

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comment
<b>A</b>		
AAA	Abdominal aortic aneurysm	
AA	Alcoholics Anonymous	
(A)	Assistance	
a/a	As above	
A1, A2	Aortic Valve, 1st sound, 2nd sound	
AAROM	Active assisted range of movement (physio)	
AAL	Anterior axillary line	
Ab	Antibody	
AB	Apex beat	
ABBI	Advanced breast biopsy instrumentation	
Abd	Abduction (physio)	
Abdo	Abdominal	
ABG	Arterial blood gases	
ABH	Angina bullosa haemorrhagica	
ABI	Acquired brain impairment/injury	
ABPI	Ankle brachial pressure index	
ABS	Acute brain syndrome	
A-C	Acromioclavicular (physio)	
ACAT	Aged Care Assessment Team	
ACBT	Active cycle of breathing technique (physio)	
ACC	Acute care certificate	
ACCR	Aged care client record	
ACD/ ACP	Advance Care Documents / Advance Care Directive / Advance Care Planning	
ACE	Angiotensin converting enzyme	
ACL	Anterior cruciate ligament (physio)	
ACM	Ambulatory cardiac monitoring	
ACTH	Adrenocorticotrophic hormone	
ACS	Acute coronary syndrome	
AD	Autosomal dominant	
ADC	AIDS dementia complex	
ADCAT	Alcohol and Drug Community Assessment Team	
Add	Adduction (physio)	
ADD	Attention deficit disorder	
ADH	Anti-diuretic hormone	
ADHD	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	
ADL	Activities of daily living	
Adm	Admission / admitted	
ADPKD	Autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease	
ADR	Adverse drug reaction	
ADT	Adult diphtheria and tetanus	
AE	Air entry	
AEA	Above elbow amputation (physio)	
AEB	Atrial ectopic beat	
AF	Atrial fibrillation	
A, FI	Atrial flutter	
AFB	Acid fast bacilli	

AFI	Amniotic Fluid Index	
AFO	Ankle-foot orthosis (physio)	
AFP	Alpha-fetoproteins	
Ag	Antigen	
AGC	Associate genetic counsellor	
Agg	Aggravating (physio)	
AGN	Acute glomerulonephritis	
AH	Abdominal hysterectomy/ Auditory Hallucinations and Allied Health/ After Hours	
AHA	Assisted Han Assessment (physio)	
AHD	Arteriosclerotic/atherosclerotic heart disease	
AHF	Antihaemolytic factor	
AI	Aortic incompetence	
AICD	Automated implantable cardioverter-defibrillator	
AIDS	Acquired immune deficiency syndrome	
AIMS	Alberta Infant Motor Scale (physio)	
AIN	Assistant in Nursing	
AIVR	Accelerated idioventricular rhythm	
AJ	Ankle jerk	
AJA	Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry	
AK	Above knee	
AKA	Above knee amputation	
AKI	Acute kidney injury	
Alb.	Albumin	
ALA	Assisted local anaesthetic	
Albion	The Albion Centre	
ALD	Alcoholic liver disease	
ALL	Acute lymphoblastic/lymphocytic/lymphatic leukaemia	
ALP	Alkaline phosphatase	
ALS	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	
alt.	Alternate	
ALT	Alanine aminotransferase	
Alt sly	Alternate side lying (physio)	
AM	Active movement (physio)	
AMA	Advanced maternal age	
AMD	Age-related macular degeneration	
AMI	Acute myocardial infarction	
AML	Acute myeloid leukaemia	
AMO	Attending/admitting medical officer	
Amp	Ampoule	
AMP	Austin Moore prosthesis	
AMRI	Anteromedial rotary instability	
AMS	Aboriginal Medical Service/Antimicrobial Stewardship	
A/N	Antenatal	
ANA	Antinuclear antibody	
ANC	Antenatal clinic	
ANCA	Anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies	
ANLL	Acute non-lymphocytic leukaemia	
ANS	Autonomic nervous system	
Ant.	Anterior	
Anti D	Rh (D) immunoglobulin	

Anti HBc	Hepatitis B core antibody	
Anti HBs	Hepatitis B surface antibody	
A/O	Application of (physio)	
AOD	Alcohol and other drugs (mental health)	
AODM	Adult Onset Diabetes Mellitus	
A&P	Anterior and Posterior (repair)	
AP	Arterial pressure	
A-P	Antero-posterior	
APC	Activated protein C	
	Adenomatous polyposis coli gene	
APD	Automated peritoneal dialysis	
APH	Ante-partum haemorrhage	
APO	Acute pulmonary oedema	
Appt.	Appointment	
APQ6	Activity and Participation Questionnaire?	
APTT	Activated partial thromboplastin time	
APR	Abdominoperineal resection	
APS	Acute Pain Service	
AR	Autosomal recessive	
ARBD	Alcohol related brain damage (mental health)	
ARDS	Adult/acute respiratory distress syndrome	
ARF	Acute renal failure	
ARM	Artificial rupture of membranes	
AROM	Active range of movement (physio)	
ARPKD	Autosomal recessive polycystic kidney disease	
ART	Antiretroviral therapy	
AS	Aortic stenosis	
ASAP	As soon as possible	
ASCVD	Arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease	
ASD	Atrial septal defect	
ASET	Aged Services in Emergency Team	
ASHD	Arteriosclerotic heart disease	
ASI	Anal Sexual Intercourse RASI – receptive IASI - insertive	
ASNT	Abdomen soft, non tender	
ASO	Arteriosclerotic obliterans	
Asp.	Aspirate	
ASSA	Antenatal Short Stay Assessment	
ASVD	Arteriosclerotic vascular disease	
ATFL	Anterior tibiofibular ligament (physio)	
ATN	Acute tubular necrosis	
ATNR	Asymmetrical tonic neck reflex (physio)	
ATOP	Australian Treatment Outcomes Profile	
ATOR	At time of report	
ATS	Antitetanus serum	
ATSP	Asked to see patient	
Aug.	Augmentation	
Ausc.	Auscultation (physio)	
AV	Aortic valve	
	Atrioventricular	
	Anteverted (uterus)	
AVB	Atrioventricular block	
AVM	Arteriovenous malformation	

AVN	Atrioventricular necrosis	
AVO	Apprehended violence order (mental health)	
AVR	Aortic valve replacement/ repair	
AVRT	Atrioventricular re-entrant/reciprocating tachycardia	
AVNRT	Atrioventricular nodal re-entrant/reciprocating tachycardia	
A/W	Associated with	
A&W	Alive and well	
AWOL	Absent without leave (mental health)	
AWS	Alcohol withdrawal syndrome	
	Alcohol withdrawal scale	
Ax	Assessment	
AXR	Abdominal x-ray	
AZ	Ascheim-Zondek (test)	
<b>B</b>		
// bars	Parallel bars	
Ba	Barium	
BAD	Bipolar affective disorder	
BAER	Brainstem auditory evoked response	
BaFT	Barium follow through	
BAL	Blood alcohol level	
BAw	Breast awareness	
BAWO	Bilateral antrum washout	
BBA	Born before arrival	
BBB	Bundle branch block	
BBBB	Bilateral bundle branch block	
BBS	Bronchial breath sounds	
BC	Blood culture	
BCA	Balloon catheter angioplasty– never seen used in practice; either PTCA or POBA used instead	
BCC	Basal cell carcinoma	
BCCA	Bilateral common carotid angiogram	
BCG	Bacillus of Calmette and Guerin	
BCPA	Bubble continuous positive airway pressure	
b.d.	Twice a day	
BE	Barium Enema	
B& D	Bondage and Discipline	
BEA	Below elbow amputation	
B/F	Breast feeding	
BFP	Biological false positive	
b/g	Background	
BGL	Blood glucose Level	
BhCG	Beta human chorionic gonadotrophin	
BHDS	Birt-Hogg-Dube syndrome	
Bi	bisexual	
BIBA	Brought in by ambulance	
BIH	Benign intracranial hypertension “Born in Hospital”	
Bilat	Bilateral (physio)	
BIP	Benign intracranial pressure	
BiPAP	Bilevel positive airway pressure	
BJ	Biceps jerk	
BK	Below knee	
BKA	Below knee amputation	

BM	Bone marrow	
BMAT	Bone marrow aspiration and trephine	
BMB	Bone marrow biopsy	
BMD	Bone Mineral Density	
BMH	Benign monoclonal hypergammaglobulinaemia	
BMI	Body mass index	
BMPR1A	Bone morphogenetic protein receptor, type 1A gene	
BMR	Basal metabolic rate	
BMS	Bare metal stent	
BMT	Bone marrow transplant	
BNO	Bladder neck obstruction	
	Bowels not open	
BNP	Brain naturetic peptide	
BO	Bowels open	
B/O	Baby of	
BOO	Bladder outlet obstruction	
BOOP	Bronchiolitis obliterans organising pneumonia	
Borg RPE	Borg rating of perceived exertion (physio)	
BOS	Base of support (physio)	
BP	Blood pressure	
BPAD	Bipolar affective disorder (mental health)	
BPD	Bronchopulmonary dysplasia / bipolar disorder	
BPH	Benign prostatic hypertrophy/hyperplasia	
BPM	Beats per minute	
BPN	Buprenorphine	
BPSD	Behavioural & psychological symptoms of dementia	
BPTT	Brachial plexus tension test provocation (physio)	
BR Ca	Breast cancer	
BRCA1	Breast cancer protection gene 1	
BRCA1/2	Breast cancer protection gene 1&2	
BRCA2	Breast cancer protection gene 2	
BS	Bowel sounds	
BSA	Body surface area	
BSE	Breast self examination	
BSL	Blood stained liquor	
	Blood sugar level	
BSO	Bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy	
BSS	Black silk sutures	
BSLT	Bilateral sequential lung transplantation	
BTB	Break through bleeding	
BTF	Between the Flags	
B/U	Blood urea	
BV	Bacterial vaginosis	
BVF	Bilateral ventricular failure	
BW	Birth weight body weight	
Bx	Biopsy	
BXO	Balanitis xerotica obliterans	
BZD	Benzodiazepine	
<b>C</b>		
/C	With	
C	Cough (physio)	

C/-	Care of	
C16A	Chapter 16A Exchange of Information” – used by DCJ , DOCS and DOCAJ	
C1-7	Cervical vertebrae 1-7	
C&C	Collar and Cuff	
Ca.	Carcinoma	
CA++	Calcium	
CA125	Cancer antigen 125	
CABG	Coronary artery bypass graft	
CACP	Community Aged Care Package	
CAD	Coronary artery disease	
CADE	Confused and disabled elderly	
CADL	Community activities of daily living	
CAG	Coronary artery graft	
CAH	Chronic active hepatitis	
Ca in Situ	Carcinoma in situ	
Cal.	Calorie	
CAL	Chronic airway limitation	
CALD	Chronic alcoholic liver disease	
CALD	Culturally and linguistically diverse	
Call.	Callous (podiatry)	
Cap.	Capsule	
CAPD	Continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis	
Cas.	Casualty	
CAT	Computerised axial tomography	
CAVB	Complete atrioventricular block	
CAVH	Continuous arteriovenous haemofiltration	
CAVHD	Continuous arteriovenous haemodialysis	
CBC	Complete blood count	
CBD	Common bile duct	
CBE	Clinical breast examination	
CBS	Chronic brain syndrome	
CBSL	Capillary blood sugar level	
CBV	Cord blood vessels	
C/C	Cardiac catheter (coronary angiogram)	
CC	Cancer Council	
CCA	Common carotid artery	
CCB	Calcium channel blocker	
CCC	Cancer Care Centre	
CCD	Continuous catheter drainage	
CCF	Congestive cardiac failure	
CCH	Calvary Community Health	
CCPD	Continuous cyclic peritoneal dialysis	
CCS	Classical caesarean section	
CCT	Continuous/controlled cord traction	
CCU	Coronary care unit	
CD4	Cellular Differentiation 4 Positive or T- helper lymphocytes	
CDCR	Canaliculodacryocystorhinostomy	
CDE	Common bile duct exploration	
CDH	Congenital diaphragmatic hernia	
CDH1	E-cadherin type 1 gene	
CDT	Combined diphtheria and tetanus (vaccine)	

