throughout the text; other abbreviations are expanded at first mention in the chapter or subchapter.

ABG	arterial blood gas	EEG	electroencephalogram, electroencephalography
ACE	angiotensin converting enzyme	ENT	ear, nose, and throat
ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone	ERCp	endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography
ADH	antidiuretic hormone	ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome	F	Fahrenheit
ALT	alanine transaminase (formerly SGPT)	FDA	US Food and Drug Administration
AST	aspartate transaminase (formerly SGOT)	ft	foot; feet (measure)
ATP	adenosine triphosphate	FUO	fever of unknown origin
BCG	bacille Calmette-Guérin	g	gram
bid	2 times a day (only in dosages)	GFR	glomerular filtration rate
BMR	basal metabolic rate	GI	gastrointestinal
BP	blood pressure	G6PD	glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase
BSA	body surface area	GU	genitourinary
BUN	blood urea nitrogen	Gy	gray
C	Celsius; centigrade	h	hour
Ca	calcium	Hb	hemoglobin
cAMP	cyclic adenosine monophosphate	HCl	hydrochloric acid; hydrochloride
CBC	complete blood count	HCO₃	bicarbonate
cGy	centigray	Hct	hematocrit
Ci	curie	Hg	mercury
CK	creatin kinase	HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
CK-MB	creatin kinase of muscle band	HLA	human leukocyte antigen
Cl	chloride; chlorine	HMG-CoA	hydroxymethyl glutaryl coenzyme A
cm	centimeter	Hz	hertz (cycles/second)
CNS	central nervous system	ICF	intracellular fluid
CO₂	carbon dioxide	ICU	intensive care unit
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	IgA, etc	immunoglobulin A, etc
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	IL-1, etc	interleukin-1, etc
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid	IM	intramuscular(ly)
CT	computed tomography	INR	international normalized ratio
cu	cubic	IU	international unit
D & C	dilation and curettage	IV	intravenous(ly)
dL	deciliter (= 100 mL)	IVU	intravenous urography
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid	K	potassium
DTP	diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (toxoids/vaccine)	kcal	kilocalorie (food calorie)
D/W or D	dextrose	kg	kilogram
ECF	extracellular fluid	L	liter
ECG	electrocardiogram, electrocardiography	lb	pound

LDH	lactic dehydrogenase	pH	hydrogen ion concentration
M	molar	PMN	polymorphonuclear leukocyte
m	meter	po	orally
MAOI	monoamine oxidase inhibitor	Po₂	oxygen partial pressure (or tension)
MCH	mean corpuscular hemoglobin	PPD	purified protein derivative (tuberculin)
MCHC	mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration	ppm	parts per million
mCi	millicurie	prn	as needed
MCV	mean corpuscular volume	PT	prothrombin time
mEq	milliequivalent	PTT	partial thromboplastin time
Mg	magnesium	q	every (only in dosages)
mg	milligram	qid	4 times a day (only in dosages)
MI	myocardial infarction	RA	rheumatoid arthritis
MIC	minimum inhibitory concentration	RBC	red blood cell
min	minute	RNA	ribonucleic acid
mIU	milli-international unit	SaO₂	arterial oxygen saturation
mL	milliliter	sc	subcutaneous
mm	millimeter	sec	second
mmol	millimole	SI	International System of Units
mo	month	SIDS	sudden infant death syndrome
mOsm	milliosmole	SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging	sp	species (when referring to the singular) [eg, <i>Clostridium</i> sp]
N	nitrogen; normal (strength of solution)	spp	species (when referring to the plural) [eg, <i>Nocardia</i> and <i>Mycardia</i> spp]
Na	sodium	sp gr	specific gravity
NaCl	sodium chloride	sq	square
ng	nanogram (= millimicrogram)	SSRI	selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor
NGT	nasogastric tube	TB	tuberculosis
nm	nanometer (= millimicron)	tid	3 times a day (only in dosages)
nmol	nanomole	TNF	tumor necrosis factor
npo	nothing by mouth	TPN	total parenteral nutrition
NSAID	nonsteroidal anti- inflammatory drug	TSH	thyroid-stimulating hormone
O₂	oxygen	URI	upper respiratory infection
OTC	over-the-counter (pharmaceuticals)	UTI	urinary tract infection
oz	ounce	vs	versus
P	phosphorus	WBC	white blood cell
PACO₂	alveolar carbon dioxide partial pressure	WHO	World Health Organization
Paco₂	arterial carbon dioxide partial pressure	wk	week
PAO₂	alveolar oxygen partial pressure	wt	weight
Pao₂	arterial oxygen partial pressure	yr	year
PCO₂	carbon dioxide partial pressure (or tension)	μ	micro-; micron
PCR	polymerase chain reaction	μCi	microcurie
PET	positron emission tomography	μg	microgram
pg	picogram (= micromicrogram)	μL	microliter
		μm	micrometer (= micron)
		μmol	micromole
		μOsm	micro-osmole
		mμ	millimicron