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A

ADR	Adverse drug reaction
A/E	Air Entry
AE	Above Elbow
AEBA	Acute Exacerbation of Bronchial Asthma
AED	Automated external defibrillator; Anti-epileptic drug(s)
AEG	Air Encephalograph
AF	Atrial fibrillation; Atrial flutter; Amniotic fluid
AFB	Acid Fast Bacilli
AFI	Amniotic Fluid Index
AFO	Ankle-foot orthosis
AFP	Alpha Feto-protein
A/G	Albumin-Globulin (Ratio)
Ag	Antigen
AGA	Appropriate for gestational age
AGE	Acute Gastroenteritis
AGN	Acute Glomerulonephritis
AHA	American Heart Association
AHD	Auto-Immune Haemolytic Disease
AI	Aortic Insufficiency
AID	Acute Infectious Disease, Artificial Insemination Donor
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
AIPD	Acute inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy
AIS	Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome
AJ	Ankle Jerk
AK	Above Knee
AKA	Above knee amputation
Alb	Albumin
ALI	Acute lung injury
Alk P'tase; ALP	Alkaline Phosphatase
ALL	Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia
ALS	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; Advanced life support
ALT	Alanine transaminase
Alt. dieb (alternis diebus)	Every Other Day
Alt. hor. (alternis horis)	Every Other Hour

Alt. noct.(alternis noctis)	Every Other Night
am; AM	Morning
AMA	Against Medical Advice
AMI	Acute Myocardial Infarction
AML	Acute Myeloblastic Leukemia
Amt; amt.	Amount
AN	Ante-natal
Anaes	Anaesthesia; Anaesthetic
ANA	Anti-nuclear antibody
ANC	Ante-natal Clinic
ANCA	Anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibody
ANF	Anti-nuclear Factor; Atrial natriuretic factor
Ant; ant.	Anterior
Ante	Before
ANW	Antenatal Ward
AOM	Acute Otitis Media
AOR	At Own Risk
AP	Antero-posterior
AP diameter	Antero-posterior diameter
APACHE II	Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation II
APAP	Automatic positive airway pressure
APC	Atrial premature contraction
APH	Antepartum Haemorrhage
APKD	Adult polycystic kidney disease
APLS	Antiphospholipid syndrome
APM	Anterio Poliomyelitis
APML	Acute Promyelocystic Leukemia
Approx	Approximately
A-P and LAT	Antero-Posterior and Lateral
Appt	Appointment
APT	Alum Precipitated Toxoid
aPTT	Activated partial thromboplastin time
aq.(aqua)	Water
Aq. Dist.	Distilled Water
AR	Allergic Rhinitis; Aortic regurgitation

ARB	Angiotensin II receptor antagonist
A-R Pulse	Apical-Radial Pulse
ARC	Anomalous Retinal Correspondence
ARDS	Acute/Adult Respiratory Syndrome
ARF	Acute Renal Failure
ARM	Artificial Rupture of Membrane (Amniotomy)
Art. Line	Arterial Line
AS	Aortic Stenosis
ASD	Atrial septal defect; Autistic spectrum disorder
ASHD	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
ASIS	Anterior superior iliac spine
ASOM	Acute Suppurative Otitis Media
AST	Aspartate transaminase
Asym; ASx	Asymptomatic
ATS	Anti-Tetanus Serum
ATT	Anti-tetanus Toxoid
AU	Both Ears
AV	Arteriovenous; Atrioventricular
AVR	Abdominal X-Ray
AVM	Arteriovenous Malformation
AVN	Avascular Necrosis
AW	Acetowhite
A/w; a/w	Associated With
AZ	Aschheim-Zondek (Test)

B

B/O	Baby Of
BA	Bronchial asthma
Bab	Babinski (Reflex or Sign)
BAD	Bipolar Affective Disorder
Ba.E.	Barium Enema
BAEP	Brainstem Auditory Evoked Potential
BAI	Basilar Artery Insufficiency
BAL	Bronchoalveolar lavage; Blood alcohol level
Ba.M.	Barium Meal
BAP	Bilateral Antral Puncture
BASIS	Behaviour and Symptom Identification Scale
BBA	Birth/Born Before Arrival
BBB	Blood brain barrier
BC	Birth Control; bone conduction
BCG	Bacillus Calmette Guerin
bd. Or bid (bis in die)	Twice Daily
BDI	Beck's Depression Inventory
BID	Brought In Dead
Bilat	Bilateral
BiPAP	Bilevel positive airway pressure
BK	Below Knee
BKA	Below knee amputation
BLS	Basic Life Support
BMA	British Medical Association; Bone Marrow Aspiration
BMI	Body Mass Index
BMJ	British Medical Journal
BMP	Bone Morphogenic Protein
BMR	Basal Metabolic Rate
BMAT	Bone Marrow Aspiration and Trepine Biopsy
BMT	Bone Marrow Transplant
BNF	British National Formulary
BNP	Brain Natriuretic Peptide
BNO	Bowel Not Open
BO	Bowel Open

BOOP	Bronchiolitis obliterans organizing pneumonia
BP	Blood Pressure
BPC	British Pharmaceutical Codex
BPD	Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia; Biparietal Diameter
BPC	British Pharmaceutical Codex
BPH	Benign Prostate Hyperplasia
BPM	Beats per minute
BPRS	Brief Psychotic Rating Scale
BPPV	Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo
BS	Bowel Sounds; Bishop Score; Breath sound
BSA	Body Surface Area
BSE	Breast self-examination
BSP	Blood Sugar Profile
BSR	Blood Sedimentation Rate
Bisp.	Bispinous, Interspinous Diameter
Br.	Breech
BTD	Bilateral Tubal Diathermy
BTL	Bilateral Tubal Ligation
BUN	Blood Urea Nitrogen
BV	Bacterial Vaginosis
BW	Birth Weight
Bx	Biopsy

C

é	With
C/O	Complains Of
C1,C2, C3 etc	First, second, third cervical vertebrae
Ca	Calcium
CA	Carcinoma
CA-125	Cancer Antigen 125
CABG	Coronary Arterial Bypass Graft
CAD	Coronary Arterial Disease
CAH	Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia; Chronic active hepatitis
CAPD	Continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis
Caps. Or C.	Capsule
CBC	Complete Blood Count
CBC and Diff.	Complete Blood Count And Differential
CBD	Continuous Bladder Drainage; Common Bile Duct
CBT	Cognitive Behaviour Therapy
cc	Cubic Centimeter
CCF	Congestive Cardiac Failure
CCPD	Continous Cyclical Peritoneal Dialysis
Ccl Or CrCl	Creatinine Clearance
CCU	Coronary Care Unit
CDH	Congenital Dislocation of Hip; Congenital diaphragmatic hernia
CEA	Carcino-Embryonic Antigen
CF	Counting Fingers; cystic fibrosis
CHD/ CHF	Congenital Heart Disease/Failure; Coronary heart disease
CHO	Carbohydrate
Chol.	Cholesterol
CHT	Congenital hypothyroidism
CIN	Cervical Intraepithelial Neoplasia
CK	Creatine Kinase
CKD	Chronic Kidney Disease
CLD	Chronic Lung Disease
CLL	Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia
cm	Coming Morning, Centimeter
CME	Continuing medical education