C/E	Cystoscopy	
CE's	Cardiac enzymes	
CEA	Carotid endarterectomy	
Ceph	Cephalic	
CES	Cauda equina syndrome (physio)	
CF	Cystic fibrosis	
	Clear fluids	
CFA	Common femoral artery	
CFP	Casual female partner	
CFS	Chronic fatigue syndrome	
CFT	Complement fixation test	
CGD	Chronic granulomatous disease	
CGH	Comparative genomic hybridisation	
CHB	Complete heart block	
CHB	chronic hepatitis B	
CHD	Congenital heart disease	
Chemo	Chemotherapy	
CHC	Community Health Centre	
CHD	Congenital heart disease	
CHF	Congestive/chronic heart failure	
CHI	Closed head injury	
CHL	Conductive hearing loss	
Chlam/ϕ	chlamydia	
CHO	Carbohydrate	
Chol.	Cholesterol	
chr.	Chronic	
	Chromosome	
CHx	Current history (physio)	
C/I	Contraindicated (physio)	
CIA	Common iliac artery	
CIBH	Change in bowel habit	
CIDP	Chronic inflammatory demyelination polyradioneuropathy	
Cigs.	Cigarettes	
CIN	Cervical intra-epithelial neoplasia	
Circ Obs	Circulatory observations (physio)	
CIS	Carcinoma in situ	
CK	Creatinine kinase	
CKD	Chronic kidney disease	
CL	condomless	
CLD	Chronic liver disease	
CIFI	Clear fluids	
CLL	Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia	
CLO	Campylobacter-like organism	
CLT	Continuous lumbar traction (physio)	
cm	centimetre	
CM	Certified midwife	
CMC	Carpometacarpal (physio)	
CMG	Cystometrogram	
CML	Chronic myeloid leukaemia	
CMML	Chronic myelomonocytic leukaemia	
CMP	Calcium, magnesium and phosphate	
	Casual male partner	
CMT	Charcot Marie Tooth	
CMV	Cytomegalovirus	



CMS	Clinical Midwife Specialist	
CNC	Clinical nurse consultant	
CNE	Clinical nurse educator	
CNH	Chondrodermatitis nodularis chronica helioides	
CNP	Continuous negative pressure ventilation	
CNPB	Continuous negative pressure breathing	
CNPU	Cannot pass urine	
CNS	Central nervous system	
CNS	Clinical Nurse Specialist	
CNV	Copy number variant	
c/o	Complains of	
CO	Cardiac output	
CO2	Carbon dioxide	
Co1-3	Coxageal segments (physio)	
COB	Chronic obstructive bronchitis	
	Country of birth	
C0/C1	Atlanto-axial joint (physio)	
COCP	Combined oral contraceptive pill	
COJ	Cardio-oesophageal junction	
Comp	Complementary	
Compacts	Community Packages	
Cont.	Continued	
Contralat	Contralateral	
COPA	Cuffed oropharyngeal airway	
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	
CoPMI	Children of parents with a mental illness (mental health)	
COPUM	Congenital obstructing posterior urethral membranes	
COVID-19	Corona virus disease 2019	
COWS	Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale	
CP	Child Protection	
CPAP	Continuous positive airway pressure	
CPB/CPBP	Cardiopulmonary bypass	
CPD	Cephalopelvic disproportion	
cPNET	Central primitive neuroectodermal tumour	
CPCT	<b>Community Palliative Care Team</b>	
CPPD	Calcium Pyrophosphate Dihydrate (Crystal Deposition Disease)	
CPR	Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation	
CPS	Central Pain Syndrome	
CR	Controlled release (used after a drug name)/clinical review	
CRBBA	Complete right bundle branch block	
CRC	Colorectal cancer	
creps.	Crepitations (physio)	
CREST (syndrome)	abbreviation for calcinosis, Raynaud's phenomenon, esophageal dysfunction, sclerodactyly, and telangiectasis	
CRHD	Chronic rheumatic heart disease	
CRL	Crown rump length (ultrasound)	
CRPS	Complex regional pain syndrome	



CRRT	Continuous renal replacement therapy	
CRS	Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service	
cryo	cryotherapy	
C/S	Caesarean section	
C/scopy	Colonoscopy	
C&S	Culture and sensitivity	
CSA	Central sleep apnoea	
	Childhood Sexual Assault	
CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid	
CSHS	Central sleep hypopnea syndrome	
CSM	Clinical Services Manager	
CSOM	Chronic suppurative otitis media	
CSU	Catheter specimen of urine	
CST	Cervical Screening Test	
CSW	Commercial sex worker	
CT	chlamydia trachomatis	
CT	Computerised tomography	
CTCA	Computerised tomography coronary angiogram	
CTD	Carpal tunnel decompression	
	Connective tissue disorder	
CTG	Cardiotocograph	
CTM	Connective tissue massage (physio)	
CTO	Community Treatment Order/chronic total occlusion	
CTP	Comprehensive Third Party Insurance	
CTPA	Computerised tomography pulmonary angiogram	
CTR	Carpal tunnel release	
CTS	Carpal tunnel syndrome	
CTSP	Called to see patient	
CUP	Chemical use in pregnancy	
	Cancer of unknown primary	
C/US	Continuous ultrasound (physio)	
CVAD	Central venous access device	
CVC	Central venous catheter	
CV	Central Venous	
CVD	Cerebrovascular disease	
CVP	Central venous pressure	
CVS	Cardiovascular system	
	Chorionic villus sampling	
CVVH	Continuous veno-venous haemofiltration	
CVVHD	Continuous veno-venous haemodialysis	
CWU	Child Wellbeing Unit	
Cx	Cervix	
CXR	Chest X_RAY	
CYF	Child Youth and Families	
<b>D</b>		
d.	Died	
DA	Decision aid	
DADL	Domestic activities of daily living (occ. Therapy)	
D&A	Drug and alcohol (mental health)	
DAI	Diffuse axonal injury	
Dam	Dental dam	
DAOR	Discharged at own risk	

DAS	Developmental Assessment Service	
DASH	Disability of arm, shoulder, hand (physio)	
DARE	digital anal rectal examination	
DARF	Delayed Acute Renal Failure	
DASS 21	Depression Anxiety Stress Scales	
DAT	Dementia of Alzheimer's type	
DB	Deep breathing (physio)	
DB&C	Deep breathing and coughing (physio)	
DBE	Deep breathing exercises	
DBP	Diastolic blood pressure	
D/C	Discharge	
DCDA	Dichorionic Diamniotic	
D&C	Dilatation and curettage	
DCIS	Ductal carcinoma in situ	
DCJ	Department of Communities and Justice	
DCR	Dacryocystorhinostomy	
DDx	Differential diagnosis	
DD	Dangerous drugs	
	Developmental delay	
DDD	Degenerative disc disorder	
Dec.	Decreased (physio)	
DEMMI	de Morton Mobility Index	
Derm.	Dermatology	
DES	Drug eluting stent	
DF	Dorsiflexion (physio)	
DGI	Disseminated gonococcal infection	
DHS	Dynamic hip screw	
DHx	Developmental history	
DI	Diabetes Insipidus	
DIC	Disseminated intravascular coagulation (syndrome)	
Diff.	Differential	
DIH	Direct inguinal hernia	
DIN	Ductal intraepithelial neoplasia	
DIP	Distal interphalangeal (physio)	
DISH	Diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis	
dist.	Distal	
DITs	Diathermy to inferior turbinates	
DIU	Death in-utero	
DJD	Degenerative joint disease	
DKA	Diabetic ketoacidosis	
DLCL	Diffuse large cell lymphoma	
DLE	Disseminated lupus erythematosus	
DLT	Double lumen tube	
DM	Diabetes mellitus	
DM1	Diabetes mellitus type1	
DM2	Diabetes mellitus type2	
DML	Diffuse, mixed small and large cell lymphoma	
DNA	Did not attend	
	Deoxyribonucleic acid	
DNS	Deviated nasal septum	
DNW	Did not wait	
D/O	Day only	
DOA	Dead on arrival	

DOB	Date of birth	
DoCS	Department of Community Services replaced by Family and Community Services (FACS) then by Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ)	
DOD	Date of death	
DOE	Dyspnoea on exertion	
DOH	Department of Housing	
DON	Director of Nursing	
DOPS	Diffuse obstructive pulmonary syndrome	
DORV	Double outlet right ventricle	
DPT	Diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus (vaccine)	
Dr.	Doctor	
DRE	Digital rectal examination	
DREZ	Dorsal root entry zone	
DS	Downs syndrome	
D/S	Dorsal surface (podiatry)	
DSA	Digital subtraction angiography	
DSCL	Diffuse small cleaved-cell lymphoma	
DSH	Deliberate self harm (mental health)	
DST	Dexamethasone suppression test	
DSTM	Deep soft tissue massage (physio)	
DSU	Disability Service Unit	
DTA	Deep transverse arrest	
DTF	Deep transverse frictions (physio)	
DTM	Deep tissue massage (physio)	
DTP	Diphtheria tetanus pertussis (vaccine)	
dTpa	Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis Vaccine	
DT	Diversional therapist	
DTs	Delirium tremens	
DU	Decubitus ulcer	
DUA	Death under anaesthetic	
DUB	Dysfunctional uterine bleeding	
DV	Domestic violence	
D&V	Diarrhoea and vomiting	
DVA	Department of Veterans' Affairs	
DVD	Double-vessel disease	
DVT	Deep venous thrombosis	
D/W	Discussed with	
DW	Daily weight	
Dx	Diagnosis	
<b>E</b>		
EACH	Extended aged care at home (package)	
E	Extension (physio)	
EAM	External auditory meatus	
EAR	Expired air resuscitation	
EBM	Expressed breast milk	
EBP	Electric breast pump	
EBV	Epstein-Barr virus	
ECCRTLA	Equal, concentric, circular, reacting to light and accommodation	
ECBD	Exploration common bile duct	
ECCE	Extracapsular cataract extraction	

ECDC	Extracellular diplococci	
ECG	Electrocardiogram	
Echo.	Echocardiogram	
EC-IC	Extracranial to intracranial (Vascular Bypass)	
ECMO	Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation	
ECP	Emergency contraceptive pill	
E Coli	Escherichia coli	
ECSWL	Extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy	
ECT	Electroconvulsive therapy	
ECTR	Endoscopic carpal tunnel release	
ECV	External cephalic version	
ED	Emergency Department	
EDB	Epidural block	
EDC	Estimated date of confinement	
	Expected date of completion	
EDD	Expected due date	
	Expected discharge date	
EDH	Extradural haemorrhage	
EEG	Electroencephalogram	
EEN	Endorsed Enrolled Nurse	
EER	Estimated energy requirements (dietetics)	
EF	Ejection fraction	
EFR	Estimate fluid requirements	
EGD	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy	
eGFR	Estimated glomerular filtration rate	
EIA	Enzyme immunoassay	
EIL	Extension in lying (physio)	
EIS	Extension in standing (physio)	
EJV	External jugular vein	
ELBW	extremely low birth weight	
Elev.	Elevation (physio)	
ELISA	Enzyme linked immunosorbent assay	
EMG	Electromyogram	
EMLA (trade name)	Eutectic mixture of local anaesthetics-Copyright Astra Pharmaceuticals	
eMR	Electronic medical records	
EMS	Elderly Mobility Test (physio)	
EN	Enrolled nurse	
	Enteral nutrition	
Eng.	Engaged	
ENG	Electronystagmogram	
ENT	Ear, nose and throat	
E/O	Examination of	
	Excision of	
EOG	Electro-oculography	
EOM	Extra-ocular movements	
EOL	End of Life	
EOLP	End of Life Pathway	
EOR	End of range (physio)	
EPG	Electrophoretogram	
EPR	Estimated protein requirements (dietetics)	
EPS	Electrophysiological studies	
EPSE	Extra-pyramidal side effects (mental health)	
ER	External rotation (physio)	

