

Abbreviations and acronyms

AAA	Abdominal aortic aneurysm
ABCD	Airway Breathing CPR Defibrillation
ACAT	Aged Care Assessment Team
ACE	Angiotensin converting enzyme
ACEI	Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors
ACR	Albumin/creatinine ratio
ACS	Acute coronary syndrome
ACWY	Four meningococcal serotypes
AdjBW	Adjusted body weight
ADT	Adult diphtheria and tetanus
AED	Automated external defibrillator
AEFI	Adverse event following immunisation
AF	Atrial Fibrillation
AFB	Acid-fast bacilli
AIH	Australian Immunisation Handbook
AIR	Australian Immunisation Register
ALS	Advanced Life Support
Anti-HBc	Anti-hepatitis B core total antibodies
Anti-HBs	Anti-hepatitis B surface antibody
AOM	Acute otitis media
AMH	Australian Medicines Handbook
AMS	Antimicrobial stewardship
APH	Antepartum haemorrhage
APO	Acute pulmonary oedema
Approx.	Approximately
APSGN	Acute post streptococcal glomerulonephritis
APTT	Activated partial thromboplastin time
ARB	Angiotensin-receptor blocker
ARF	Acute rheumatic fever
ART	Antiretroviral therapy
ASB	Asymptomatic bacteriuria
ASBD	Acute severe behavioural disturbance
ASCIA	Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy
ASHM	Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine
ASOT	Anti streptolysin O antibodies

ATSIHP	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner
A&TSIHP	
AVPU	A lert, V oice, P ain, U nresponsive
β-hCG	Beta human chorionic gonadotropin
bd	Twice a day
BBV	Blood borne virus
BCG	Bacille Calmette Guerin
BF	Breastfeeding
BFV	Barmah Forest virus
BGL	Blood glucose level
BiPAP	Bi-level positive airway pressure
BLS	Basic Life Support
BMI	Body mass index
BP	Blood pressure
BPMH	Best possible medication history
BV	Bacterial vaginosis
C ₃	Complement component 3
C ₄	Complement component 4
CATAG	Council of Australian Therapeutic Advisory Group
CATCH	Children's Advice & Transport Coordination Hub
CCG	Clinical Care Guideline
CCM	Chronic Conditions Manual
CCT	Controlled cord traction
<i>C. difficile</i>	<i>Clostridium difficile</i>
CDNA	Communicable Diseases Network Australia
CEWT	Children's Early Warning Tool
CHEM8+	i-STAT cartridge (chemistries/ electrolytes, haematocrit, Hb)
CHEM20	Biochemistry profile
CF	Counting fingers
CGM	Continuous glucose monitoring
CHD	Chronic heart disease
CK	Creatine kinase
CKD	Chronic kidney disease
cm	Centimetre(s)
CMI	Consumer medicine information
CMP	Calcium-magnesium-phosphate
CMV	Cytomegalovirus
CNS	Central nervous system
CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
COCP	Combined oral contraceptive pill

COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	EWARS	Early Warning and Response System
CPAP	Continuous positive airway pressure	FAST	Facial weakness, Arm \pm weakness, Speech difficulty, Time to act fast
CPLO	Child Protection Liaison Officer	FB	Foreign body
CPR	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation	FBC	Full blood count
CREDD	Children's Resuscitation Emergency Drug Dosage	FCU	First catch urine
CRP	C-reactive protein	ffn	Fetal fibronectin
CRT	Capillary refill time	FHR	Fetal heart rate
CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid	FLACC	Face, Legs, Activity, Cry, Consolability scale
CSOM	Chronic suppurative otitis media	FMH	Fetomaternal haemorrhage
CST	Cervical screening test	FTA	Fluorescent treponemal antibody
CT	Computed tomography	G	Gauge eg 14 gauge
CTG	Cardiotocography	g	Gram
CTPA	CT pulmonary angiogram	Group A Strep (GAS)	Group A <i>Streptococcus</i>
DASS	Depression anxiety stress scales	Group B Strep (GBS)	Group B <i>Streptococcus</i>
dBp	Diastolic blood pressure	GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale
DCI	Decompression illness	GDM	Gestational diabetes mellitus
DEET	Diethyl toluamide	GFR	Glomerular filtration rate
DFV	Domestic and family violence	GHB	Gamma hydroxybutyrate
DKA	Diabetic ketoacidosis	GI	Gastrointestinal
DM	Diabetes mellitus	GIT	Gastrointestinal tract
DMPA	Depot medroxyprogesterone acetate	GORD	Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid	GP	General practitioner
dT	Diphtheria-tetanus	GTN	Glyceryl trinitrate
DTPa dTpa	Diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis	GXP	GeneXpert machine
DVT	Deep vein thrombosis	H ₂ O	Water
ECG	Electrocardiogram	Hb	Haemoglobin
Echo	Echocardiogram	HbA1C	Glycated haemoglobin
<i>E. coli</i>	Escherichia coli	HBIG	Hepatitis B immunoglobulin
EDD	Estimated date of delivery	HBsAg	Hepatitis B surface antigen
EDO	Epididymo-orchitis	HCV	Hepatitis C virus
EEA	Emergency examination authority	HCV Ab	Hepatitis C virus antibody
eFAST	Extended focused assessment with sonography in trauma	hep A	hepatitis A
eg	for example	hep B	hepatitis B
EIA	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay	hep C	hepatitis C
ENT	Ears, nose and throat	HELLP	Haemolysis, Elevated Liver enzymes and Low Platelet count (a variant of severe preeclampsia)
EPA	Extended practice authority	HFNC	High flow nasal cannula
EPDS	Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale	HHS	Hyperosmolar hyperglycaemic state
ESR	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate	Hib	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type B
etc	Etcetera	HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
eTG	Electronic Therapeutic Guidelines	HMP	Health management protocol

HPV	Human papilloma virus
HR	Heart rate - beats/minute
HRF	Hypercapnic respiratory failure
HRT	Hormone replacement therapy
HSV	Herpes simplex virus
HVS	High vaginal swab
IBW	Ideal body weight
ICP	Intracranial pressure
ICU	Intensive care unit
ID	Infectious disease
ID	Identification
I&D	Incision and drainage
IDC	Indwelling catheter
ie	That is
IG	Immunoglobulin
IgG	Immunoglobulin G
IgM	Immunoglobulin M
IHW	Authorised Indigenous Health Worker
IM	Intramuscular
INR	International Normalised Ratio
IOP	Intraocular pressure
IPAP	Isolated Practice Area Paramedic
IPN	Immunisation Program Registered Nurse
i-STAT	Point of care analyser
IUD	Intrauterine device
IUGR	Intrauterine growth restriction
IV	Intravenous
IVC	Intravenous cannula
IVP	Intravenous pyelogram
JIC	Just in case forensic examination
JVP	Jugular venous pressure
kg	Kilogram(s)
kph	Kilometres per hour
L	Litre(s)
LAM	List of Approved Medicines (Qld)
LBBB	Left bundle branch block
LDH	Lactate dehydrogenase
LFT	Liver function test
LGV	Lymphogranuloma venereum
LMA	Laryngeal mask airway
LMP	Last menstrual period
LNMP	Last normal menstrual period
LOC	Level of consciousness
LSD	Lysergic acid diethylamide
LVS	Lower vaginal swab

m	Metre
MAD	Mucosal atomisation device
Mane	Morning
MAO	Monoamine oxidase
MAOI	Monoamine oxidase inhibitor
max.	Maximum
MCS	Microscopy, culture, sensitivity
MDI	Metered dose inhaler
MDMA	Methylenedioxyamphetamine
MEWT	Maternity Early Warning Tool
mg	Milligram(s)
MHAODS	Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs
microg	Microgram(s)
MID	Midwife
MI	Myocardial infarction
mL	Millilitre(s)
mm	Millimetre(s)
mmHg/kPa	Millimetre of mercury/kilopascal
mmol	Millimole(s)
MMR	Measles, mumps, rubella
MO	Medical officer
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
MRSA	Methicillin-resistant <i>staphylococcus aureus</i>
msec	Millisecond
MSE	Mental state examination
MSM	Men who have sex with men
MSU	Midstream urine sample
Mths	Months
MToP	Medical termination of pregnancy
NAD	No abnormalities detected
NEB	Nebulised, nebule
NEWT	Neonate Early Warning Tool
NEXUS	National Emergency X-Radiography Utilisation Study
NG	Nasogastric
ng/mL	nanograms/mL
NGT	Nasogastric tube
NIPs	National Immunisation Program schedule
NIPT	Non-invasive pre-natal screening test
nmol	nanomoles/mL
nocte	At night
NP	Nurse practitioner