CMV	Cytomegalovirus
CMJ	Carpometacarpal Joint
CML	Chronic Myeloid Leukemia
CN	Cranial Nerves
CNS	Central Nervous System
co Or c/o	Complains of
CO	Cardiac output; Carbon monoxide
CO2	Carbon Dioxide
COAD	Chronic Obstructive Airway Disease
COCP	Combined Oral Contraceptive Pill
cont.	Continue
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CPAP	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
CPD	Cephalopelvic Disporption
CPM	Continuous Passive Motion
CPP	Cerebral Perfusion Pressure
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resusitation
creat	Creatinine
creps.	Crepitations
CRF	Chronic Renal Failure
CRHD	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease
CRIB	Complete Rest In Bed
CRP	C-reactive protein
C&S	Culture and sensitivity
CSF	Cerebrospinal Fluid
CSOM	Chronic Suppurative Otitis Media
CSSD	Central Sterile Supply Department
CSU	Catheter Specimen Of Urine
C-Spine	Cervical Spine
CST	Convulsive Shock Therapy
CT	Computed Tomography
CTA	Computed tomography angiography
CTEV	Congenital Talipes Equinovarus
CTG	Cardiotocograph

CTPA	Computed tomography pulmonary angiogram
CTS	Carpal Turnel Syndrome
CV	Cardiovascular
CVA	Cerebrovascular Accident
CVC	Central venous catheter
CVP	Central Venous Pressure
CVS	Cardiovascular System; Chorionic villus sampling
Cx.	Cervix
CXR	Chest X-ray

D

D (in a circle) Or D/C	Discharge
D/W	Discussed With
DAMA	Discharge Against Medical Advice
DBP	Diastolic blood pressure
DBS	Deep brain stimulation
DC	Diagonal Conjugate
D&C	Dilatation and curettage
DCDA	Dichorionic Diamniotic
DCM	Dilated cardiomyopathy
DDA	Dangerous Drug Acts
DDH	Developmental Dysplasia of Hip
DF	Dengue fever
DHCC	Dihydroxycholecalciferol
DHF	Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever
DI	Diabetes Insipidus
DIC, DIVC	Disseminated Intravascular Coagulopathy
DIL	Dangerously ill
dil.	Dilute
Diff	Differential White Blood Count
DIPJ	Distal Interphalangeal Joint
DISH	Diffuse Idiopathic Skeletal Hyperostosis
DISI	Dorsal Intercalated Segmental Integrity
DJD	Degenerative Joint Disease
DKA	Diabetic ketoacidosis
DLE	Disseminated Lupus Erythematosus
DM	Diabetes Mellitus
DMARD	disease-modifying antirheumatic drug
DMD	Duchenne muscular dystrophy
DMT	Psychoactive Drug-related Condition and Treatment
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic Acid
DNAR	Do not attempt resuscitation
DNR	Do not resuscitate
DNS	Deviated Nasal Septum
DOA	Date of admission

DOB	Date Of Birth
DOD	Date Of Discharge; Date Of Death
DOL	Days of Life
DP	Dorsalis Pedis
DPT	Diphtheria Pertusis Tetanus
DRNM	Dual Rhythm No Murmur
DS	Disseminated Sclerosis
DSM-IV	Diagnostic and Statistic Manual of Mental Disorders 4th Edition
DT	Delirium Tremens
DTA	Deep Transverse Arrest
DU	Duodenal Ulcer
DUB	Dysfunctional uterine bleeding
DV	Ductus Venosus
DVT	Deep Vein Thrombosis
Dx	Diagnosis
DDx	Differential diagnosis

E

e.g.	Example
EAC	External Auditory Canal
EAT	Eating Attitudes Test
EBL	Estimated Blood Loss
EBM	Evidence-based medicine; Expressed breast milk
EBS	Emergency Bed Service
EBV	Epstein Barr virus
ECF	Extracellular fluid
ECG	Electrocardiography; Electrocardiogram
Echo	Echocardiography; Echocardiogram
ECR	Extensor Carpi Radialis
ECS	Endocervical Swab
ECT	Electroconvulsive Therapy
ECU	Extensor Carpi Ulnaris
ECV	External Cephalic Cardioversion
EDD	Expected Date of Delivery
EDF	End diastolic flow
EDH	Epidural haematoma
EDV	End diastolic volume
EE	Expressed Emotion
EEG	Electroencephalography, Electroencephalogram
EF	Ejection fraction
EFW	Estimated Fetal Weight
EHL	Extensor Hallucis Longus
ELBW	Extreme low birth weight
ELLSCS	Elective lower segment caesarean section
EMG	Electromyography, Electromyogram
EMLSCS	Emergency lower segment caesarean section
ENT	Ear, Nose & Throat
EOM	Extraocular Movements
Eosino	Eosinophils
EPB	Extensor Pollicis Brevis
EPO	Erythropoietin
Epith	Epithelium Or Epithelial

EPL	Extensor Pollicis Longus
EPS	Extrapyramidal Side effects
ERCP	Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography
ERT	Estrogen Replacement Therapy
ERPOC	Evacuation Of Retained Product Of Conception
ES (enema saponis)	Soap Enema
ESBL	Extended spectrum beta-lactamase
ESP	Extrasensory Perception
Esp; esp	Especially
ESR	Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate
ESRF	End Stage Renal Failure
ESRS	Extra-Pyramidal Symptom Rating Scale
EST	Electroshock Therapy
ESV	End systolic volume
ESWL	Extracorporeal shockwave lithotripsy
ET	Exchange transfusion; Effort tolerance
ETT	Endotracheal Tube
EUA	Examination Under Anaesthesia
EWA	Examination Without Anaesthetic
Exam	Examination
ext.	Extract

F

FAST	Focused assessment with sonography for trauma
FB	Foreign Body
FBC	Full Blood Count
FBG	Fasting blood glucose
FBS	Fasting blood sugar
FCR	Flexor Carpi Radialis
FCU	Flexor Carpi Ulnaris
FDP	Flexor Digitorum Profundus; Fibrin degradation product
FDS	Flexor Digitorum Superficialis
FEV1	Forced Expiratory Volume in 1 Second
FF	Free fluids
FFA	Free fatty acids
FFD	Fixed Flexion Deformity
FFP	Fresh Frozen Plasma
FH	Foetal Heart
FHH	Foetal Heart Heard
FHNH	Foetal Heart Not Heard
FHR	Foetal Heart Rate
FHx	Family History
Fib.	Fibula
FISH	Fluorescence in situ hybridization
Flex.	Flexion
Flocc.	Flocculation
FL	Femur Length
FM	Foetal Movement
FNAB	Fine needle aspiration biopsy
FNAC	Fine needle aspiration cytology
Freq	Frequency
FSB	Fresh Stillbirth/Stillborn
FSGS	Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis
FSH	Follicular Stimulating Hormone
FTND	Full Term Normal Delivery
FT SVD	Full Term Spontaneous Vaginal Delivery
FTT	Failure to thrive

FU; F/up	Follow-Up
FUO	Fever of unknown origin
FVC	Forced Vital Capacity
FWR	Fore Water Rupture

G

G1,G2, G3	Gravida 1, Gravida 2, Gravida3 etc
G2P1	Gravida 2 Para 1
G3P1A1	Gravida 3 Para1 Abortion1
G6PD	Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase
GA	General Anaesthesia
G and A	Gas And Air
GABA	gamma-aminobutyric acid
GAD	Generalised anxiety disorder
GAF	Global Assessment of Functioning Scale
GB	Gallbladder
GBS	Group B Streptococcus; Guillain-Barre syndrome
GC	General condition
GCFT	Gonococcal Fixation Test
GCS	Glasgow Coma Score
GCSF Or G-CSF	granulocyte colony-stimulating factor
GCT	Giant Cell Tumour
GDM	Gestational Diabetes Mellitus
GERD	Gastroesophageal reflux disease
GFR	Glomerular Filtration Rate
GG	Gamma Globulin
GGT	gamma glutamyl transferase
GH	Growth hormone
GI	Gastrointestinal
GIT	Gastrointestinal Tract
GIST	Gastrointestinal stromal tumour
GN	glomerulonephritis
GnRH	Gonadotrophin Releasing Hormone
GOPD	Gynaecology Outpatient Department
GOR	Gastroesophageal Reflux
GORD	Gastroesophageal reflux disease
GP	General Practitioner
GPI	General Paralysis Of The Insane
Gr.	Grain
Grav.1, Grav.2, etc	Primagravida, Secundigravida