	Estrogen receptor	
ERCP	Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography	
ERG	Electro-retinography	
ERPC	Evacuation of retained products of conception	
ERT	Estrogen Replacement Therapy	
ESA	Erythropoiesis-stimulating agents	
ESC	End stage care	
ESCRF	End stage chronic renal failure	
ESM	Ejection systolic murmur	
ESR	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate	
ESRD	End stage renal disease	
ESRF	End stage renal failure	
Est.	Estimated	
ESWL	Extracorporeal shock-wave lithotripsy	
ESWT	Endurance Shuttle Walk Test (physio)	
ETCO2	End tidal carbon dioxide	
EtOh	Alcohol	
ETT	Endotracheal tube	
EUA	Examination under anaesthetic	
EUC	Electrolytes, urea and creatinine	
Ev.	Eversion (physio)	
EWC	Electric wheelchair	
Ex	Excision	
Ex's	Exercises	
Exp.	Expiratory (physio)	
Ext.	Extension (physio)	
<b>F</b>		
F&A	Foot and ankle (physio)	
FACH	Forceps to after coming head	
FAP	Familial adenomatous polyposis	
FA SF	Forearm support frame (physio)	
FB	Foreign body	
FBC	Full blood count	
	Female breast cancer	
	Fluid balance chart	
FCC	Family cancer clinic	
FCU/ FVU	First catch urine/ First void urine	
FD	Foetal distress	
FDIU	Foetal death in utero	
FES	Functional electrical stimulation	
FESS	Functional endoscopic sinus surgery	
FET	Forced expiratory technique (physio)	
FEV	Forced expiratory volume (physio)	
FEV1	Forced expiratory volume in one second (physio)	
FF	Formula feeding	
FFA	Free fatty acids	
FFL	Free fluids	
FFM	Fast from midnight	
FFP	Fresh frozen plasma	
FFFTs	Fits, faints and funny turns	
FGM	Female genital mutilation	

FH/FHx	Family history	
FHR	Foetal heart rate	
FHS	Foetal heart sounds	
FI	For investigation	
Fi O2	Fraction of inspired oxygen	
FIL	Flexion in lying (physio)	
FIM	Functional independence measure (physio)	
FIS	Flexion in standing (physio)	
FISH	Fluorescence in situ hybridisation	
FISS	Flexion in step standing (physio)	
FIVD	Fixed interval variable dose	
FLCL	Follicular large cell lymphoma	
FLCN	Folliculin gene	
Flex.	Flexion (physio)	
FM	Foetal movement	
FMF	Foetal movements felt	
FML	Follicular mixed lymphoma	
FMO	Financial management order (mental health)	
FMS	Functional Mobility Scale (physio)	
Fn	Function (physio)	
FNA	Fine needle aspirate	
FNAB	Fine needle aspiration biopsy	
FNB	Fine needle biopsy	
FO	For observation (mental health)	
FOB	Fibreoptic bronchoscopy /faecal occult blood	
FOBT	Faecal occult blood testing	
FOOB	Fell out of bed	
FOOSH	Fall on outstretched hand	
FPA	Family planning association	
FPG	Fasting plasma glucose	
FPNSW	Family Planning NSW	
FRAMP	Falls Risk Assessment and Management Plan	
FRAX	Fragile x syndrome	
FRC	Functional residual capacity	
FROM	Full range of motion (physio)	
FRS	Family Referral Service	
FS	Frozen section	
FSCL	Follicular small cleaved-cell lymphoma	
FSE	Foetal scalp electrode	
FSGN	Focal sclerosing glomerulonephritis	
FSH	Follicle stimulating hormone	
FT	Full term	
FTA	Failure to attend	
FTA (Abs)	Fluorescent treponemal antibody	
FT Ca	Fallopian tube cancer	
FTC	Emtricitabine	
FTD	Full term delivery	
FTG	Full thickness graft	
FTI	Free thyroxine index	
FTM	Fractional test meal / Female to male	
FTP	Failure to progress	
FTSG	Full thickness skin graft	
FTT	Failure to thrive	
F/U	Follow up	

FUB	Functional uterine bleeding	
FVC	Forced vital capacity (physio)	
FWB	Full weight bearing (physio)	
4WF	Four-wheeled frame	
Fx	Fracture	
<b>G</b>		
g	Gram	
G	Gravida - No. of pregnancies	
GA	General anaesthetic	
GAS	Goal Attainment Scale	
GAMP	General anaesthesia manipulation & plaster	
GANT	Gastrointestinal autonomic nerve tumour	
GB	Gallbladder	
GBPS	Gated blood pool scan	
GBS	Group B Streptococcus	
GC	Genetic counsellor	
GCMS	Gas chromatography mass spectrometry	
GCS	Glasgow coma scale	
GDM	Gestational diabetes mellitus	
GE	Gastroenteritis	
GFR	Glomerular filtration rate	
GFSH	Growth factor stimulating hormone	
GH	Growth hormone	
GHB	gamma-Hydroxybutyric	
G&H	Group and hold	
GHPS	Gated heart pool scan	
GI	Gastrointestinal	
GIB	Gastrointestinal bleeding	
GIDDM	Gestational insulin dependent diabetes mellitus	
GIFT	Gamete intrafallopian transfer	
GIH	Gastrointestinal haemorrhage	
GIST	Gastrointestinal stomal tumour	
GIT	Gastrointestinal tract	
g/l	Grams per litre	
GM	Grand mal (epilepsy)	
GMFCS	Gross Motor Function Classification Scale (physio)	
GN	Glomerulonephritis	
GNC	General nursing care (mental health)	
GNID	Gram negative intracellular diplococci	
GOLD	Genetics of learning disability	
GORD	Gastroesophageal reflux disease	
GP	General practitioner	
GPI	General paralysis of the insane	
Gr 1	Grade 1 (etc..)	
GRF	Ground reaction force (physio)	
GRH	Growth releasing hormone	
GSH	Group, screen and hold	
GSW	Gunshot wound	
GT	Genetic testing	
GTNC+D	General treatment, nails cut and drilled (podiatry)	
GTNC+F	General treatment, nails cut and filed (podiatry)	
GTT	Glucose tolerance test	
GU	Gastric ulcer	



GUS	Genitourinary system	
GUT	Genitourinary tract	
GVHD	Graft versus host disease	
G&XM	Group and cross match	
Gx/Py	Gravida x (number of pregnancies / Para y (number of live births)	
Gyn.	Gynaecology	
<b>H</b>		
H	High	
	Huff (physio)	
HACC	Home and Community Care	
HAD	Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (physio)	
HALC	HIV/AIDS Legal Centre	
Hall.	Hallux (podiatry)	
HASA	Health and Security Assistant (mental health)	
HASI	Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (mental health)	
HAV	Hallux adducto valgus (podiatry)	
Hb	Haemoglobin	
HB	Heart block	
1 <sup>st</sup> HB	First degree heart block	
HbA1C	Glycosylated haemoglobin	
HBB	Hand behind back (physio)	
HBC	Hereditary breast cancer	
HBcAg	Hepatitis B core antigen	
HBC	Viral Hepatitis B	
HBCR	Hereditary bowel cancer register	
HBH	Hand behind head (physio)	
HBIG	Hepatitis B Immunoglobulin	
HBO	Hyperbaric oxygenation	
HBOC	Hereditary breast and ovarian cancer	
HBsAg	Hepatitis B surface antigen	
H'box	Headbox	
HBV	Hepatitis B Virus	
H&C	Huff and cough (physio)	
HC	Head circumference	
H/C	Hot/cold (physio)	
HCA	Health Care Agency (mental health)	
HCC	Hereditary cancer clinic	
HCCC	Health Care Complaints Commission (mental health)	
HCIS	Health Care Interpreter Service (mental health)	
hCG	Human chorionic gonadotropin	
Hct	Haematocrit	
HCV	Hepatitis C virus	
HCVD	Hypertensive cardiovascular disease	
HCW	Health care worker	
HD	Haemodialysis	
	Huntington disease	
H/D	Heloma durum (podiatry)	
HDL	High density lipoprotein	
HDT	Head down tilt (physio)	
HDU	High Dependency Unit	

HDV	Hepatitis D virus	
HE	High energy	
HEEADSSS	Home environment, Education and employment, Eating, peer-related Activities, Drugs, Sexuality, Suicide/Depression, and Safety from injury and violence	
HEHP	High energy high protein (dietetics)	
HEN	Home enteral nutrition	
HEP	Home exercise program (physio)	
Hep A, B, C	Hepatitis A, B, C etc..	
HER2	Human epidermal growth factor receptor 2	
HGH	Human growth hormone	
HGr	High grade	
HGS	High grade serous	
HH	Hiatus hernia	
HHFNC	humidified high flow nasal cannula	
HSH	Hand held shower hose (occ therapy)	
HHT	Hereditary haemorrhagic telangiectasia	
HI	Head injury	
HIB	Haemophilus Influenzae type B	
HIDA	Hepatobiliary iminodiacetic acid (scan)	
HIE	Hypoxic ischaemic encephalopathy	
HIFUS	High intensity focused ultrasound	
HIMAT	high-level mobility assessment tool	
Hist.	Histology	
HITH	Hospital in The home	
HITS	Heparin-induced thrombotic syndrome	
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus	
HIVD	Herniated intervertebral disc	
HK	Hyperkeratosis callous (podiatry)	
H/K	Hawkins Kennedy (impingement test) (physio)	
HLC	High level care	
HLSA	High ligation stripping avulsion	
HLT	Heart/lung transplant	
HMD	Hyaline membrane disease	
H/molle	Heloma molle (podiatry)	
HNPPC	Hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer	
HNPM	Has not passed meconium	
HNPU	Has not passed urine	
HNSW	Housing NSW	
H/O, HO	History of	
H2O	Water	
HOCM	Hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy	
HONK	Hyperosmolar nonketotic coma	
HP	High protein	
	Hyperplastic polyp	
HPC	History of present condition	
HPF	High power field	
HPFH	Hereditary persistence of foetal haemoglobin	
HPI	History of present illness	
HPO	Hypertrophic pulmonary osteopathy	
	Health Promotion Officer/ Hematopoietic progenitor cell	
HPU	Has passed urine	

