

Medical abbreviations

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AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm	CHF	congestive heart failure	FAST	focused abdominal sonography for trauma
ABG	arterial blood gas	cmHg	centimetres of mercury	FBC	full blood count
ACLS	advanced care life support	CNS	central nervous system	FiO ₂	fractional inspired oxygen concentration
ACS	acute coronary syndrome	COAD	chronic obstructive airway disease	FR	first responder
AED	automatic external defibrillator	c/o	complaining of		
AF	atrial fibrillation	CO	carbon monoxide	G	
AFlut	atrial flutter	CO ₂	carbon dioxide	g	Gram(s)
AICD	automated implantable cardioverter defibrillator	COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	GA	general anaesthesia
		c/t	called to	GABA	gamma amino butyric acid
ALOC	altered level of consciousness	CPAP	continuous positive airways pressure	GCS	glasgow coma scale
ALS	advanced life support	CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	GI	gastrointestinal
AMI	acute myocardial infarction	CSF	cerebrospinal fluid	GIT	gastrointestinal tract
amp	ampoule	CT	computerised tomography	GSW	gun shot wound
ART	arterial line (used for invasive pressure monitoring)	CVA	cerebrovascular accident	GU	gastric ulcer
ASUM	Australian society for ultrasound in medicine	CVL	central venous line		
ATLS	advanced trauma life support	CWMS	colour warmth movement sensation	H	
AV	atrioventricular	CXR	chest x-ray	Hb	haemoglobin
				HI	head injury
B		D		hrs	hours
BGL	blood glucose level	DCCS	direct current counter shock	Hx	history
BLS	basic life support	DCI	decompression illness		
BP	blood pressure	DIC	disseminated intravascular coagulation	I	
BSA	body surface area	DKA	diabetic ketoacidosis	IM	intramuscular
BVM	bag valve mask	DM	diabetes mellitus	IO	intraosseous
		DOA	dead on arrival	IV	intravenous
C		DVT	deep vein thrombosis	ICC	intercostal catheter
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft			ICD	implantable cardioverter defibrillator
CAD	coronary artery disease	E		ICP	intracranial pressure
cap	capsule	eARF	electronic ambulance report form	ICP	intensive care paramedic
CCB	calcium channel blocker	EBL	estimated blood loss	ICP ESOR	Aeromedical. Intensive Care Paramedic
CCF	congestive cardiac failure	ECG	electrocardiogram		Extended Scope of Role – Aeromedical
CCU	coronary care unit	EEG	electroencephalograph		(Authorised Officers & Skills Matrix available on the ESOR – Aeromedical DCS portal page
CF	cystic fibrosis	EMD	electromechanical dissociation		
		ENT	ear, nose and throat		
		ETT	endotracheal tube		

ICU	intensive care unit	mcg	microgram	POC	products of conception
IDC	in-dwelling catheter	mg	milligram	PPE	personal protective equipment
ILCOR	international liaison committee on resuscitation	MI	myocardial infarction	PPH	post-partum haemorrhage
INH	inhalation	MILS	manual inline stabilisation	p.r	per rectum
inj	injection	mL	millimetre(s)	prn	when required
INR	international normalised ratio (of prothrombin time)	mmHg	millimetres of mercury	Pt	patient
IPPV	Intermittent positive pressure ventilations	mmol	millimole	PV	per vaginal
IV	intravenous	N		PVC	premature ventricular contraction
IV inf	intravenous infusion	n/a	not applicable	Q	
J		NAD	nil abnormality detected	QPS	Queensland Police Service
J	joule	NAS	intranasal	R	
JVP	jugular venous pressure	NC	nasal cannulae	R)	right
JVD	jugular venous distension	NEB	nebulised	RBBB	right bundle branch block
K		NGT	nasogastric tube	RLQ	right lower quadrant
kg	kilogram	NMDA	N-Methyl D-Aspartate	ROSC	return of spontaneous circulation
Ko'd	knocked out	NOF	neck of femur	RSI	rapid sequence induction
KSAR	known severe adverse reactions	NSAIDs	non steroidal anti inflammatory drugs	RTC	road traffic crash
L		NSTEMI	non-ST elevation myocardial infarct	RUQ	right upper quadrant
L)	left	O		RV	right ventricle
LBBB	left bundle branch block	O ₂	oxygen	RVF	right ventricular failure
LLQ	left lower quadrant	O/A	on arrival	Rx	treatment
LMA	laryngeal mask airway	O/E	on examination	RxBA	treatment before arrival
L/min	litres per min	P		S	
LMA	laryngeal mask airway	PaCO ₂	partial pressure of carbon dioxide (arterial)	SaO ₂	oxygen saturation
LMP	last menstrual period	PaO ₂	partial pressure of oxygen (arterial)	SB	sinus bradycardia
LOC	level of consciousness	PAC	premature atrial contraction	sc	subcutaneous
LUQ	left upper quadrant	PCI	percutaneous coronary intervention (coronary angioplasty)	SFM	simple face mask
LVF	left ventricular failure	PE	pulmonary embolism	sl	sublingual
LWI	local work instruction	PEA	pulseless electrical activity	SNRI	serotonin and noradrenaline re-uptake inhibitor
M		PEF	peak expiratory flow	SOB	shortness of breath
MAOIs	monoamine oxidase inhibitors	PEARL	pupils equal and reactive to light	SR	sinus rhythm
MAP	mean arterial pressure	PIB	pressure immobilisation bandage	SSRI	selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitor
Max	maximum	PJC	premature junctional contraction	ST	sinus tachycardia
		PMHx	past medical history	STEMI	ST elevation myocardial infarction
		PO	Per oral		

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SUBCUT	subcutaneous
SUBLING	sublingual
SVT	supraventricular tachycardia
T	
TCA	tricyclic antidepressant
TCP	transcutaneous pacing
TIA	transient ischaemic attack
TNK	tenecteplase
Tx	transport
U	
URTI	upper respiratory tract infection
UTI	urinary tract infection
V	
V/Q	ventilation perfusion (lung scan)
VEB	ventricular ectopic beat
VF	ventricular fibrillation
VT	ventricular tachycardia
WNL	within normal limits
Y	
y/o	year old

Miscellaneous

#	fracture
1/60	one minute
1/24	one hour
1/7	one day
1/52	one week
1/12	one month
<	less than
>	greater than
≤	less than or equal to
≥	greater than or equal to