GSI	Genuine Stress Incontinence
GSW	Gunshot wound
GTN	glyceryl trinitrate
GTT	Glucose Tolerance Test
GU	Gastric Ulcer; Genitourinary
GUM	Genito-Urinary Medicine
GUS	Genito-Urinary System
Gutt.	Drop (Eye Drop)
GVHD	Graft Versus Host Disease
Gyn.	Gynaecology

H

H, Hr; Hrly	Hour(s); Hourly
HAI	Healthcare Associated Infection
HAART	Highly Active Anti-retroviral Therapy
HAP	Hospital Acquired Pneumonia
HAV	Hepatitis A virus
H ₂ O	Water
Hb	Haemoglobin
HbF	Fetal haemoglobin
HBV	Hepatitis B Virus
HC	Head Circumference
HCC	Hepatocellular carcinoma
hCG	Human Chorionic Gonadotrophin
HCI	Hydro-Cortisone Infection
HCM	Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
HCT	Haematocrit
HCTZ	Hydrochlorothiazide
HCV	Hepatitis C Virus
HDL	High Density Lipoprotein
HDU	Haemodialysis Unit; High dependency unit
HELLP	Haemolysis, Elevated Liver Enzymes, Low Platelet
Hep B c Ab	Hepatitis B core Antibody
Hep B e Ab	Hepatitis B e Antibody
Hep B e Ag	Hepatitis B e Antigen
Hep B s Ab	Hepatitis B surface Antibody
Hep B s Ag	Hepatitis B surface Antigen
HFM	High Flow Mask
HFMD	Hand Foot Mouth Disease
HFNC	High Flow Nasal Cannula
Hg	Mercury
HGH	Human Growth Hormone
HGT	Hypo-Glucose Test (Bedside glucose level)
Hib	Haemophilus influenzae B
HIE	Hypoxic Ischaemic Encephalopathy
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus

HLA typing	Human Leucocyte Antigen Typing
HLHS	Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome
HM	Hand Movement
HMD	Hyaline Membrane Disease
HMSN	Hereditary Motor Sensory Neuropathy
H/O	History of
HOCM	Hypertrophic Obstructive Cardiomyopathy
HPE	Histopathological Examination
HPI	History of Present Illness
HPT; HTN; HT	Hypertension
HPV	Human Papilloma Virus
HR	Heart Rate; Hypertrophic Rhinitis
HRCT	High resolution computed tomography
HRT	Hormone Replacement Therapy
h.s. (hora somni)	At Bedtime
HSC	Hopkins Symptom Checklist
HSG	Hysterosalpingography
HSP	Henoch Schonlein purpura
HSV	Herpes Simplex Virus
Ht	Height
HUS	Haemolytic uraemic syndrome
HVD	Hypertensive Vascular Disease
HVS	High Vaginal Swab
HWR	Hind Water Rupture
Hx	History
Hypo	Hypodermic
HbA1C	glycosylated haemoglobin

IAM	Internal Acoustic Meatus
IBBA	Incomplete Birth Before Arrival
IBD	Inflammatory bowel disease
IBS	Inflammatory bowel syndrome
ICD - 10	International Classification of Disease 10th Edition
ICH	Intracranial haemorrhage
ICP	Intracranial pressure
ICS	Intercostal space; Inhaled corticosteroids
ICSI	Intracytoplasmic Spermatic Injection
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
ID	Infectious Disease
I&D	Incision and drainage
IDA	Iron deficiency anaemia
IDK	Internal Derangement Of Knee
IDDM	Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus
i.e.	that is
IE	Infective Endocarditis
IG; Ig	Immunoglobulin
IGT	Impaired Glucose Tolerance
IH	Inguinal Hernia
IHD	Ischaemic Heart Disease
IM	Intra-muscular
IMB	Inter-Menstrual Bleeding
IMV	Intermittent mandatory ventilation
in d. (in diem)	Daily
INH	Isoniazid
Inj	Injection
iNO	Inhaled nitric oxide
INR	International Normalised Ratio
Int	Internal
IO	Intraosseous
IOFB	Intra-Ocular Foreign Body
IOL	Induction Of Labour; Intraocular lens
IOP	Intraocular pressure

I/O chart	Intake/Output chart
IPJ	Interphalangeal Joint
IPPV	Intermittent Positive Pressure Ventilaion
IPV	Internal Podolic Version
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
ISQ (in status quo)	Without Change
IT	Intrathecal
ITP	Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura
ITU	Intensive Therapy Unit
IU	International Unit
IUD	Intra Uterine Death, Intra Uterine Device
IUCD	Intra-Uterine Contraceptive Device
IUGR	Intrauterine Growth Retardation
IUGS	Intrauterine Gestational Sac
IUI	Intrauterine Insemination
IUS	Intrauterine System
IV	Intra-venous
IVD	Intravenous drip
IVDU	Intravenous drug user
IVF	Intravenous Fluid, In-vitro Fertilization
IVC	Inferior Vena Cava
IVP	Intravenous Pyelogram
IVU	Intravenous urogram
Ix	Investigation
IZS	Insulin Zinc Suspension

J

JCA	Juvenile Chronic Arthritis
JE	Japanese Encephalitis
JIA	Juvenile idiopathic arthritis
JVP	Jugular Venous Pressure
jt	Joint

K

kcal	kilocalorie
KCl	Potassium Chloride
kg	kilogram
KI	Potassium Iodine
KIV	Keep In View
KUB	Kidney, Ureter And Bladder
KP	Keratitis Punctate
KVO	Keep vein open

L

L/w	Laceration Wound
L; Lt	Left
L1, L2, L3 etc	1st Lumbar Vertebra, 2nd Lumbar Vertebra etc
LA	Local Anaesthesia; Left atrium
Lab	Laboratory
LAD	Left anterior descending (coronary artery); Leukocyte adhesion deficiency; Left axis deviation
LAO	Left Anterior Oblique
Lap	Laparotomy
Lat	Lateral
LBBB	Left Bundle Branch Block
LBP	Low Back Pain
LBW	Low birth weight
LCA	Left coronary artery
LCB	Last Childbirth
LCL	Lateral Collateral Ligament
LDH	Lactate Dehydrogenase
LE	Lupus Erythematosus
LES	Lower esophageal sphincter
LFT	Liver Function Test
LFP	Liver Fixation test
LGA	Large for gestational age
LH	Luteinizing Hormone
LHC	Left Hypochondrium
LIF	Left Iliac Fossa
Lig	Ligament
Liq. (liquor)	A Solution In Water
LL	Lower limb
LLL	Left Lower Lobe (Lung)
LLQ	Left lower quadrant
LMA	Left Mento Anterior
LML	Left Medio Lateral
LMP	Last Menstrual Period
LMWH	Low Molecular Weight Heparin

LN	Lymph Node
LNMP	Last Normal Menstrual Period
LOA	Loss of appetite; Left Occipito-Anterior
LOC	Loss of consciousness; Level of consciousness
LOP	Left Occipito-Posterior
LOS	Length of stay
LOT	Left Occipito-Transverse
LOW	Loss Of Weight
LP	Lumbar Puncture
LPO	Left Posterior Oblique
LR	Labour Room
LRTI	Lower respiratory tract infection
LS	Lumbosacral
LSCS	Lower Segment Caesarean Section
LSA	Left Sacrum Anterior
LSD	Lysergic Acid Diethylamide
LSP	Left Sacrum Posterior
LST	Left Sacrum Transverse
LUQ	Left Upper Quadrant
L.U.L.	Left Upper Lobe (Lung)
LV	Left Ventricle
LVF	Left Ventricular Failure
LVH	Left Ventricular Hypertrophy
LVOT	Left ventricular outflow tract
LVS	Low Vaginal Swab
Lymph.	Lymphocytes