HPV	Human papilloma virus	
HPVD	Hypertensive pulmonary vascular disease	
HR	Heart rate	
H-R	Hamilton Russell (traction)	
H/R	Hold relax (physio)	
HRC	High risk clinic	
HRT	Hormone replacement therapy	
HS	Heart sounds	
H Sit.	High sitting (physio)	
HSV	Herpes simplex virus	
Ht	Height	
H/T	Hypertension	
HTLV	Human T-cell lymphotropic virus	
HTN	Hypertension	
HTO	High tibial osteotomy	
HUS	Haemolytic uraemic syndrome	
HV	Home visit	
HVS	High vaginal swab	
HWR	Healthy weight range (dietetics)	
Hx	History	
Hypo	Hypoglycaemia	
Hz	Hertz	
HZV	Herpes zoster virus	
<b>I</b>		
(I)	Independent	
I <sup>131</sup>	Iodine - 131, radioiodine	
IABCP	Intra-aortic balloon counterpulsator– never used, IABP instead	
I	Insertive (sexual intercourse)	
IABP	Intra-aortic balloon pump	
IADH	Inappropriate antidiuretic hormone	
IASD	Interatrial septal defect	
IBD	Inflammatory bowel disease	
IBS	Irritable bowel syndrome	
IC	Informed consent (physio)	
I/C	In Charge	
IC¥	Informed consent obtained (physio)	
ICA	Internal carotid artery	
ICB	Intracerebral bleed	
ICC	Intercostal catheter	
ICCE	Intracapsular cataract extraction	
ICCS	Intercellular cement substance	
ICD	Intercostal drain/implantable cardioverter defibrillator	
	Implantable cardioverter defibrillator	
ICE	Iridocorneal endothelial (syndrome)	
IC-EC	Intracranial to Extracranial (vascular bypass)	
ICF	Intravascular coagulation-fibrinolysis (syndrome)	
ICP	Intracranial pressure	
ICS	Intercostal space	
ICSI	Intracytoplasmic sperm injection	
ICU	Intensive Care Unit	
ID	Identification (bands on babies) (obstetrics)	

I & D	Incision and drainage	
IDC	Indwelling catheter	
	Infiltrating ductal carcinoma	
IDM	Infant of diabetic mother	
IDS	Interdigital space (podiatry)	
IDU	Injecting drug use	
IDW	Interdigital wedge (podiatry)	
IE	Inspiratory:expiratory (ratio) (physio)	
IEC	Intraepithelial carcinoma	
IEPC	Immuno-electrophoresis	
IF	Immunofluorescence	
	Injury factor	
IFT	Interferential therapy (physio)	
Ig	Immunoglobulin	
IG	Intragastric	
IGF	Insulin-like growth factor	
IgG	Immunoglobulin G	
IGR	Impaired glucose regulation	
IGTN	Ingrown toenail	
IH	Incisional hernia	
IHC	Immunohistochemistry	
IHD	Ischaemic heart disease	
IHSS	Idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis	
II	Image intensifier	
IIMS	Incident Information Management System	
IJV	Internal jugular vein	
ILC	Infiltrating lobular carcinoma	
IM; I/M	Intramuscular	
IMA	Internal mammary artery	
IMB	Intermenstrual bleeding	
IMC	Incomplete miscarriage	
IMI	Intramuscular injection	
IMT	Isometric muscle testing (physio)	
IMV	Intermittent mandatory ventilation	
In situ	In position	
IN-I/N	intranasal	
Inf.	Inferior	
inj.	Injection	
INR	International normalised ratio	
Insp.	Inspiratory (physio)	
Int.	Internal (physio)	
Inv.	Inversion (physio)	
I/O	Insertion of	
IO	Intraosseous	
IOC	Intraoperative cholangiogram	
IODM	Infant of diabetic mother	
IOL	Induction of labour	
IOP	Intraocular pressure	
IP	Inpatient	
IPD	Intermittent peritoneal dialysis	
IPF	Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (physio)	
IPH	Intrapartum haemorrhage	
IPJ	Interphalangeal joint	

IPMA	Interpersonal Prevention and Management of Aggression (mental health)	
IPOP	Integrated Patient Optimisation Program	
IPPB	Intermittent positive pressure breathing (physio)	
IPPR	Intermittent positive pressure respiration	
IPPV	Intermittent positive pressure ventilation (physio)	
ipsilat	Ipsilateral	
IQ	Intelligence quotient	
I&R	Intake and review	
IR	Internal rotation (physio)	
IR	Interventional Radiology	
IRDS	Infant respiratory distress syndrome	
IRMA	Intraretinal microvascular abnormalities	
IRPF	Idiopathic retroperitoneal fibrosis	
IRQ	Inner range quadriceps (physio)	
IRV	Inspiratory reserve volume	
ISADH	Inappropriate secretion of anti-diuretic hormone	
ISBAR	Identify, Situation, Background, Assessment, and Recommendation	
ISC	Intermittent self-catheterisation	
isq	Condition unchanged (in status quo)	
IST	Infraspinatus tendon (physio)	
ISWT	Incremental Shuttle Walk Test (physio)	
I/T	Intermittent (physio)	
I/T C Tx	Intermittent cervical traction (physio)	
I/T L Tx	Intermittent lumbar traction (physio)	
ITP	Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura	
IUCD	Intrauterine contraceptive device	
IUD	Intrauterine death	
IUFD	Intrauterine foetal death	
IUGR	Intrauterine growth retardation	
IUP	Intrauterine pregnancy	
IV	Intravenous	
I/V	Interview	
IVC	Inferior vena cava/intravenous cannula	
IVD	Intervertebral disc	
IVDA	Intravenous drug abuse(remove)– usually iVDU (IV drug user)	
IVF	In-vitro fertilisation/ IV Fluids	
IVH	Intraventricular haemorrhage	
IVI	Intravenous injection	
IVP	Intravenous pyelogram	
IVSD	Interventricular septal defect	
IVT	Intravenous therapy	
IVUS	Intravascular ultrasound	
IWT	Impacted wisdom teeth	
Ix	Investigation	
<b>J</b>		
JCA	Juvenile chronic arthritis	
JDM	Juvenile diabetes mellitus	
JFM	Jewish founder mutation	
JGOS	Joint guarantee of Service (mental health)	

jj	jaw jerks	
JJ	Jejunostomy (dietetics)	
JMO	Junior medical officer	
JO	Juvenile onset (mental health)	
JPS	Juvenile polyposis syndrome	
JRA	Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis	
Jt.	Joint (physio)	
JVP	Jugular venous pressure	
JVPNE	Jugular venous pressure not elevated	
JVPCR	Jugular venous pressure not raised or JVPNE (not elevated)	
<b>K</b>		
K+	Potassium	
kCal	KiloCalories	
kg	Kilogram	
kj	knee jerks	
	Kilojoules	
Kl	Kilolitre	
K10L3D	Kessler psychological distress scale – Last 3 days	
K10LM	Kessler psychological distress scale – Last month	
Km	Kilometre	
KMP	Known male partner (casual)	
KR/KF	Kiellands rotation/Kiellands forceps	
KR	Kiellands rotation	
KRC	Kirketon Road Centre	
KS	Kaposi's sarcoma	
KPF	Known female partner	
KUB	Kidney, ureters, and bladder	
K Wire	Kirschner wire	
<b>L</b>		
L 1-5	Lumbar vertebrae 1-5	
L	Litre	
	Left	
LA	Local anaesthetic	
Lab	Laboratory	
LAD	Left axis deviation/left anterior descending (artery)	
	Left anterior descending	
LAFG	Long arm fibreglass (cast) (physio)	
LAHB	Left anterior hemiblock	
LAMP	Local anaesthesia, manipulation & plaster	
Lap.	Laparoscopy	
LAPI	Lacey Assessment of Preterm Infants (physio)	
LAPOP	Long arm plaster of paris (physio)	
LARC	Long-acting reversible contraceptives	
LASIK	Laser-Assisted In-Situ Keratomileusis	
LSI	Last sexual intercourse	
Lat.	Lateral (physio)	
LAV	Lymphadenopathy-associated virus	
LBBB	Left bundle branch block	
LBD	Left border dullness	
LBE	Lateral basal expansion (physio)	

LBP	Low back pain (physio)	
LBW	Low birth weight	
LC	Lactation Consultant	
LCA	Left coronary artery	
LCCA	Left common carotid artery/angiogram	
LCCS	Low cervical caesarean section	
LCIS	Lobular carcinoma in situ	
LCL	Lateral collateral ligament (physio)	
LCM	Left costal margin	
LCQ	Living in the Community Questionnaire	
LCx	Left circumflex	
LDDD	Lumbar degenerative disc disorder	
LDL	Low-Density-Lipoprotein type	
LEEP	Loop electrosurgery excision procedure	
LF	Liver failure	
LFA	Left femoral artery	
LFH	Left femoral hernia	
LFS	Li-Fraumeni syndrome	
LFTs	Liver function tests	
LGA	Large for gestational age	
LGr	Low grade	
LGV	Lymphogranuloma venereum	
LH	Luteinising hormone	
LHF	Left heart failure	
LICS	Left intercostal space	
LIF	Left iliac fossa	
ligs.	Ligaments (physio)	
LIH	Left inguinal hernia	
LIMA	Left internal mammary artery	
Liq.	Liquid	
LIQ	Lower inner quadrant (breast)	
LL	Lower lobe/ Lower limb	
LLB	Lower limb brace	
LLETZ	Large loop excision transformation zone	
LLFG	Long leg fibreglass (cast) (physio)	
LLL	Left lower lobe (lung)	
LLPOP	Long leg plaster of Paris (physio)	
LLQ	Left lower quadrant	
LMA	Laryngeal mask airway	
LMB	Left main bronchus	
LMCA	Left main coronary artery	
LML	Left middle lobe (lung)	
LMND	Lower motor neurone disease	
LMO	Local medical officer	
LMP	Last menstrual period	
LMTC	Left message to call	
L/N	Lymph node	
LN <sub>2</sub>	Liquid Nitrogen	
LNB	Lymph node biopsy	
LNMP	Last normal menstrual period	
LOA	Left occipito-anterior	
LOC	Loss of consciousness/level of consciousness	
LOL	Left occipito-lateral	
LOP	Left occipito-posterior	



LOQ	Lower outer quadrant (breast)	
LOS	Length of stay	
LOT	Left occipito-transverse	
LOW	Loss of weight	
LP	Lumbar puncture	
LRQ	Lower right quadrant	
LPU	Last passed urine	
LRTI	Lower respiratory tract infection	
LS	Lumbosacral	
L/S	Lecithin/sphingomyelin (ratio)	
LSCL	Long subclavian line	
LSCP	Left scapuloposterior	
LSCS	Low segment caesarean section	
LSE	Left sternal edge	
LSO	Left salpingo-oophorectomy	
LSP	Left sacro posterior	
l/sulcus	Lateral sulcus (podiatry)	
LSV	Left saphenous vein	
LTHR	Left total hip replacement	
LTM	Long term memory (mental health)	
LTS	Lateral tarsal strip	
LU	Last Use	
Lube	lubricant	
LUL	Left upper lobe (lung)	
LUDT	Left undescended testicle	
LUQ	Left upper quadrant	
LUSCS	Lower uterine segment caesarean section	
LV	Left ventricle	
LVAD	Left ventricular assistance device	
LVD	Left ventricular dysfunction	
LVEDP	Left ventricular end-diastolic pressure	
LVF	Left ventricular failure	
LVH	Left ventricular hypertrophy	
LVS	Low vaginal swab	
LVT	Left ventricular tachycardia	
lymphs	Lymphocytes	
LZ	Lower zone (physio)	
<b>M</b>		
6MWT	6 Minute Walk Test	
M	Metre	
M1	Mitral valve, first sound	
M2	Mitral valve, second sound	
MA	Maternal aunt	
MAC	Mycobacterium avium complex	
MACE	Malone antegrade continence enema	
MAI	Mycobacterium avium-intracellulare (infection)	
MALT	Mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue	
mane	In the morning	
MAOI	Monoamine oxidase inhibitors (mental health)	
MAP	Mean airway pressure/mean arterial pressure	
	MutYH (MYH) associated polyposis	
MAR	Medication Administration Record	
MAS	Motor assessment scale (physio)	

