

⁶⁷ Ga	Radioactive gallium
^{99m} Tc	Technetium-99m (used to image skeleton and heart muscle)
¹³¹ I	Radioactive iodine
3DCRT	Three-dimensional conformal radiation therapy
6MWT	6 minute walk test
AAA	Abdominal aortic aneurysm
ab	Abortion
AB	Antibody
ABC	Advanced breast cancer
ABCDE	Characteristics associated with skin cancer: Asymmetry (shape), Border (irregularity), Colour (variation within lesion), diameter (>6mm), Evolving (changes in size, shape, colour over time)
abd	abdominal
ABG's	Arterial blood gases
ABMT	Autologous bone marrow transplant
ABO	Three main blood types: A, B & O
a.c.	<i>Ante cibum</i> (before meals)
AC	Anterior chamber
Acc	Accommodation
ACG	Angle-closure glaucoma
ACTH	Adrenocorticotrophic hormone
ACL	Anterior cruciate ligament
ACLS	Advanced cardiac life support
ACS	Acute coronary syndrome
AD	<i>Auris dextra</i> (right ear) Alzheimer's disease
ad. Lib	<i>Ad libitum</i> (freely as desired)
ADH	Antidiuretic hormone
AD(H)D	Attention-deficit (hyperactivity) disorder
adj	Adjuvant therapy
ADL	Activities of daily living
ADT	Adult diphtheria tetanus vaccine
AF	Atrial fibrillation
AFB	Acid fast bacilli
AFI	Amniotic fluid index
AFP	Alphafetoprotein
Ag	Antigen
AI	Aortic insufficiency Artificial insemination Aromatase inhibitor
AIDS	Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
AKA	Above knee amputation
AL, AS	<i>Auris laeva/sinistra</i> (left ear)
ALK1	Activin receptor-like kinase type 1
ALL	Acute lymphocytic leukaemia, Acute lymphoblastic leukaemia
alt. dieb.	<i>Alternis diebus</i> (every other day)
AMH	Australian Medicines handbook
AMI	Acute myocardial infarction
AML	Acute monocytic leukaemia, Acute myelocytic leukaemia Acute myeloblastic leukaemia

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AMML	Acute myelomonocytic leukaemia
ANA	Antinuclear antibody (test)
ANS	Autonomic nervous system
AOM	Acute otitis media
AP	Anteroposterior
APAH	Associated pulmonary hypertension
APH	Antepartum haemorrhage
aq.	<i>Aqua</i> (water)
AR	Aortic regurgitation
ARDS	Acute/adult respiratory distress syndrome
ARF	Acute renal failure
ARM AROM	Artificial rupture of membranes
ARMD	Age-related macular degeneration
ART	Assisted reproductive technology/treatment
AS	Aortic stenosis
ASA	Asprin
ASD	Atrial septal defect Autism spectrum disorder
AST	Aspartate aminotransferase
ATN	Acute tubular necrosis
AU, a.u.	<i>Auris unitas/uterque</i> (both ears)
AV, A-V	Atrioventricular
AXR	Abdominal x-ray
A&P	Anatomy and physiology
Ba	Barium
BAER	Brainstem auditory evoked response
BBB	Bundle branch block
BCC	Basal cell carcinoma
b.d.	<i>Bis die</i> (twice a day)
BE	Barium enema
BF	Breastfeeding
b.i.d.	<i>Bis in die</i> (twice a day)
b.i.n.	<i>Bis in nocte</i> (two times a night)
BiPAP	Bilevel positive airway pressure
BKA	Below knee amputation
BM	Bone marrow
BMD Scan	Bone mineral density scan
BMI	Body mass index
BMPR2	Bone morphogenetic protein receptor type 2
BMT	Bone marrow transplant
bmp	Beats per minute
BNO	Bladder neck obstruction
BOA	Born on arrival
BP	Blood pressure
BPD	Bronchopulmonary dysplasia
BPH	Benign prostatic hypertrophy
BPM	Beats per minute
BPP	Biophysical profile
BRCA1, BRCA2	Breast cancer 1, breast cancer 2 (are genes, prone to multiple mutations, involved in about 5% of breast cancers)