M

M. (misce)	Mix
MAHA	Microangiopathic haemolytic anaemia
MAL	Midaxillary line
MAOI	Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitor
MAP	Mean Arterial Pressure
MAS	Meconium aspiration syndrome
max	Maximal; Maximum
MC	Metacarpal
MCA	Middle Cerebral Artery
MCD	Mean Corpuscular Diameter; Minimal Change Disease
MCDA	Monochorionic Diamniotic
MCMA	Monochorionic Monoamniotic
MCH	Mean Corpuscular Haemoglobin; Mean cell haemoglobin
MCHC	Mother & Child Health Clinic;
	Mean Corpuscular Haemoglobin Concentration
MCL	Medial collateral ligament
MCP joint; MCPJ	Metacarpo-Phalangeal Joint
MCV	Mean Corpuscular Volume
MDD	Major Depressive Disorder
MDMA	Methylenedioamphetamine
MDS	Myelodysplastic syndrome
m. Eq.	Miliequivalent
ME	Middle Ear
Med	Medical; Medicine
Metas. Or mets.	Metastases
MFH	Malignant Fibrous Histiocytoma
MgSO ₄	Magnesium Sulphate
MH	Mental Healthy
MHx	Marital History, Menstrual History
MHI	Mental Health Inventory
MI	Myocardial Infarction
MIC	Minimum inhibitory concentration
min	minimal; minimum; minute(s)
mist. (mstura)	Mixture

MMR	Mass Miniature Radiography
MMSE	Mini Mental State Examination
MMSL	Moderate Meconium Stained Liquor
MO	Medical Officer
MOEA	N-ethyl-3, 4-Methylenedioxyamphetamine
MOGTT	Modified Oral Glucose Tolerance Test
MOH	Ministry of Health
MPI	Maximun Point of Impulse
MR	Mental Retardation; Mitral regurgitation
MRA	Magnetic resonance angiography
MRC	Medical Research Council
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
MRKH	Mayer-Rokitansky-Kuster-Hauser Syndrome
MRP	Manual Removal of Placenta
MS	Multiple Sclerosis; Mitral Stenosis
MSB	Macerated Stillbirth/Stillborn
MSE	Mental State Examination
MSL	Mid-Sternal Line
MSLT	Multiple Sleep Latency Test
MSOF	Multisystem Organ Failure
MSU	Mid-Stream Urine
MSW	Medical Social Worker
MT	Metatarsal
mth	month(s); monthly
MTP joint; MTPJ	Metatarso-Phalangeal Joint
MUA	Manipulation Under Anaesthesia
MUI	Mixed Urinary Incontinence
MVA	Motor Vehicle Accident
MVP	Maximal Vertical Pool
MVR	Mitral Valve Replacement
Mx	Management, Management plan

N

N/C	New Case
NaCl	Sodium Chloride
NAD	No Abnormality Detected
NB	Newborn
NBM	Nil By Mouth
NCS	Nerve Conduction Studies
ND	Normal Delivery
NE	Norepinephrine
Neb	Nebulizer
NEC	Necrotising Enterocolitis
Neg; neg	Negative
Neuro	Neurology
Neuro-Surg.	Neuro-Surgery
Neutro.	Neutrophils
NG	Nasogastric
NHL	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Nursery
NIDDM	Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus
NKDA	No Known Drug Allergy
NKFA	No Known Food Allergy
NMHA	National Mental Health Association
NMS	Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome
NND	Neo-Natal Death
NNJ	Neonatal Jaundice
NO	Nitric oxide
No.	Number
Noct. (Nocte)	Night
NOF	Neck Of Femur
NOS	Not Otherwise Specified
NPA	Nasopharyngeal Aspirate
NPO	Nil Per Oral
NPS	Nasopharyngeal Swab
NPU	Not Pass Urine
Nrsg	Nursing

NS; N/S	Normal saline
NSAID	Non-Steroidal Antiinflammatory Drugs
NSFTD	Normal Spontaneous Full Term Delivery
NSTEMI	Non-ST elevation myocardial infarction
NSOM	Non Suppurative Otitis Media
NSU	Non-Specific Urethritis
NT	Nuchal Translucency
NWB	Non Weight Bearing
NYHA	New York Heart Association

O

OA	Osteoarthritis; Occipito-anterior
O2	Oxygen
O&G	Obstetrics and Gynaecology
OAB	Overactive Bladder
Obs	Obstetrics
Occ	Occasional
OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
OCP	Oral Contraceptive Pills
OD	Oculus Dexter (Right Eye); Overdose; Once daily
OE	Otitis externa
O/E	On Examination
OF	Occipito-frontal
OFC	Occipito-frontal Circumference
OGTT	Oral glucose tolerance test
OHSS	Ovarian Hyperstimulation Syndrome
Oint.	Ointment
OM	Otitis media; Osteomyelitis
OME	Otitis media with effusion
Omn. Hor. (Omni hora)	Every Hour
Omn. noct. (Omni noc)	Every Night
OP	Outpatient; Occipito-posterior; Organising pneumonia
Op site	Operation site
OPD	Outpatient Department
Ophthal	Ophthalmology
OR	Operating room
ORIF	Open Reduction Internal Fixation
ORL - HN	Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck
ORS	Oral Rehydration Salt
OS	Oculus Sinistra (Left Eye)
OSA	Obstructive Sleep Apnoea
OSH	Occupational Safety and Health
OT	Occupational Therapy; Occipito-transverse; Operating theatre
Oto.	Otology

P

P/A	Per Abdomen
P2	Pulmonary Second Heart Sounds
PA	Postero-anterior; Pulmonary Artery
PA and Lat	Postero-anterior And Lateral
PaCO2	Partial Pressure of Arterial Carbon Dioxide
Paed	Paediatrics; Paediatric
PAH	Pulmonary Artery Hypertension
PAL	Posterior axillary line
PALS	Paediatric Advanced Life Support
PAN	Polyarteritis nodosa
PANSS	Positive And Negative Syndrome Scale for Schizophrenia
PaO2	Partial Pressure of Arterial Oxygen
Para 1, Para 2 etc	Parity (primipara; secondopara etc)
Patho	Pathology
PAS	Preauricular Sinus
PBF	Peripheral Blood Film
PBI	Protein Bound Iodine
PBU	Premature Baby Unit
PC	Packed Cells
P.c. (Post cibum)	After Meals
PCA	Patient Controlled Analgesia
PCI	Percutaneous coronary intervention
PCL	Posterior Cruciate Ligament
PCOS	Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome
PCP	Phencyclidine; Pneumocystis pneumonia
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PCV	Packed Cell Volume; Polycythaemia vera
PD	Peritoneal Dialysis
PDA	Patent Ductus Arteriosus
PDU	Perforated Duodenal Ulcer
PE	Pericardial Effusion; Pulmonary Embolism, Pre-eclampsia
PEEP	Positive end expiratory pressure
PEFR	Peak Expiratory Flow Rate
PEG	Percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy
PFFD	Proximal Femoral Focal Deficiency

PFO	Patent Foramen Ovale
PGU	Perforated Gastric Ulcer
PHx	Past History
PI	Pulsatile Index
PICC	Peripherally inserted central catheter
PID	Prolapsed Intervertebral Disc; Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
PIH	Pregnancy Induced Hypertension
PIPJ	Proximal Interphalangeal Joint
PLMS	Periodic Limb Movement during Sleep
Plt	Platelets
PM	Post Mortem
pm	afternoon
PMB	Post-menopausal bleeding
PMHx	Past Medical History
PMR	Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
PN	Post Natal
PNC	Postnatal Clinic
PND	Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnoea
PNET	Primitive Neuroectodermal Tumours
PNH	Paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria
PNS	Postnasal Space
PNW	Postnatal Ward
PO	By mouth (orally)
POA	Period Of Ammenorrhea
POC	Products Of Conception
POD	Pouch of Douglas; Postoperative days
POG	Period Of Gestation
POI	Poor Oral Intake
POMR	Perioperative Mortality Review
POP	Plaster Of Paris; Progesterone-only Pill
POMR	Perioperative Mortality Review
POP-Q	Pelvic Organ Prolapse Quantification System
Post	Posterior; "After"
Post-op D1,	Post-operative day 1; day2 etc
PP	Placenta Previa
PPA	Proof Puncture Antrum