MAST	Military anti-shock trousers	
	Mastectomy	
Mat	Maternal	
Max.	Maximum (physio)	
MBA	Motor bike accident	
MBC	Male breast cancer	
MBD	Minimal brain dysfunction	
MBS	Modified barium swallow (speech path)	
MC	Miscarriage	
MCA	Middle cerebral artery	
MCDA	Monochorionic Diamniotic	
MCG	Micturating cystogram	
MCH	Mean corpuscular haemoglobin	
MCHC	Mean corpuscular haemoglobin concentration	
MCL	Mid-clavicular line	
MCLS	Mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome	
MCMA	Monochorionic Diamniotic	
MCP	Metacarpophalangeal (physio)	
MCS	Microscopy, culture and sensitivity	
MCV	Mean corpuscular volume	1
MCV	molluscum contagiosum virus	2
MD	Muscular dystrophy	
MDD	Major depressive disorder (mental health)	
MDI	Metered dose inhaler	
MDM	Mid-diastolic murmur	
MDMA	Methylenedioxymethamphetamine	
MDP	Manic depressive psychosis	
MDR-TB	Multidrug-resistant tuberculosis	
MDS	Myelodysplastic syndrome	
MDT	Multidisciplinary team meeting	
ME	Myalgic encephalitis	
Mec.	Meconium	
Mec liq	Meconium liquor	
Meds	Medications	
Med.	Medial (physio)	
MED	Minimal erythema dose	
MELAS	episodes	
MEN	Multiple endocrine neoplasia	
Meq.	Milli-equivalents	
METS; Mets	Metastatic	
MFC	Medial femoral condyle	
MFD	Mid forceps delivery	
MFM	Maternal Fetal Medicine	
Mg	Magnesium	
mg	Milligram	
MG	Mycoplasma genitalium	
MGA	Manipulation under general anaesthetic	
	Maternal great aunt	
Mgen	mycoplasma genitalium	
MGF	Maternal grandfather	
MGM	Maternal grandmother	
MGP	Midwifery Group Practice	
MGTT	Modified glucose tolerance test	

MGUS	Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance	
MH	Mental health (mental health)	
MHA	Mental Health Act (mental health)	
MHAHS	Multicultural HIV and Hepatitis Service	
MHDAO	Mental health and Drug and Alcohol Office (mental health)	
MHI	Manual hyperinflation (physio)	
MHOAT	Mental Health Outcome Assessment Tool (mental health)	
MHRT	Mental health review tribunal (mental health)	
MHT	Mental health team	
Mhz	Megahertz (physio)	
MI	Myocardial infarction	
MID	Multi-infarct dementia	
MIMS	Monthly index of medical specialities	
min.	Minimum (physio)	
mL	Millilitre	
ML	Middle lobe (lung)	
MLB	Monaural loudness balance (hearing test)	
MLD	Masking level difference (hearing test)	
MLH1	mutL homolog 2 gene	
mm	Millimetre	
MM	Multiple Myeloma	
MMG	Mammogram	
mmHg	Millimetres of mercury	
MMK	Marshall-Marchetti-Krantz operation	
mmol	millimole	
MMP	Medication management plan	
MMR	Measles-mumps-rubella (vaccine)	
	Mismatch repair (genes)	
MMSE	Mini mental state examination	
MMT	Manual muscle testing (physio)	
MND	Motor neurone disease	
MNG	Multinodular goitre	
MO	Medical officer	
	Medical oncology	
Mob.	Mobilise (physio)	
MOCA	Montreal cognitive assessment	
Mod.	Moderate	
MOD	Mature onset diabetes	
mods.	Modifications (occ therapy)	
MODY	Maturity-onset diabetes of the young	
MOW	Meals on wheels	
m/p	Medial plantar (podiatry)	
MP1	Mallampati 1 (a score for mouth opening in anaesthesia, 1-4 grades)	
MPD	Mucopurulent discharge	
MPNST	Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumour	
MPS	Myocardial perfusion scan/study	
MPV	Mean platelet volume	
MR	Mitral regurgitation	
	Mental retardation	

MRA	Magnetic resonance angiography	
MRCP	Magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography	
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging	
MRN	Medical record number	
MROP	Manual removal of placenta	
MRP	Motor relearning programme (occ therapy)	
MRSA	Methicillin/Multiple resistant staphylococcus aureus	
MS	Mitral stenosis	
	Multiple sclerosis	
MSA	Mammary specific antigen	
MSE	Mental state examination (mental health)	
MSH2	mutS homolog 2 gene	
MSH6	mutS homolog 6 gene	
MSHC	Melbourne Sexual Health Centre	
MSI	Microsatellite instability testing	
MSL	Meconium stained liquor	
MSLT	Multiple sleep latency test	
MSM	Men who have sex with men	
MST	Malnutrition screening tool	
MSU	Mid stream urine	
m/sulcus	Medial sulcus (podiatry)	
MTD	Muscle tension dysphonia	
MTF	Male to Female	
Mths	Months	
MTP	Metatarsophalangeal (physio) (podiatry)	
MUA	Manipulation under anaesthetic	
MULE	Multiple upper limb exerciser	
Multip.	Multipara = more than one live birth	
Mut mast/ MM	Mutual masturbation	
MutYH	mutY homolog gene	
MV	Mechanical ventilation/mitral valve	
MVA	Motor vehicle accident	
MVD	Mitral valve disease	
MVP	Mitral valve prolapse	
MVR	Mitral valve replacement	
movt.	Movement (physio)	
MW	Mallory-Weiss (syndrome)	
MWC	Manual wheelchair	
Mx	Management	
Myco.	Mycobacterium	
MYH	Mut Y homologous (gene)	
MZ	Middle/mid zone	
<b>N</b>		
N	Normal	
Na	Sodium	
NAAT	Nucleic Acid Amplification Test	
NAD	No abnormality detected	
NAFLD	Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease	
NAM	Nutrition as medication	
NANB	Non-A/Non-B (viral hepatitis)	
NAT	Non Accidental Trauma	

NASH	Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis	
NB	Newborn	
NBAC	Next Birth After Caesarean	
NBCCS	Nevoid basal cell carcinoma syndrome	
NBF	Neville Barnes forceps (low)	
NBM	Nil by mouth	
NBST	Newborn screening test	
NCV	Nerve conduction study	
NCAT	National Civil and Administrative Tribunal	
NCS	Nerve Conduction Study	
N/D	Normal delivery	
NDIA	National Disability Insurance Agency	
NDIS	National Disability Insurance Scheme	
NE	Not engaged– Nurse Educator	
N/E	No effect (physio)	
Neb.	Nebuliser/nebulised	
NEC	Necrotising enterocolitis	
Neg.	Negative	
NESB	Non English-speaking background	
NET	Neuroendocrine tumours	
NETS	NSW newborn & paediatric Emergency Transport Service	
NF1	Neurofibromatosis type 1 / neurofibromin gene	
NF2	Neurofibromatosis type 2 / neurofibromin gene	
NFA	No fixed address	
NFO	No further orders	
NFR	Not for resuscitation	
N/G	Nasogastric	
NG	neisseria gonorrhoea	
NGO	Non-government organisation (mental health)	
NGT	Nasogastric tube	
NGU	Nongonococcal urethritis	
NH	Nursing home	
NHL	Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	
NHT	Nursing home type	
NIBP	Non-invasive blood pressure	
NICU	Neonatal intensive care unit	
NIEL	Not in established labour	
NIHSS	National Institute of Health Stroke Scale (physio)	
NIMV	Non invasive mask ventilation	
NIV	Non-invasive ventilation	
9-HPT	Nine-Hole Peg Test (physio)	
NIPS/T	Non-invasive prenatal screening / testing	
NIPV	Non invasive pressure ventilation	
NJ	Nasojejunal (dietetics)	
NK	Nil known; not known	
NKA	No known allergies	
NKDA	No known drug allergies	
NLE	Neonatal lupus erythematosus	
NMP	Normal menstrual period	
NMS	Neuroleptic malignant syndrome	
NMRI	Nuclear magnetic resonance imaging	
NND	Neonatal death	
NOAC	Newer/novel oral anticoagulants	

NOAD	No other abnormality detected	
Nocte	At night	
NOF	Neck of femur	
NOH	Neck of humerus	
NOK	Next of kin	
NOLD	No osseous lesion detected	
NOS	Not otherwise specified	
NP	Non productive (physio) )/nasal prong	
	Nasal prongs	
NP	Nurse Practitioner	
NPA	Nasopharyngeal airway	
NPEP	Non-occupational post exposure prophylaxis	
NPO2	Nasal prong oxygen	
npu	Not passed urine	
NPpsych/NΨ	Neuropsychologist	
NPWT	Negative-pressure wound therapy	
NR	Normal range	
NRB	Non rebreather (mask)	
N/S	Normal saline, nursing staff	n.b. not to be used when prescribing
NS	Nuclear sclerosis (cataract)	
NSP	Needle & syringe program	
NSAID	Non steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs	
NSC	Non-sterile cataract	
NSCLC	Non small cell lung cancer/carcinoma	
NSMDA	Neurosensory Motor Developmental Assessment (physio)	
NSR	Normal sinus rhythm	
NSU	Non-specific urethritis	
NSTEMI	Non ST elevation myocardial infarction	
NT	Nuchal translucency	
NUM	Nurse unit manager	
N&V	Nausea and vomiting	
NWB	Non weight bearing	
<b>O</b>		
O2	Oxygen	
O:	Objective (physio)	
OA	Occipito-anterior (L or R) /osteoarthritis	
	Osteoarthritis	
O/A	On admission; on arrival	
OB	Obstetrics	
Obs.	Observations (physio)	
OBS	Organic brain syndrome	
O/C	Onychocryptosis (podiatry)	
OCD	Osteochondritis dissecans	
	Obsessive compulsive disorder	
OCP	Oral contraceptive pill	
O/C/P	Ova/cysts/parasites	
OCT	Optical coherence tomography	
O/D	Overdose	
O/E	On examination	
OFD	Orofaciodigital (syndrome)	

OG	Orogastric	
O/G	Onychogryphosis (podiatry)	
O&G	Obstetrics and Gynaecology	
OGD	Oesophagogastroduodenoscopy	
OGTT	Oral glucose tolerance test	
OHI	Oral hygiene instruction	
OHS	Obesity hypoventilation syndrome	
OH&S	Occupational health and safety	
OI	Osteogenesis imperfecta	
Oint	Ointment	
OJ	Other joints (physio)	
OM	Otitis media	
	Obtuse marginal	
O/M	Onychomycosis (podiatry)	
OMS	Ontario Modify Stratify (falls risk screening tool)/ Opsoclonus-myoclonus syndrome	
O/N	Overnight	
ONC	Oncology	
ONS	Oral nutrition support	
OOHC	Out Of Home Care	
OOHC HPP	Out of Home Care Health Pathway Program	
OP	Operation/outpatient/osteoporosis	
	Osteoporosis	
	Outpatient	
OPC	Office of the Protective Commissioner (mental health)	
OPD	Outpatients Department	
OPG	Orthopantomography	
Ophth.	Ophthalmology	
O/R; OR	Open reduction / Operating Room	
ORIF	Open reduction with internal fixation	
ORQ	Outer range quadriceps (physio)	
ORTHIN	Overdose Response with Take Home Naloxone (intervention)	
Ortho.	Orthopaedics	
OSA	Obstructive sleep apnoea	
O2 Sats	Oxygen saturation	
OSHS	Obstructive sleep hypopnoea syndrome	
OSI	oral sexual intercourse	
OST	Opioid Substitution Therapy	
OT	Occipitotransverse/operating theatre/occupational therapist	
	Occupational therapy	
OTA	Over toilet aid (occ therapy)	
OTP	Opioid Treatment Program	
Outs	Outfractures	
OTC	Over the counter	
Ov Ca	Ovarian cancer	
<b>P</b>		
P:	Plan (physio)	
P1, P2	Pulmonary valve, first sound or second sound	



