

Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used in text and tables without establishing; other abbreviations are expanded at first mention.

ABG	arterial blood gas
ACE	angiotensin converting enzyme
ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone
ADH	antidiuretic hormone
AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
bid	2 times a day
BMR	basal metabolic rate
BP	blood pressure
BUN	blood urea nitrogen
C	Celsius; centigrade
Ca	calcium
CBC	complete blood count
CK	creatine kinase
Cl	chloride; chlorine
cm	centimeter
CNS	central nervous system
CO₂	carbon dioxide
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPK	creatine phosphokinase
CPK-MB	creatine phosphokinase muscle band isoenzyme
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
CT	computed tomography
D & C	dilation and curettage
dL	deciliter (= 100 mL)
ECG	electrocardiogram
EEG	electroencephalogram
ENT	ear, nose, and throat
ERCP	endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography
ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
F	Fahrenheit
FUO	fever of unknown origin
g	gram
GFR	glomerular filtration rate
GI	gastrointestinal
G6PD	glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase
GU	genitourinary
h	hour
H₂	histamine
Hb	hemoglobin
HCO₃	bicarbonate
Hct	hematocrit
Hg	mercury
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
Hz	hertz (cycles/second)
ICU	intensive care unit
IgA, etc	immunoglobulin A, etc

IM	intramuscular(ly)
INR	international normalized ratio
IV	intravenous(ly)
IVU	intravenous urography
K	potassium
kg	kilogram
L	liter
LDH	lactic dehydrogenase
m	meter
mEq	milliequivalent
Mg	magnesium
mg	milligram
MI	myocardial infarction
mL	milliliter
mm	millimeter
mmol	millimole
mo	month
mOsm	milliosmole
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
Na	sodium
NGT	nasogastric tube
npo	nothing by mouth
NSAID	nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug
O₂	oxygen
OTC	over-the-counter (pharmaceuticals)
oz	ounce
PACO₂	alveolar carbon dioxide partial pressure
Paco₂	arterial carbon dioxide partial pressure
PAO₂	alveolar oxygen partial pressure
Pao₂	arterial oxygen partial pressure
Pco₂	carbon dioxide partial pressure (or tension)
PCR	polymerase chain reaction
PET	positron emission tomography
pH	hydrogen ion concentration
PMN	polymorphonuclear leukocyte
po	orally
PO₂	oxygen partial pressure (or tension)
PPD	purified protein derivative (tuberculin)
prn	as needed
PT	prothrombin time
PTT	partial thromboplastin time
q	every
qid	4 times a day
RA	rheumatoid arthritis
RBC	red blood cell
Sao₂	arterial oxygen saturation
sc	subcutaneous(ly)
SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus
SSRI	selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor
TB	tuberculosis
tid	3 times a day
URI	upper respiratory infection
UTI	urinary tract infection
WBC	white blood cell
WHO	World Health Organization
μ	micro-; micron
μL	microliter