PPC	Pre-pregnancy Clinic
PPH	Postpartum Haemorrhage
PPI	Proton pump inhibitor
PPO2	Positive Pressure Oxygen
PPROM	Preterm Premature Rupture Of Membrane
PR	Pulse Rate; Per Rectal
Prem	Prematurity; Premature
Prn (pro re nata)	Whenever Necessary
Pre-op	Pre-operative
PROM	Premature Rupture Of Membrane
PS	Per Speculum
PSGN	Poststreptococcal glomerulonephritis
PSV	Peak Systolic Velocity; Pressure Support Ventilation
PSHx	Past Surgical History
Psy	Psychiatry; Psychiatric
PT	Physiotherapy; Prothrombin time
Pt	Patient
PTA	Prior to admission
PTB	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
PTCA	Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty
PTH	Parathyroid Hormone
PTSD	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
PTT	Partial thromboplastin time
PU	Pass Urine
PUD	Peptic Ulcer Disease
PUJ	Pelvi-ureteric Junction
Pulm	Pulmonary
PUO	Pyrexia of Unknown Origin
PUV	Posterior Urethral Valve
PV (per vaginam)	Per vagina; Vaginal examination
PVC	Premature ventricular contraction
PVD	Peripheral vascular disease
PVS	Persistent vegetative state
PZI	Protaine Zinc Insulin

Q

Q. (quoque)	Every
Q.H. (quo hora)	Every Hour
Qid (quarter in die)	Four Times Daily
Quatid (quotidie)	Daily
QS (quantum sufficiat)	Sufficient Quantity

R

R.	Roentgen
R/N	Registration Number
R; Rt	Right
RA	Rheumatoid Arthritis; Right Atrium
RAD	Right Axis Deviation; Reactive airway Disease
RAO	Right Anterior Oblique
RAPD	Relative Afferent Pupillary Defect
RBBB	Right Bundle Branch Block
RBC	Red Blood Cells; Red Blood Count
RCA	Right coronary artery
RCC	Renal cell carcinoma
RCT	Randomized controlled trial
RDS	Respiratory Distress Syndrome
REDD	Revised Expected Date of Delivery
REM	Rapid Eye Movement
Resp	Respiratory; Respiratory system; Respiration
RF	Rheumatoid Factor; Rheumatic Fever
RFA	Right Fronto-Anterior
RFP	Right Fronto-Posterior
RFT	Right Fronto-Transverse
Rh	Rhesus Factor
RHC	Right Hypochondrium
RHD	Rheumatic Heart Disease
RI	Resistant Index
RICE	Rest, ice, compression, elevation
RIF	Right Iliac Fossa
RIH	Right Inguinal Hernia
RLL	Right Lower Lobe (Lung)
RM	Ruptured Membranes
RMI	Risk of Malignancy Index
ROA	Right Occipito-Anterior
ROM	Range of motion
ROP	Right Occipito-Posterior; Retinopathy of prematurity
ROSC	Return of spontaneous circulation

ROT	Right Occipito-Transverse
RPC	Retained Product Of Conception
RPGN	Rapidly progressing glomerulonephritis
RPO	Right Posterior Oblique
RR	Respiratory rate
RSD	Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy
RSI	Rapid Sequence Induction
RSV	Respiratory Syncytial Virus
RT	Radiotherapy
RT-PCR	Reverse Transcriptase Polymerase Chain Reaction
RTA	Road Traffic Accident
RTD	Radiotherapy Department
RTMS	Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation
RTU	Radiotherapy Unit
RUL	Right Upper Lobe
RUQ	Right Upper Quadrant
RV	Right ventricle
RVH	Right ventricle hypertrophy

S

Sx	Symptoms
S1	First heart sound
S2	Second heart sound
SCBU	Special Care Baby Unit
S/P	Status post
S/T	Spoken To
SAD	Seasonal Affective Disorder
SAH	Subarachnoid Hemorrhage
SaO ₂ ; SpO ₂	Oxygen saturation of arterial blood; pulse oximetry
SARI	Severe Acute Respiratory Illness
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
SBE	Subacute Bacterial Endocarditis
SBP	Systolic Blood Pressure; Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis
s.c.	subcutaneous
SCC	Squamous cell carcinoma
SCD	Sudden cardiac death
SCID	Severe combined immunodeficiency
SCJ	Squamous Columnar Junction; Sternoclavicular Joint
SDA	Serotonin-Dopamine Antagonist
SDH	Subdural Hemorrhage
SFA	Seminal Fluid Analysis
SG	Special Gravity
SGA	Small for Gestational Age
SGOT	Serum Glutamic Oxaloactic Transaminase
SGR	Selective Growth Restriction
SHx	Social History
SHBG	Sex Hormone Binding Globulin
SIADH	Syndrome of Inappropriate Secretion of Antidiuretic Hormone
SIDS	Sudden infant death syndrome
SIJ	Sacroiliac Joint
SIMV	Synchronized intermittent mechanical ventilation
S.I. Units	Systeme International D'unites
SLAC	Scapholunate Advanced Collapse
SLE	Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
SLR	Straight Leg Raising
SMA	Superior Mesenteric Artery

SMR	Sub Mucus Resection Of Nasal Septum
SMSL	Slight Meconium Stained Liqour
SMV	Submentovertical; Superior Mesenteric Vein
SNAP	Sensory Nerve Action Potential
SNRI	Serotonin Noredrenaline Reuptake Inhibitor
SO	Salpingo-Oophorectomy
SOB	Shortness Of Breath
SOD	Sure Of Date
SOL	Space Occupying Lesion
SOM	Suppurative Otitis Media
sos. (si opus sit)	If Necessary
Spec	Specimen
SR	Sedimentation Rate; Slow Release
SROM	Spontaneous Rupture Of Membrane
S&S	Sweep & Stretch (membrane)
SSF	Sacrospinous fixation
SSPE	Subacute Sclerosing Panencephalitis
SSRI	Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor
SSS	Sick Sinus Syndrome
SSSS	Staphylococcal scalded skin syndrome
Staph	Staphylococcus
stat.	At Once
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
STEMI	ST elevation myocardial infarction
STI	Soft tissue injury; sexually transmitted infection
STO	Suture To Off
Strep	Streptococcus
SUFE	Slipped Upper Femoral Epiphysis
SUI	Stress Urinary Incontinence
Surg	Surgery; Surgical
SVC	Superior Vena Cava
SVD	Spontaneous vaginal delivery
SVT	Supraventricular tachycardia
SWD	Short Wave Diathermy
SXR	Skull X-ray
Syr. (syrupus)	Syrup
syn. Drip	Syntocinon Drip

T

T/F; T/feeding	Tube Feeding
T/I	Transfer In
T/O	Transfer Out
T1-12	Thoracic Vertebra 1-12
TA	Tricuspid Atresia
TAB	Typhoid and Paratyphoid A and B
TAH	Total Abdominal Hysterectomy
TAHBSO	Total Abdominal Hysterectomy & Bilateral Salpingo-Oophorectomy
TAPS	Twin Anaemia-Polycythaemia Sequence
TAS	Transabdominal Scan
TB	Tubercule Bacillus (Tuberculosis)
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TCA	To Come Again
TD	Tardive Dyskinesia
TEE	Transesophageal echocardiogram
temp	temperature
TFCC	Triangular Fibrocartilage Complex
TG	Triglycerides
TGA	Transposition of great arteries
THR	Total hip replacement
TIA	Transient Ischaemic Attack
TIBC	Total iron binding capacity
tid (ter in die)	Three Times A Day
TIPS	Transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt
TKR	Total knee replacement
TLC	Total lung capacity; tender loving care
TLE	Temporal Lobe Epilepsy
TLH	Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy
TLHBSO	Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy & Bilateral Salpingo-Oophorectomy
TM	Tympanic Membrane
TMJ	Tarsometatarsal Joint; Tympanomandibular Joint
TMSL	Thick Meconium Stained Liquor
TOF	Tracheoesophageal Fistula; Tetralogy Of Fallot