PA	Per axilla	
PAC	Premature atrial contractions/pressure area care	
	Pressure area care / Pre admission clinic	
PACE	Promoting aphasic's communicative effectiveness (speech path)	
	Patient with acute condition requiring escalation	
PACU	Post anaesthesia care unit	
PADL	Personal activities of daily living (occ therapy)	
PADP	Program of Aids for Disabled People (occ therapy)	
Paed	Paediatrics	
PAF	Paroxysmal atrial fibrillation	
PAINAD	Pain assessment in Advanced Demntia	
Pall Care	Palliative care	
palp.	Palpitations (physio)	
PAMS	Passive accessory movements (physio)	
PAIVMS	Passive accessory intervertebral movements (physio)	
PAN	Polyarteritis nodosa	
PAP	Primary atypical pneumonia	
PAPP-A	Pregnancy-associated plasma protein A	
Pap smear	Papanicolaou smear test	
Para	Paraplegic	
PARPi	PARP inhibitor, polyadenosine ribopolymerase inhibitor	
pass.	Passive (physio)	
pat.	Patella (physio)	
	Paternal	
PAT	Paroxysmal atrial tachycardia	
PBC	Primary biliary cirrhosis	
P/c	Phone call	
pc	Presenting complaint (physio)	
PC	Packed cells	
PCA	Patient controlled analgesia	
PCB	Post-coital bleeding	
PCI	Percutaneous coronary intervention	
PCK	Polycystic kidney	
PCL	Posterior cruciate ligament (physio)	
pCO2	Partial pressure of Carbon Dioxide	
PCOD	Polycystic ovary disease	
PCOS	Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome	
PCP	Phencyclidine (use/intoxication)	
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction	
PCT	Porphyria cutanea tarda	
PCTA	Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty	
PCV	Packed cell volume	
PD	Peritoneal dialysis	
PDA	Patent ductus arteriosus	
	Posterior descending artery	
PDPT	patient delivered partner therapy	
PDU	Patient discharge lounge	
PDL	Patient discharge lounge	
PDMS	Peabody Developmental Motor Scale (physio)	
PDx	Provisional diagnosis	

	Principal Diagnosis	
PE	Physical examination	
	Pleural effusion	
	Pulmonary embolism	
PEARL	Pupils equal and reacting to light	
PECCRLA	Pupils equal, concentric, circular, reacting to light and accommodation	
PEDI	Paediatric Evaluation of Disability Inventory (physio)	
PEEP	Positive end expiratory pressure (physio)	
PEFR	Peak expiratory flow rate (physio)	
PEG	Percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy	
PEJ	Percutaneous endoscopic jejunostomy	
PENS	Percutaneous electrical nerve stimulator	
PEO	Protective Estates Order (mental health)	
PEP	Post-exposure prophylaxis	
perc	Percussion (physio) /percutaneous	
pess	Pessary	
PET	Pre-eclamptic toxemia/positron emitted tomography	
PF	Patellofemoral (physio)	
PFCKR	Patellofemoral compartment knee replacement	
PFO	Patent foramen ovale	
PFR	Peak flow rate	
PFT	Pulmonary function test	
PFx	Pelvic floor exercises (physio)	
PGD	Preimplantation genetic diagnosis	
PGF	Paternal grandfather	
PGH	Pituitary growth hormone	
PGL	Persistent generalised lymphadenopathy	
PGM	Paternal grandmother	
PG-SGA	Patient guided subjective global assessment	
PHx	Past history	
PHT	Pulmonary hypertension	
PHx	Past / personal / Patient history	
PI	Prothrombin index	
PICA	Posterior inferior cerebral artery	
PICC	Peripherally inserted central catheter	
PiCCO	Pulse contour cardiac output	
PID	Pelvic inflammatory disease	
PIE	Pulmonary infiltration with eosinophilia	
PIH	Pregnancy induced hypertension	
PIN	Prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia	
PIP	Proximal interphalangeal (joint) )- Peak Inspiratory pressure	
PITP	Powered inferior turbinoplasty	
PIVC	peripheral intravenous catheter/cannula or IVC – intravenous catheter/cannula	
PIVD	Prolapsed intervertebral disc	
PJP	Pneumocystis jirovecii pneumonia	
PJS	Peutz-Jeghers syndrome	
PKB	Prone knee bend	
PKD	Polycystic kidney disease	
PKU	Phenylketonuria	
Plt	platelets	
PM	Post mortem	

PMA	Plantar metatarsal area (podiatry)	
PMB	Post menopausal bleeding	
PMH	Past medical history	
PMN/ Polys	Polymorphs on gram	
PMP	Plantar metatarsal pad (podiatry)	
PMR	Polymyalgia rheumatica	
PMS	Premenstrual syndrome	
PMS2	PMS1 homolog 2 gene	
PMT	Premenstrual tension	
P/N	Postnatal	
PN	Percussion note	1
PN	Partner Notification	2
PNB	Prostate needle biopsy	
PNC	Post natal clinic	
PND	Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnoea	
	Prenatal diagnosis	
PNET	Primitive neuroectodermal tumour	
PNF	Passive neck flexion (physio)	
PNH	Paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria	
PNLA	Percutaneous needle lung aspiration	
PNMH	Perinatal Mental Health	
PNS	Peripheral nervous system	
PNT	Pancreatic neuroendocrine tumour	
PNX	Pneumonia	
pO2	Concentration of oxygen in solution	
p/o	Productive of (physio)	
PO	By mouth, orally	
POA	Power of attorney	
PO4	Phosphate	
POBA	Plain old balloon angioplasty (internationally accepted cardiology abbreviation)	
POC	Products of conception/ Point Of care	
POCT	point of care testing	
POD	Pouch of Douglas	
Podo	Podophyllin/ podophyllotoxin	
POF	Premature ovarian failure syndrome	
POH	Poor Obstetric History	
POI	Primary ovarian insufficiency	
POP	Persistent occipito-posterior	
	Progestogen only pill	
POW	Prisoner of War/prince of wales	
Pos.	Positive	
Post.	Posterior	
Post op	Post operatively	
PP	Pin prick	
P&P	Pin and plate	
PP Ca	Primary peritoneal cancer	
PPE	Personal protective equipment	
PPH	Post partum haemorrhage	
PPHN	Persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn	
PPI	Proton pump inhibitor	
PPIVM	Passive physiological intervertebral movements (physio)	
PPM	Permanent pacemaker	

PPN	Peripheral parenteral nutrition	
pPNET	Peripheral primitive neuroectodermal tumour	
PRAFAB	“Protection, Amount, Frequency, Adjustment, Body Image” – used in note PRAFAB Continence Questionnaire	
PPROM	Preterm premature rupture of membranes	
PPU	Perforated peptic ulcer	
PR	Per rectum/paced rhythm	
	Progesterone receptor	
Pre med	Pre medication	
Pre-op	Pre operatively	
Prep	Preparation (mental health)	
PrEP	(HIV) Pre-exposure prophylaxis	
PRFFNB	Percutaneous radiofrequency facet nerve block	
PRIND	Prolonged reversible ischaemic neurological deficit	
PRK	Photorefractive keratectomy	
prn	Whenever necessary/as required (pro re nata)	
prod.	Productive	
prog.	Prognosis (mental health)	
PROM	Premature rupture of membranes	
pron.	Pronation	
prot.	Protraction/protein	
	Protein	
pro tem	for now/in the short term	
prox.	Proximal	
PRVC	Pressure regulated volume control	
PS	Presenting symptoms	
	Pressure support	
P/S	Plantar surface (podiatry)	
PSA	Prostate-specific antigen	
PSC	Polar senile cataract	
PSCP	Psychosocial Care Plan	
PSD	Psychosocial Disability	
PSH; PSHx	Past surgical history	
PSI	Previous sexual intercourse	
PSP	Progressive supranuclear palsy	
PSV	Pressure support ventilation	
Pt	Patient	
P/T	Physiotherapy	
PTA	Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty	
PTA	Post-Traumatic Amnesia	
PTAV	Percutaneous transluminal aortic valvuloplasty	
PTB	Pulmonary tuberculosis	
PTC	Percutaneous transhepatic cholangiography	
PTCA	Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty	
PTCH1	Patched 1 gene	
PTD	Pre test discussion	
PTE	Pulmonary thromboemboli	
PTEN	Phosphatase and tensin homologous gene	
PTFL	Posterior tibiofibular ligament (physio)	
PTH	Parathyroid hormone	
PTK	Phototherapeutic keratectomy	
PTS	Pulled to sitting/pulled to standing (physio)	
PTSD	Post traumatic stress disorder	

pu	Passed urine	
PU	Peptic ulcer	
	Paternal uncle	
PUD	Peptic ulcer disease	
PUF	Pick-up frame (physio)	
PUIT	Passed urine in toilet	
PUJ	Pelvi-ureteric junction	
PUO	Pyrexia of unknown origin	
PUPP	Pruritic urticarial plaques of pregnancy	
PU/S	Pulsed ultrasound (physio)	
PUVA	Psoralen ultraviolet A (therapy)	
PV	Per vagina	
PVB	Per vagina bleeding	
PVC	Premature ventricular contraction	
PVD	Peripheral vascular disease	
PVE	Per vaginal examination	
PVS	Post-viral syndrome	
PWB	Partial weight-bearing (physio)	
PWC	Powered wheelchair	
PWD	Person with Disability	
<b>Q</b>		
QRP	Quick Response Unit	
qid	Four times a day	
quad.	Quadraplegia	
quads.	Quadriiceps	
QS	Quad stick (physio)	
<b>R</b>		
R	Receptive (sexual intercourse)	
	Right	
RA	Rheumatoid arthritis	
	Right atrium	
	Room air	
RAD	Right axis deviation	
RAEB	Refractory anaemia with excess blasts	
RAEB-T	Refractory anaemia with excess blasts in transformation	
RAF	Rapid atrial fibrillation	
RAH	Right atrial hypertrophy (on ECG)	
RAM	Rapid alternating movements (neurology)	
RARS	Refractory anaemia with ringed sideroblasts	
RAS	Renal artery stenosis	
RBBB	Right bundle branch block	
rbc	Red blood cell	
RBC	Red blood count	
RBD	Right border dullness	
RBG	Random blood glucose	
RBGL	Random blood glucose levels	
RC	Right circumflex	
RCA	Right coronary artery	
RCB	Relaxed controlled breathing	
RCC	Red cell count	
RCCA	Right common carotid angiogram/arteriogram	
RCM	Right costal margin	