BS	Breath sounds
BSE	Breast self-examination, Bovine spongiform encephalopathy
BSL	Blood sugar levels
BSM	Bilateral suction myringotomy
BTL	Bilateral tubal ligation
BUFA	Baby up for adoption
BUN	Blood urea nitrogen
Bx. Bx	Biopsy
B-cells	A type of lymphocyte that produced antibodies, which forms and matures in bone marrow
C (1-12)	Cervical Vertebrae 1-12
Ca	Calcium, Cancer, Carcinoma
CA	Chronological age
CABG	Coronary artery bypass graft
CACG	Chronic angle-closure glaucoma
CAD	Coronary artery disease
CAL	Chronic airway limitation
cap., caps.	<i>Capsula</i> (capsule)
CAPD	Continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis
CAT	Computed axial tomography
CBT	Cognitive behaviour therapy
CCF (CHF)	Congestive cardiac(heart) failure
CCPD	Continuous cycling peritoneal dialysis
CCS	Classical caesarean section
CCU	Coronary care unit
CE	Cataract extraction
CF	Cystic fibrosis
CHD	Congenital heart disease, congestive heart disease
chemo	Chemotherapy
CHF	Congestive heart failure
CI	Cardiac index
CIN	Cervical intraepithelial neoplasia
CIS	Carcinoma in situ
CJD	Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease
CK	Creatine kinase (test)
CKD	Chronic kidney disease
CLL	Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia
CML	Chronic myelogenous leukaemia Chronic myeloid leukaemia Chronic myelocytic leukaemia
CMML	Chronic myelomonocytic leukaemia
CMV	Cytomegalovirus
CNPV	Continuous negative pressure ventilation
CNS	Central nervous system
CO	Cardiac output
CoA	Coarctation of aorta
COAD	Chronic obstructive airway disease
COAG	Coagulation studies

COLD	Chronic obstructive lung disease
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
COVID-19	Coronavirus disease
CO2	Carbon dioxide
CPAP	Continuous positive airways pressure
CPD	Cephalopelvic disproportion
CPR	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CR	Controlled release
CRF	Chronic renal failure
CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid
CST	Cervical screening test Contraction stress test
CT	Computed tomography
CTCA	CT coronary angiography
CTG	Cardiotocography
CTEPH	Chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension
cTnI	Cardiac troponin 1
CTS	Carpal tunnel syndrome
CVA	Cerebrovascular accident
CVC	Central venous catheter
CVD	Cardiovascular disease Cerebrovascular disease
CVP	Central venous pressure
CVS	Continuous ventilatory support Chorionic villus sampling
cx	Cervix
CXR	Chest X-Ray
C&S	Culture and sensitivity
DALYs	Disability-adjusted life-years
D/C	Discharge
DCIS	Ductal carcinoma in situ
DEXA	Dual energy x-ray absorptiometry
DI	Diabetes insipidus
DIC	Disseminated intravascular coagulation (or coagulopathy)
Diff.	Differential count (white blood cells)
DJD	Degenerative joint disease
DM	Diabetes mellitus
DMARD	Disease-modifying antirheumatic
DMD	Duchenne's muscular dystrophy
DOE	Dyspnoea on exertion
Dr.	Doctor
DRE	Digital rectal examination
DSA	Digital subtraction angiography
DSM-5	<i>Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders (American psychiatric association, 5th edition, 2013)</i>
DT	Delirium tremens
DTP	Diphtheria tetanus pertussis vaccine
DUB	Dysfunctional uterine bleeding
DVT	Deep venous thrombosis
DX	Diagnosis
DXT	Deep x-ray therapy
D&C	Dilation (dilatation) and curettage