TOP	Termination Of Pregnancy
TORCHES	Toxoplamosis, Rubella, Cytomegalovirus, Herpes Simplex Virus, Syphillis
TPN	Total Parenteral Nutrition
TPR	Temperature Pulse Respiration
TR	Tricuspid Regurgitation
Tr. (tincture)	Tincture
Trachy	Tracheostomy
TRAP	Twin Reversed Arterial Perfusion Sequence
TRO	To Rule Out
TST	Total Sleep Time
TTP	Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura
TTTS	Twin-Twin Transfusion Syndrome
TURBT	Transurethral resection of bladder tumour
TURP	Transurethral resection of the prostate
TVS	Transvaginal Scan
TVT	Tension-free Vaginal Tape
Tx	Therapy/Treatment
TZ	Transformation zone

U

UA	Umbilical Artery
UAE	Umbilical Artery Embolization
U&E	Urea and electrolytes
UDS	Urodynamic Study
UGIH	Upper Gastrointestinal Haemorrhage
UH	Unfractionated Heparin
Ung (unguentum)	Ointment
URTI	Upper Respiratory Tract Infection
USOD	Unsure Of Date
US; USG	Ultrasonogram
USS	Ultrasound Scan
UTI	Urinary Tract Infection
UUI	Urge Urinary Incontinence
UVL	Ultra-Violet Light

V

V/mask; VM	Venturimask
VA	Visual Acuity
VAIN	Vaginal Intra-epithelial Neoplasia
vag.	Vagina; Vaginal
VBAC	Vaginal Birth After Caesarean
VC	Vital Capacity
VD	Venereal Disease
VE	Vaginal Examination
VF; V-fib	Ventricular Fibrillation
VH	Vaginal Hysterectomy
VI (virgo intacta)	Virgin
VIC	Volkman's ischaemic contracture
Vin (vinum)	Wine
VIN	Vulval Intra-epithelial Neoplasia
VISI	Volar Intercalated Segmental Integrity
Vit	Vitamin
Vert.	Vertebrae
VMR	Vasomotor Rhinitis
Von Va	Vision
V/Q	Ventilation/Perfusion
VRE	Vancomycin resistant enterococcus
V/S	Vital Sign
VSD	Ventricular Septal Defect
VT	Ventricular Tachycardia
VUJ	Vesicoureteric Junction
VUR	Vesicoureteric Reflux
VV	Varicose Veins
Vx	Vertex
VZV	Varicella Zoster Virus

W

WBC	White blood cell
WI	Wound Inspection
wk	week(s);weekly
WR	Wassermann Reaction
WPW	Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome
Wt; wt	Weight
w/o	without

Y

YOB	Year Of Birth
yo	year-old
yr	year(s); yearly

OTHERS

" ^o" or	negative findings e.g. " ^o vomiting"
"..... ^o "	means "No vomiting"
5 HT	serotonin

Mnemonic For Patient Assessment

S	subjective
O	objective
A	analysis
P	plan
I	intervention
E	evaluation
R	reassessment

Measurement

°C	centigrade
cc	cubic centimeter
cm	centimeter
dB	Decibel
F	Fahrenheit
g, gm	gramme
H ₂ O	water
Hg	mercury
lb	pound
in	inch
IU	international unit
K	kilo
kg	kilogramme
Kpa	kilo Pascal
L	litre
mcg	microgram
mg; mgm	miligramme
MIU	million international unit
ml	millilitre
mm	millimeter
mmol	millimole
oz	ounce(s)

Symbols

$\frac{1}{4}$	quarter
$\frac{1}{2}$	half
1/12; 3/12	1 month; 3 months etc
1/52; 2/52	1 week; 2 weeks etc
1/7; 2/7; 3/7	1 day, 2 days, 3 days etc
- ve	negative
+ ve	positive
#	fracture (orthopaedics)
%	percentage
/	per
?	Query
@	At
	lesser; below; under
	greater; more; above
	lesser (below; under) or equal to
↳	greater (more; above) or equal to
↳	diagnosis
↳	differential diagnosis
↑	increase
↓	decrease; under
♀	female
♂	male
1°	primary
2°	Secondary; secondary to
1st; 2nd, 3rd	first; second; third
hpf	high power field
u	unit(s)
α	alpha
β	beta
γ	gamma

Drug Preparation and Prescription

Dosage Forms

amp	ampoule(s)
aq. (aqua)	aqueous
cap	capsule
Gutt;gtt.	drops (Eye drops)
inj.	injection
liq.(liquor)	liquid
lot.	lotion
MDI	metered dose inhaler
mist;mixt.	mixture
soln.	solution
SR	slow release
supp.	Suppository
susp.	suspension
Sy, syr. (syrupus)	syrup
T;tab.	tablet
tinct.	tincture
ung.; oint	ointment

Routes of Administration

garg.	gargle
IM	intramuscularly
inhal.	inhalation
IV	intravenously
neb.	nebulization
P.O.	by mouth
S/C;SC	subcutaneously
S/L;SL	sublingual
neb.	nebulization
P.O.	by mouth
S/C;SC	subcutaneously
S/L;SL	sublingual

Drug Preparation and Prescription

Administration Instruction

bd;bid (bis in die)	twice a day
EOD	every other day
h;hr/hrly	hour/hourly
mth/mthly	month/monthly
od (omni die); OD	once a day
om (omni mane)	every morning
on; ON (omni nocte);	every night/at night
noct.(nocte)	
prn; PRN (pro re nata)	when needed;whenever necessary
q4h (quaque 4 hora)	every 4 hours
qds;qid (quarter in die)	four times a day
stat (statim)	immediate 1 dose only
tds;tid (ter in die)	three times a day
wk/wkly	week/weekly
x 3 /wk	3 times per week
x 5 /d	5 times per day
yr/yrly	year/yearly

Measurement

mEq	milliequivalent
tsp	teaspoonful
Tbsp	tablespoonful
vol.	volume
m ² or M ²	square meter
w/v	weight in volume
w/w	weight in weight

Others

Rx	take, treatment
qs (quantum sufficiat)	a sufficient quantity
TDM	Therapeutic Drug Monitoring

TPN	Total Parenteral Nutrition
CDR	Cytotoxic Drug Reconstitution
DIS	Drug Information Service
Other precautions to prevent medication errors	
Avoid trailing zero , ie write 5 mg instead of 5.0 mg	
Include leading zero, ie write 0.2 mg instead of .2 mg	
Avoid all drug short forms as far as possible	
Avoid transcription, use original copies of prescriptions	

Anaesthesia

ASA	American Society of Anesthesiologist
EA	epidural anaesthesia
ET CO ₂	end tidal carbon dioxide
FGI	fresh gas inlet
GA	general anaesthesia
HME	heat moist exchanger
ILMA	intubating laryngeal mask airway
Iso	Isoflurane
IVRA	Intravenous regional anaesthesia
LA	local anaesthesia
LMA	laryngeal mask airway
MAC	minimal alveolar concentration
NIBP	non-invasive blood pressure
PAP	pulmonary arterial pressure
PAW	peak airway pressure
PCA	patient controlled analgesia
PCEA	patient controlled epidural analgesia
PCWP	pulmonary capillary wedge pressure
RAE tube	Ring-Adair-Elwyn tube
SA	spinal anaesthesia
Sevo	sevoflurane
Spon. Resp./SR	spontaneous respiration
STP	sodium thiopentone
TIVA	total intravenous anaesthesia
VT	tidal volume