RCV	Red cell volume	
RDS	Respiratory distress syndrome	
RDT	Routine dialysis therapy	
RDW	Red cell distribution width	
Re:	Regarding (mental health)	
Reg	regular	
REIL	Repeated extension in lying (physio)	
REIS	Repeated extension in sitting (physio)	
Rels.	Relatives	
REM	Rapid eye movement	
rep.	Repeated (physio)	
Resp.	Respiratory	
ret.	Retraction (physio)	
RF	Renal failure	
	Rollator frame – two wheels	
RFA	Right femoral artery/recommendation for admission (form)	
RFH	Right femoral hernia	
RFIL	Repeated flexion in lying (physio)	
RFIS	Repeated flexion in standing (physio)	
RFP	Right frontoposterior (obstetrics)	
	Regular female partner	
RFT	Right frontotransverse (obstetrics)	
RFTs	Respiratory function tests	
RGP	Retrograde pyelogram	
Rh -ve	Rhesus factor negative	
Rh +ve	Rhesus factor positive	
RHD	Rheumatic heart disease	
RHF	Right heart failure	
RHW	Royal Hospital for Women	
RIB	Reportable incident brief/ rest in bed	
	Rest in bed	
RICE	Rest, ice, compression, and elevation	
RICS	Right intercostal space	
RIF	Right iliac fossa	
RIH	Right inguinal hernia	
RIMA	Right internal mammary artery	
RIND	Reversible ischaemic neurologic deficit	
RIP	Raised intracranial pressure/ rest in peace	
RJ	Radial jerk	
R-J	Robert Jones (bandage)	
RK	Radial keratotomy	
RLF	Retrolental fibroplasia	
RLIQ	Right lower inner quadrant (breast)	
RLL	Right lower lid/ right lower lobe	
	Right lower lobe	
RLN	Recurrent laryngeal nerve	
RLOQ	Right lower outer quadrant (breast)	
RLQ	Right lower quadrant (abdomen)	
RM	Registered midwife	
RML	Right middle lobe (lung)	
RMO	Resident Medical Officer	
RMP	Regular male partner	
RN	Registered Nurse	



RNA	Ribonucleic acid	
R/O	Removal of	
RO	Radiation oncology	
ROA	Right occipito anterior (obstetrics)	
ROI	Release of information	
ROL	Right occipitolateral (obstetrics)	
ROM	Range of motion (physio)	
ROP	Right occipitoposterior (obstetrics)	
ROS	Removal of sutures	
ROSH	Risk of Significant Harm	
rot.	Rotation (physio)	
ROT	Right occipitotransverse (obstetrics)	
RPA	Royal Prince Alfred Hospital	
RPC	Retained products of conception	
RPF	Retroperitoneal fibrosis	
RPR	Rapid plasma reagin	
Rpt	Repeat	
RR	Respiratory rate	
RRM	Risk reducing mastectomy	
RRMed	Risk reducing medication	
RR(B/U)SO	Risk reducing (bilateral/unilateral) salpingo-oophorectomy	
RRT	Renal Replacement Therapy - used in note RRT RED ZONE	
RSA	Right sacro-anterior (obstetrics)	
RSCP	Right Scapuloposterior	
RSD	Reflex sympathetic dystrophy (now CRPS)	
RSI	Repetitive strain injury	
RSO	Right salpingo-oophorectomy	
RSP	Right sacroposterior (obstetrics)	
RST	Right sacrotransverse (obstetrics)	
RSV	Respiratory syncytial virus	
RSVB	Respiratory syncytial virus bronchiolitis	
RT; R/T; RTx	Radiotherapy	
RTA	Regular in time and amplitude	
RTB	Return to bed	
RTHR	Right total hip replacement	
RTI	Respiratory tract infection	
RTL	Reacting to light	
RTS	Raised toilet seat (occ therapy)	
RTU	Returned to unit	
RTW	Returned to ward	
RUDAS	Rowland Universal Dementia Assessment Scale	
RUIQ	Right upper inner quadrant (breast)	
RUL	Right upper lid/right upper lobe (lung)	
RUO	Right ureteric orifice	
RUOQ	Right upper outer quadrant (breast)	
RUQ	Right upper quadrant	
R/V	Review	
RV	Right ventricle	
	Retro verted (uterus)	
RVA	Right vertebral angiogram	
RVAD	Right ventricular assist device	
RVF	Right ventricular failure	



RVH	Right ventricular hypertrophy	
RVP	Right venous pressure	
RVT	Renal vein thrombosis	
Rx	Treatment/prescription	
RXT	Right exotropia	
<b>S</b>		
s	serum (as in s bilirubin)	
/s	without	
S1-5	Sacral vertebrae (1-5)	
S. aureus	Staphylococcus aureus	
Sab	Sabouraud agar	
SAFG	Short arm fibreglass (cast) (physio)	
SAH	Subarachnoid haemorrhage	
SAL	Sensorineural acuity level (test)	
SAPOP	Short arm plaster of paris (physio)	
SaO2	Saturation of arterial oxygen	
S/B	Seen by	
	Stillborn/stillbirth	
SBA	Standby assistance (occ therapy)	
SBE	Subacute bacterial endocarditis– no longer in use; replaced by IE – infective endocarditis	
SBO	Small bowel obstruction	
SBP	Systolic blood pressure	
SBR	Serum bilirubin	
	Strict bed rest	
S-B test	Stanford-Binet test	
SBT	Sharp/blunt test (occ therapy)	
SCA	Sickle cell anaemia	
SCAD	Spontaneous coronary artery dissection	
scap.	Scapula (physio)	
SCC	Squamous cell carcinoma	
	Sudden cardiac death	
SCH	Subconjunctival haemorrhage	
SCI	Subcutaneous injection	
SCID	Severe combined immunodeficiency disease	
SCI MH-OAT	Service Contact Info. Mental Health Outcome & Assessment Tools (MH)	
SCLC	Small cell lung cancer	
SCN	Special Care Nursery	
SCTx	Static cervical traction	
SCTAT	Sex cord tumour with annular tubules (of the ovary)	
SDAT	Senile dementia Alzheimer's type (mental health)	
SDH	Subdural haemorrhage/haematoma	
SDHA	Succinate dehydrogenase A complex gene	
SDHAF2	Succinate dehydrogenase AF2 complex gene	
SDHB	Succinate dehydrogenase B complex gene	
SDHC	Succinate dehydrogenase C complex gene	
SDHD	Succinate dehydrogenase D complex gene	
SDT	Speech detection threshold	
S/E	Subjective examination (physio)	
SEM	Systolic ejection murmur	
sens.	Sensation (physio)	
SFA	Superficial femoral artery	

SFD	Small for dates	
SFGA	Small for gestational age	
SFL/R	Side flexion left/right (physio)	
SG	Specific gravity	
SGA	Small for gestational age	
	Subjective global assessment	
SGC	Senior genetic counsellor	
SGIS	Side glide in standing (physio)	
Sh.	Shoulder (physio)	
SH; SHx	Social history/ Self harm/ Sexual Health	
SHIL	Sexual health info link	
SHL	Sudden hearing loss	
SI	Stress incontinence/ Self Injury	
	Sexual intercourse	
SIADH	Syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone (secretion)	
Sibs	Siblings	
SIBR	Structured Interdisciplinary Bedside Rounds	
SIDS	Sudden infant death syndrome	
SIJ	Sacro-iliac joint (physio)	
SIL	Supported Independent Living	
SIMV	Synchronised intermittent mandatory ventilation	
SIRS	Systemic inflammatory response syndrome	
SISADH	Syndrome of inappropriate secretion of antidiuretic hormone	
SIW	Self inflicted wound	
SL	Side lying (physio)	
	Sublingual	
SLAP	Superior labrum anterior-posterior lesion	
SLE	Systemic lupus erythematosus	
SLFG	Short leg fibreglass (cast) (physio)	
SLN	Superior laryngeal nerve	
SLPOP	Short leg plaster of Paris (physio)	
SLR	Straight leg raising (physio)	
SLS	Single leg stand (physio)	
SLT	Single lung transplant	
SM	Student midwife	
SMA	Superior mesenteric artery	
SMAD4	SMAD family member 4 gene	
SMBG	Self monitoring of blood glucose	
SMD	Senile macular degeneration	
SMI	Sustained maximal inspiration (physio)	
SMR	Submucous resection (nose)	
SMHSOP	Specialist Mental Health Services for Older Persons (mental health)	
SN	Senile nuclear (cataract)	
Sn	Suction (physio)	
SNAP	Subacute & non-acute patient	
SNAP AROC	Subacute and Non-Acute Patient Australian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre	
SNM	Senior Nurse Manager	
SNRI	Serotonin/Noradrenalin re-uptake inhibitor (mental health)	
SNS	Sympathetic nervous system	

s/o	Suction out (physio)	
	Standing order	
SO	Salpingo-oophorectomy	
SOA	Swelling of ankles	
SOB	Shortness of breath	
SOBAR	Shortness of breath at rest	
SOBOE	Shortness of breath on exertion	
SOEOB	Sitting over edge of bed (physio)	
SOL	Spontaneous onset of labour	
Sol'n	Solution (mental health)	
SOM	Secretary otitis media	
SOOB	Sit out of bed	
SP	Speech Pathology	
sp	Species	
SPC	Suprapubic catheter	
Spiro.	Spirometry (physio)	
SPO2	Saturation of peripheral oxygen	
SPS	Single point stick (physio)	
SPPS	Stable plasma protein solution	
SPRED1	Sprouty-related gene	
SPROM	Spontaneous premature rupture of the membranes	
SPS	Single point stick (physio)	
Sput.	Sputum (physio)	
SQ	Static quadriceps (physio)	
SR	Sinus rhythm	
SR	Self Report	
SROM	Spontaneous rupture of membranes	
s-s	Side to side (physio)	
SSA	Sessile serrated adenoma	
SSG	Split skin graft	
SSHC	Sydney Sexual Health Centre	
SSI	Sliding scale insulin	
SSNHL	Sudden sensorineural hearing loss	
SSP/SSPE	Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis	
SSRI	Selective Serotonin Re-uptake Inhibitor (mental health)	
SSS	Sick sinus syndrome	
SST	Supraspinatus tendon (physio)	
SSV	Short saphenous vein	
ST	Sinus tachycardia	
STACS	Sutherland Transitional Aged Care Team	
Staph.	Staphylococcus	
stat	immediately and once only (statim)	
Statim/Stat	Immediately, once only	
STD	Sexually transmitted disease	
STEMI	ST elevation myocardial infarction	
STIGMA	Sexually Transmissible Infections in Gay Men Action Group	
STI	Soft tissue injury	
	Sexually transmissible infection	
STK11	Serine/threonine kinase 11 gene	
STM	Short term memory	
STML	Short term memory loss	
STO	Standing order	

STR	Soft tissue release (physio)	
STS	Serology tests for syphilis	
	Sit to stand (allied health)	
STSG	Split-thickness skin graft	
Strep.	Streptococcus	
subcut.	Subcutaneous	
subj.	Subjective (physio)	
subling.	Sublingual	
Subscap.	Subscapularis (tendon) (physio)	
SUD	Sudden unexplained death	
SUDI	Sudden unexplained death in Infancy	
Sup.	Supination (physio)	
Supp.	Suppository/ Supplement	
SUPPS	Substance Use in Pregnancy and Parenting Support	
Surg.	Surgery or surgical	
Sub US	Subaquatic ultrasound (physio)	
Susp.	Suspension	
S/V	Supervision	
SVC	Superior vena cava	
SVD	Septal ventricular defect	
SVG	Saphenous vein graft	
SVH	St Vincent's Hospital	
SVR	Systemic vascular resistance	
SVT	Supraventricular tachycardia	
SW	Social work	
SWISH	NSW Statewide Infant Screening - Hearing	
SW/ SIW	Sex industry worker	
SWOP	SWOP Sex Workers Outreach Project	
Sx	Surgery (physio)	
SX	Symptoms	
SXR	Skull x-ray	
Syph / 1	Syphilis	
SZ/SCZ	Schizophrenia (mental health)	
<b>T</b>		
T1-12	Thoracic vertebrae (1-12)	
Tab.	Tablet	
TA	Tendoachilles / technical assistant (physio)	
	Tubular adenoma	
	Take away medication doses for outpatient staged supply	
TACP	Transitional Aged Care Program	
TACS	Transitional Aged Care Team	
TAF	Tenofovir Alafenamide	
TAH	Total abdominal hysterectomy	
TAHBSO	Total abdominal hysterectomy and bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy	
TAPVC	Total anomalous pulmonary venous connection	
TAT	Turnaround time	
TB	Tuberculosis (tubercle bacillus)	
TBA	To be arranged	
TBC	To be confirmed (physio)	
TBI	Traumatic brain injury	