Laboratory

A

A/G ratio	albumin-globulin ratio
AFP	alpha fetoprotein
Alb	albumin
ALP	alkaline phosphotase
ALT	alanine transferase
ANA	anti-nuclear antibody
ANCA	anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibody
ANF	anti-nuclear factor
Anti-dsDNA	anti-double stranded DNA antibody
ASOT	anti-streptolysin O titre
AST	aspartate aminotransferase

B

BFMP	blood film for malaria parasites
Blood C+S	blood culture and sensitivity
BT	bleeding time
BUSE	blood urea and electrolytes
BMA	bone marrow aspiration

C

C+S	culture and sensitivity
C3	complement 3
C4	complement 4
Ca ²⁺	calcium
CEA	carcinogenic embryonic antigen
Chol	cholesterol
CK	creatine kinase
Cl ⁻	chloride
CPK	creatine phosphokinase
CRP	C-reactive protein

D

Diff count	differential white count
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E

ELISA	enzyme-linked immunoassay
ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate

F

FBC	full blood count
FBS	fasting blood sugar
FDP	fibrin degradation products
Fe	iron
FSH	follicle stimulating hormone
FT3	free T3
FT4	free T4

G

GGT	gamma-glutamyl transferase
GTT	glucose tolerance test
GXM	group and cross match

H

Hb	haemoglobin
HbA1c	glycosylated Haemoglobin
HCG	human chorionic gonadotrophin

I

IFAT melioidosis	indirect fluorescence antibody test for B.pseudomallei
	(melioidosis)

K

K+	pottasium
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L

LAP score	leucocyte alkaline phosphatase score
LDH	lactate dehydrogenase
LDL	low density lipoprotein
LFT	liver function test
LH	Luteinising Hormone

M

MCH	mean corpuscular haemoglobin
MCHC	mean corpuscular haemoglobin concentration
MCU	micturating cystourography
MCV	mean corpuscular volume
Mg	magnesium
MGTT	modified glucose tolerance test
MRSA	methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus
MRSE	methicillin resistant staphylococcus epidermidis

N

Na+	sodium
NH ₃	ammonia

P

PBF	peripheral blood film
PCR	polymerase chain reaction
PCV	packed cell volume, haematocrit
Plat.	platelet count
PR	pulse rate
PSA	prostatic specific antigen
PT	prothrombin time
PTT	partial thromboplastin time

R

RBC	red blood cells
RBS	random blood sugar
Retic	reticulocyte
RF	rheumatoid factor
Rh	rhesus factor
RR	respiratory rate

S

SB	serum bilirubin
SG	specific gravity
SGOT	serum glutamate oxaloacetic transaminase
SGPT	serum glutamate pyruvic transaminase
SI unit	systeme international d' unites
SpO ₂ ; SaO ₂	oxygen saturation

T

T3	tri-ido thyronine
T4	thyroxine
TG	triglyceride
TIBC	total iron binding capacity
TPHA	Treponema pallidum haemagglutination
TSH	thyroid stimulating hormon
TWC	total white count

U

U C+S	urine culture and sensitivity
U FEME	urine full examination and microscopy
UPT	urine pregnancy test

V

VCA	viral capsid antigen
VDRL	Venereal Disease Research Laboratory
VLDL	very low density lipoprotein
vWF	Von Willebrands factor

W

WBC	white cell count
WWF	Widal Weil Felix test

Z

ZN stain	
ZN stain	Zeihl-Neissen stain

Haemodialysis And Nephrology

A

ABD	Air bubble detector
AP	arterial pressure
ARF	acute renal failure
AVF	arteriovenous fistula

B

BCF	Brescia-Cimino Arteriovenous Fistula
BMI	body mass index
BVP	blood volume process

C

CVVH	continuous veno-venous haemofiltration
CVVHD	continuous veno-venous haemodialysis
CVVHDF	continuous veno-venous haemodiafiltration
CAPD	continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis
CRRT	continuous renal replacement therapy

D

DFO	desferrioxamine
DI System	deionizer System
Dry Wt	dry weight

E

ESRF	end stage renal failure
ESRD	end stage renal disease

F

FSGS	focal segmental glomerulosclerosis
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H

HCO ₃ Regime	bicarbonate regime
HD	haemodialysis
HDF	haemodiafiltration
HDQMS	Haemodialysis Quality Management System
HDU	Haemodialysis Unit
HF	haemofiltration

I

I J C	intrajugular catheterisation
IPD	intermittent peritoneal dialysis

K

Kt/v	K - Clearance of urea by the dialyser as per specification.
	t - duration of dialysis (time)
	v - volume of distribution of urea for a given patient that equates with total body water.
	(UREA KINETIC MODELLING : For measuring dialysis adequacy of patients)
KUF	co-efficiency factor

L

LRRTx	living related renal transplantation
LURRTx	living unrelated renal transplantation

M

MAC	mid-arm circumference
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N

NKF-DOQI Guidelines	National Kidney Fopundation - Dialysis Outcome Quality Initiative Guidelines
nPCR	normalised protein catabolic rate

P

PD	peritoneal dialysis
PRCA	pure red cell aplasia

Q

Qb	blood flow
Qd	dialysate flow
QoL	quality of life

R

RO System	reverse osmosis system
RPG	retrograde pyelography
RRT	renal replacement therapy

S

SVC	subventricular catheterisation
SCUF	slow continuous ultrafiltration
SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus
SN	single needle
SU	sequential ultrafiltration

T

TCV	total cell volume
Td	time delivered / duration
TDS	total dissolved solid
TMP	transmembrane pressure
TSF	tricep skin fold

U

UF	ultrafiltration or fluid extraction
URR	urea reduction rate

V

VP	venous pressure
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Operative Procedure

A

AKA	above knee amputation
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B

BKA	below knee amputation
BTL	bilateral tubal ligation

C

CMR	close manual reduction
CRIF	closed reduction with internal fixation
CS; C-sec	caesarean Section

D

D&C	dilation and curettage
DCP	dynamic compression plate
DD&C	diagnostic dilation and curettage
DHS	dynamic hip screw
D&I	Dilation And Insufflation

E

ELMS	elective larynomicrosurgery
ERCS	elective repeated caesarean section
EUA	examination under anaesthesia
Ex Bx	excisional biopsy

F

F

FNAC	fine needle aspiration and cytology
FTSG	full thickness skin graft

I

I&D	incision and drainage
ILN	interlocking nail
IMN	intramedullary nail

L

Lap & Dye	laproscopy and dye
LAVH	Laparoscopic Assisted Vaginal Hysterectomy
LLETZ	large loop excision of transformation zone
LSCS	lower segment caesarian section

M

MRM	modified radical mastoidectomy
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O

ORIF	open reduction with internal fixation
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P

PFR	pelvic floor repair
PLND	pelvic lymph node dissection

R

RIH	repair of inguinal hernia
RPP	retropubic prostatectomy

S

SMD	submucous diathermy
SSG	split skin graft
S&C	suction & curettage

T

T & S	tiolet and suturing
TAH	total hysterectomy
TAH BSO	total hysterectomy and bilateral salphingectomy
TBW	tension band wiring
THA	total hip arthroplasty
THR	total hip replacement
TKR	total knee replacement
TURP	transurethral resection of prostate

W

WD	wound debridement
WE	wound exploration

Diagnostic Imaging

A

AC	abdominal circumference
AFI	amniotic fluid index
AP	anteroposterior
AXR	abdominal x ray

B

B Ex	barium enema
B Mx	barium meal
B Sx	barium swallow
Ba	barium
BG	basal ganglia
BPD	biparietal diameter; bronchopulmonary dysplasia
BPL	bipolar length
Bx	biopsy

C

CBD	common bile duct
CE	contrast enhanced
CECT	contrast enhanced computed tomography
CRL	crown rump length
CT scan	computed tomography scan
CTPA	computed tomography pulmonary angiogram
CTR	cardiothoracic ratio
Cx spine XR	cervical spine X-ray
CXR	chest X-ray

D

DMSA scan	2, 3-dimercaptosuccinic acid scan
DTPA scan	Diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid scan
DVT	deep venous thrombosis

E

EDF	end diastolic flow
EDH	extradural hemorrhage
EFBW	estimated fetal birth weight
ERCP	endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography
ET	endometrial thickness

F

FAC	fetal abdominal circumference
FL	femur length

G

GB	gall bladder
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H

HBS	hepatobiliary system
HRCT	high-resolution computed tomography
HSG	hysterosalpingography

I

I/I	imaging intensifier
IVP	intravenous pyelography
IVU	intravenous Urography

J

jt	joint
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K

KUB	Kidneys, ureters, bladder
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L

LAO	left anterior oblique
LL	lower limb; lower lobe
LPO	left posterior oblique
LZ	lower zone

M

MAG3	99m TC mercaptoacetylglycine
MCU	micturating cystography
MRA	magnetic resonance angiography
MRC	magnetic resonance cholangiography
MRCP	magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
MSD	mean sac diameter
Myelo	myelography; myelogram
MZ	mid zone

O

OF	occipitofrontal
OFC	occipitofrontal circumference
OM	occipitontental; osteomyelitis; otitis media

P

PI	pulse Index
PID	prolapsed intervertebrae disc; pelvic inflammatory disease
PNS	postnasal space
POD	Pouch of Douglas
PT	parenchymal thickness

R

RAO	right anterior oblique
RI	resistance Index
RPG	retrograde pyelography
RPO	right posterior oblique

S

SMV	submentovertical
SXR	skull x ray

T

TL spine XR	thoracolumbar spine X-ray
TVS	transvaginal scan

U

UL	upper limb; upper lobe
US, U/S	ultrasound
UZ	upper zone

X

XR	X-ray
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PHYSIOTHERAPY

1. Treatment Modalities

ACBT	Active Cycle Breathing Technique
acc.	accessory
AP	anterior - posterior glide (Joint mobilisation)
AROM	active range of motion
CPM	continuous passive movement
cryo	cryotherapy / ice therapy
CT	cervical traction
DBE	deep breathing exercise
EIL	extension in lying (McKenzie)
EIS	extension in standing (McKenzie)
ex.	exercise therapy
FIL	flexion in lying (McKenzie)
FIS	flexion in standing (McKenzie)
H/P	hot pack
hydro	hydrotherapy
ICT	intermittent Cervical traction
ILT	intermittent Lumbar Traction
inf	inferior glide (Joint mobilisation)
IRR	infra-red irradiation
IT / IF	interferential therapy
JM	joint mobilisation
LASER	Light Amplification by the Stimulated Emission of Radiation
LT	lumbar traction
MK	McKenzie Technique
MWM	mobilisation with movement (Mulligan)
NAGS	natural apophyseal glides (Mulligan)
NDT	Neuro-developmental Technique
PA	posterior -anterior glide (joint mobilisation)
PAIVM	passive accessory intervertebral mobilisation
PD	postural drainage
physio/ PT	physiotherapy / physiotherapist
PNF	proprioceptive neuromuscular fascilitation
PROM	passive range of motion

PSWD	pulsed short wave diathermy
ROM	range of motion
Sen	sensory reeducation
SG	side gliding (McKenzie)
SNAGS	sustained natural apophyseal glides (Mulligan)
STM	soft tissue manipulation
sup	superior glide (Joint mobilisation)
SWD	short wave diathermy
TEE	thoracic expansion exercise
TENS	transcutaneous electrical neuromuscular stimulation
Tm	treadmill
US	ultrasound therapy
UVL	ultraviolet light therapy
Wax	wax bath

2. Documentation:

POMR	problem orientated medical record
S	subjective assessment
O	objective assessment
A	analysis
P	plan of treatment
I	intervention
E	evaluation
R	review / recommendation

3. Parts Of The Body:

H.	head
Frh.	forehead
N.	neck
B.	back
T.	trunk
S.	side(s)
Sh.	shoulder(s)
A.	arm(s)
Elb.	elbow(s)
Wr.	wrist(s)

Hnd.	hand(s)
Fing.	finger (s)
L.	leg(s)
K.	knee(s)
Fra.	forearm(s)
m	muscle
s/t	soft tissue
UL	upper limb
LL	lower limb

4. Words Denoting Position Of Arm, Legs Or Trunk

st.	standing
ly.	lying
wg.	wing
yd.	yard
gr.	grasp
wlk.	walk
pr.	prone
X.	cross
kn.	kneeling
hg.	hanging
bd.	bend
rst.	rest
cl.	close
lax.	relaxed
crk.	crook
crch.	crouch
sitt.	sitting
pos.	position
rch.	reach
str.	stretch
std.	stride
stp.	stoop
lg.	long
when only one limb is involved, ½ is inserted before the position ie. ½ yd.	

5. Words Denoting Movement

flex.	flexion
ext.	extension
abd.	abduction
add.	adduction
.	circumduction
pron.	pronation
supin.	supination
rot.	rotation
inv.	inversion
ev.	eversion
s.flex.	side flexion
df.	dorsi flexion
pf.	plantar flexion

6. Words Indicating Direction

(R) / °	right
(L) / L	left
med.	medial
lat.	lateral
hor.	horizontal
betw.	between
obl.	oblique
ant.	anterior
post.	posterior
acr.	across
bwd.	backward
fwd.	foreward
owd.	outwards
beh.	behind
und.	under
twd.	towards
	parallel

7. Others

rev.	reverse
foll.	followed / following
stat.	stationary
ass.	assisted
pend.	pendulum
rhythm	rhythmically
MHz	Mega Hertz (ultrasound)
cont.	continuous
min(s)	minutes
lb	pounds
kg	kilogrammes
N	newtons
↑g	increasing
↓g	decreasing

Occupational Therapy

Anatomy & Movement

UL	upper limb
LL	lower limb
flex	flexion
ext	extension
sup	supination
pro	pronation
abd	abduction
add	adduction
ROM	range of motion
AROM	active range of motion
PROM	passive range of motion

Assessment

Ass	assessment
BI	Barthel ADL Index
MBI	Modified Barthel ADL Index
MAS	Motor Assessment Scale
FIM	Functional Independence Measurement; instrument measure
COPM	Canadian Occupational Performance Measure

Intervention

Occ Therapy	Occupational Therapy
OT	Occupational Therapy/ Occupational Therapist
ADL	activities of daily living
sp	splint
PG	pressure garment
SI	sensory integration

Modalities

TENS	transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation
EMS	neuromuscular stimulator

Staff Category

Nursing

AK	Atendan Kesehatan
AN	Assistant Nurse
I/C	Incharge
JM	Jururawat Masyarakat
JT	Jururawat Terlatih
KJ	Ketua Jururawat
MW	midwife
NS	Nursing Sister
PJ	Penyelia Jururawat
SN	Staff Nurses
St.N	Student Nurse
AMO	Assistant Medical Officer
MA	medical assistant
SMA	senior medical assistant
CMA	chief medical assistant
PPK	Pembantu Perawatan Kesehatan

Dispensary

KPF	Ketua Pegawai Farmasi
PF	Pegawai Farmasi
Pem.Far PPF	Pembantu farmasi <i>Pendamping Pegawai Farmasi</i>

Others

AO	autoclave operator
HO	house officer
MLT	medical laboratory technologist
MO	medical officer
Sp	specialist