TBLC	Term birth living child	
TBLI	Term birth live infant	
TBW	Tension band wiring	
TCA	Tricyclic antidepressant (mental health)	
TCC	Transitional cell carcinoma	
TCI	To come in	
TCRA	Transfer of Care Risk Assessment	
TCM	Transcutaneous monitoring	
T-CLL	T-cell chronic lymphocytic leukaemia	
TCV	Talipes calcaneovalgus (physio)	
TD	Tardive dyskinesia (mental health) Transdermal	
TDF	Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate	
t.d.s	Three times a day (ter die sumendum)	
TED	Thromboembolic deterrent (stockings)	
Temp.	Temperature	
TEN	Trainee enrolled nurse	
TENS	Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (physio)	
TEST	Tubal embryo stage transfer	
Tet-tox	Tetanus toxoid	
TEV	Talipes equinovarus (physio)	
TF	Thickened fluids	
TFA	Transfemoral amputation (physio)	
TFGT	Treatment focussed genetic testing	
TFL	Tensor fasciae latae (physio)	
TFT	Thyroid function tests	
T/F	Transfer (physio)	
TG	Triglycerides	
TGA	Transient global amnesia	
TGF-b	Tumour growth factor - b	
TH	Total hysterectomy	
THA	Total hip arthroplasty	
THBSO	Total hysterectomy bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy	
THC	Tetrahydrocannabinol (marijuana) (mental health)	
THR	Total hip replacement	
TIA	Transient ischaemic attack	
TIBC	Total iron binding capacity	
TIPS	Transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt	
TIS	Translating and Interpreting Service	
TIVA	Total intravenous anaesthesia	
TJ	Triceps jerks	
TKA	Total knee arthroplasty	
TKR	Total knee replacement	
TKVO	To keep vein open	
TLA	Translumbar aortogram	
TLE	Temporal lobe epilepsy	
TLR	Tonic labyrinthine reflex (physio)	
TM	Tympanic membrane	
TMC	Threatened miscarriage	
TMJ	Temporomandibular joint	
TML	Trachea midline	
TMR	Transmyocardial revascularisation	
TMT	Tarsometatarsal (physio)	
THN	Take home Naloxone	
TNBC	Triple negative breast cancer	

TNF	Tumour necrosis factor	
TNP	Transitional Nurse Practitioner	
TOC	Test Of Cure	
TOE	Transoesophageal echocardiogram	
TOF	Tracheo-oesophageal fistula– Tetralogy of Falot	
TOL	Trial of labour	
TOP	Termination of pregnancy	
TOR	Test of reinfection	
TORCH (complex)	Toxoplasmosis, rubella, cytomegalovirus and herpes simplex	
TOS	Trial of scar	
TOV	Trial of void	
Toxo	toxoplasmosis	
T/P	Transplant	
TPG	Transpulmonary pressure gradient	
TPHA	Treponema pallidum haemagglutination (test)	
TPI	Totally and permanently incapacitated	
TPL	Threatened premature labour	
TPN	Total parenteral nutrition	
TPP	Time, place and person	
TPR	Temperature, pulse and respiration	
TPTL	Threatened pre-term labour	
TPW	Temporary pacing wire	
TP53	Tumour protein p53 gene	
TrA	Transversus abdominis (physio)	
tract.	Traction (physio)	
TRAM	Transverse rectus abdominis myocutaneous (flap)	
traps.	Trapezius (physio)	
TRH	Thyrotropin-releasing hormone	
Trich/ TV	Trichomoniasis	
Ts and As	Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy	
T/S	Thoracic spine (physio)	
TSE	Testicular self examination	
TSH	Thyroid stimulating hormone	
TSI	Thyroid stimulating immunoglobulin	
TSS	Toxic shock syndrome	
TTA	Transtibial amputation (physio)	
TTE	Transthoracic echocardiogram	
TTN	Transient tachypnoea of the newborn	
TTP	Traumatic tension pneumothorax	
TTTS	Twin to twin transfusion syndome	
TUD	Transurethral diathermy	
TULIP	Transurethral ultrasound-guided laser induced prostatectomy	
TUNA	Transurethral needle ablation (of prostate)	
TUR	Transurethral resection	
TURP	Transurethral resection of prostate	
TV	Tidal volume (physio)	
TVA	Tubulovillous adenoma	
TVH	Total vaginal hysterectomy	
TVP	Transvenous pacing/ Transvenous pacemaker	
TVR	Tricuspid valve replacement	
TVT	Transvaginal tension (tape)	



TVUS	Transvaginal ultrasound	
TWB	Touch weight bearing (physio)	
TWOC	Trial without catheter	
Tx	Traction (physio)/Treatment/ Transplant	
	Transplant	
TZ	Transformation zone	
T1DM	Type 1 diabetes mellitus	
T2DM	Type 2 diabetes mellitus	
<b>U</b>		
U/A	Urinalysis	
UA	Unstable angina	
UAP	Unstable angina pectoris	
UBT	Uterine balloon therapy	
UC	Ulcerative colitis	
U & E	Urea and electrolytes (use UEC instead)	
UCG	Urinary chorionic gonadotrophin	
UEC	Urea, electrolytes and creatinine	
U/K	Unknown	
UL	Upper limb (physio)	
ULTT	Upper limb tension test (physio)	
ULTT1-3	Upper limb tension test 1-3 (physio)	
UMN	Upper motor neuron	
Unilat	Unilateral	
U/O	Urine output	
UPDRS	Unified Parkinson's Disease Rating Scale (physio)	
UPP	Urethral pressure profile	
UPPP	Uvulopalatopharyngoplasty	
URI	Upper respiratory infection	
urol.	Urology or urological	
URT	Upper respiratory tract	
URTI	Upper respiratory tract infection	
US;U/S	Ultrasound	
UTA	Unable to attend (physio)	
UTI	Urinary tract infection	
UTT	Up to toilet (physio)	
UULEX	Unsupported upper limb exercise test (physio)	
UV	Ultra violet	
UVP	Utero vaginal prolapse	
UVR	Ultraviolet radiation	
UWSD	Underwater seal drain	
UZ	Upper zone (physio)	
<b>V</b>		
VA	Visual acuity	
VAD	Vascular access device	
VAIN	Vaginal intra-epithelial neoplasia (grades 1-3)	
VAN	Violence and Neglect (state-wide terminology for services. Is being used in community a bit)	
VAS	Visual analogue scale (physio)	
Vax.	vaccine	
VBAC	Vaginal birth after Caesarean	
VBI	Vertebrobasilar insufficiency	



VC	Vital capacity (physio)	
VCE	Video capsule endoscopy	
V & D	Vomiting and diarrhoea	
VDRL	Venereal disease research laboratory	
VE	Vacuum extraction	
VE, V/E	Vaginal examination	
VEB	Ventricular ectopic beats	
VEP	Visual evoked potential	
VF	Ventricular fibrillation	
VFT	Ventilatory function test (physio)	
VH	Vaginal hysterectomy	
VHD	Valvular heart disease	
VHL	Von Hippel-Lindau syndrome / gene	
vibs/vibes.	Vibrations (physio)	
VIB	Voided in bed	
VIN (I, II, III)	Vulval intraepithelial neoplasia (grades I, II, III)	
VIP	Visual Infusion phlebitis score	
VIPoma	Vasoactive intestinal peptide tumour	
VIQ	Verbal intelligence quotient	
Vit.	Vitamin	
Viz	namely	
VL	Viral Load	
VLAP	Visual laser assisted prostatectomy	
VLBW	Very low birth weight	
VLDL	Very low density lipoproteins	
VMO	Visiting Medical Officer	
VP	Ventriculoperitoneal	
VPB	Ventricular premature beats	
VPC	Ventricular premature contractions	
VPS	Ventriculo-peritoneal shunt	
VQ;V/Q;V-Q	calculate airflow and bloodflow	
VR	Ventricular rate	
VRE	Vancomycin-resistant enterococci	
VS	Vital signs	
VSC	Vertebral subluxation complex	
VSD	Ventricular septal defect	
VSI	Vaginal sexual intercourse	
VT	Ventricular tachycardia	
VTE	Venous thrombo-embolism	
VUJ	Vesico-ureteric junction	
VV	Varicose vein	
vWD	von Willebrand's disease	
VVC	Vulvovaginal candidiasis	
Vx	Vertex	
VZV	Varicella zoster virus	
<b>W</b>		
WAGR	Wilms tumour, aniridia, G-U malformations, mental retardation	
WAIS-III	Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale - Version 3 (mental health)	
WB	Weight bearing (physio)	
	Whole blood	
WBAT	Weight bearing as tolerated (physio)	

wbc	White blood cell	
WBC	White blood count	
WBR	Whole body radiation	
WC	Workers' compensation	
WCC	White cell count	
W/cm <sup>2</sup>	Watts per centimetre squared (physio)	
Wee-FIM	Paediatric functional independence measure (physio)	
WH&S	Work Health and safety	
Wks	Weeks	
WNL	Within normal limits	
w/o	Without	
W/O	Washout	
WO	Welfare officer (mental health)	
WOB	Work of breathing	
WPTAS	Westmead Post-Traumatic Amnesia	
WPW	Wolff-Parkinson-White (Syndrome)	
W/S	Walking stick	
WSW	Women who have sex with women	
Wt	Weight	
WTM	Will take message	
2WW	Two-wheeled walker	
4WF	Four-wheeled frame (physio)	
4WW	Four-wheeled walker	
<b>X</b>		
XLD	X-linked dominant	
XLR	X-linked recessive	
X-match	Cross match	
XR	X-ray	
	Extended release	
XRT	X-ray therapy	
<b>Y</b>		
y/o	Years old	
yr/s	Year/Years	
<b>Z</b>		
Z-N	Ziehl Neelsen (stain)	
<b>SYMBOLS</b>		
@	At	
&	And	
↓	Decreased	
↑	Increased	
Δ	Disease	
♂	Male	
♀	Female	
#	Fracture	
/60	Minutes	

/7	Days	
/12	Months	
/52	Weeks	
/24	Hours	
/40	Weeks of pregnancy	
1°	Primary, first degree	
2°	Secondary, second degree	
3°	Third degree	
+	Slight trace	
++	Trace	
+++	Moderate trace	
++++	Large trace	
-	Absent	
-ve	Negative	
(R)	Right	
(L)	Left	
<	Less than	
>	Greater than	
/C	With	
/S	Without	
∴	Therefore	
=	Equal to	
°	No; no history of	
%	Percent	
?	Doubtful; questionable; query	
° F	Degrees Fahrenheit	
° C	Degrees Celsius	
←	Transverse left (physio)	
→	Transverse right (physio)	
↔	Longitudinal movement (physio)	
→←	Transverse mobs	
/	per	
<b>Symbols:</b>		
<b>C</b>	with	
<b>c/out</b>	without	
<b>&lt;</b>	less than/smaller than*	
<b>&gt;</b>	greater than/larger than*	
<b>^</b>	increased/more/above	
<b>v</b>	decreased/less/below	
<b>=</b>	equal to/same as/synonymous	
<b>-ve</b>	negative	
<b>+ve</b>	positive	
<b>1°</b>	primary	
<b>2°</b>	secondary	
<b>3°</b>	tertiary	