NSAID	Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug	PVD	Peripheral vascular disease
NSTEACS	Non-ST elevation acute coronary syndrome	Q-ADDS	Queensland Adult Deterioration Detection System
NSTEMI	Non-ST elevation myocardial infarction	QAS	Queensland Ambulance Service
NSW	New South Wales	qid	Four times a day
NS1	Nonstructural protein 1	Qld	Queensland
NT	Northern Territory	QCG	Queensland Clinical Guidelines
O ₂	Oxygen	Q-MEWT	Queensland Maternity Early Warning Tool
OGT	Orogastric tube	QSSS	Qld Syphilis Surveillance Service
OGTT	Oral glucose tolerance test	RA	Recommendation for assessment
OM	Otitis media	RBC	Red blood cells
OME	Otitis media with effusion	RBWH	Royal Brisbane Women's Hospital
ORS	Oral rehydration solution	RFDS	Royal Flying Doctor Service
p.	Page	RHD	Rheumatic heart disease
P2/N95	Standards applying to particulate filtering personal masks	Rh D	Rhesus factor (blood group)
Papp-A	Pregnancy associated placental protein-A	RIPRN	Rural and Isolated Practice Registered Nurse
PBS	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme	RN	Registered Nurse
PCCM	Primary Clinical Care Manual	RNA	Ribonucleic acid
PCI	Percutaneous coronary intervention	ROA	Right occiput anterior
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction OR Protein/creatinine ratio	ROM	Range of motion
PE	Pulmonary embolism	ROM	Rupture of membrane
PEA	Pulseless electrical activity	ROSC	Return of spontaneous circulation
PEP	Post-exposure prophylaxis	RPR	Rapid plasma reagin test
PHR	Pregnancy health record	RR	Respiratory rate - breaths/minute
PIC	Poisons Information Centre	RRV	Ross River virus
PICC	Peripherally inserted central catheter	RSQ	Retrieval Services Queensland
PID	Pelvic inflammatory disease	S ₂	Schedule 2
PNG	Papua New Guinea	S ₃	Schedule 3
POC	Products of conception	S ₄	Schedule 4
PoCT	Point of care testing	S ₈	Schedule 8
POP	Progestogen only pill	SA	South Australia
PPE	Personal protective equipment	SAIK	Sexual assault investigation kit
PPH	Postpartum haemorrhage	sBP	Systolic blood pressure
PPV	Positive pressure ventilation	SES	State emergency service
PQ	Pathology Queensland	SGLT ₂	sodium-glucose co-transporter 2
PR	Per rectum	SIDS	Sudden infant death syndrome
PrEP	Pre-exposure prophylaxis	SLE	Systemic lupus erythematosus
PROM	Prelabour rupture of membranes	SMO	Senior Medical Officer
prn	As needed	SNRI	Serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors
PTH	Parathyroid hormone	SOB	Shortness of breath
PV	Per vagina	SpO ₂	Peripheral oxygen saturation
		SRH	Sexual or reproductive health registered nurse

SSRI	Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors
Staph	<i>Staphylococcus</i>
stat	Immediately and once only
STEMI	ST-elevation myocardial infarction
STI	Sexually transmitted infection
SToP	Surgical termination of pregnancy
Strep	<i>Streptococcus</i>
Subcut	Subcutaneous
Subling	Sublingual
T	Temperature in degrees celsius
TB	Tuberculosis
TBSA	Total body surface area
TCA	Tricyclic antidepressant
TDM	Therapeutic drug monitoring
tds	Three times a day
TED	Thoracic elevation device
TEMSU	Telehealth Emergency Management Support Unit
TFT	Thyroid function test
TGA	Therapeutic Goods Administration
TIA	Transient ischaemic attack
TIG	Tetanus immunoglobulin
TM	Tympanic membrane
ToP	Termination of pregnancy
<i>T. pallidum</i>	<i>Treponema pallidum</i>
TPHA	Treponema pallidum haemagglutination assay
TPPA	Treponema pallidum particle agglutination assay
TSH	Thyroid stimulating hormone
UC	Urea and creatinine
UE	Urea and electrolytes
UEC	Urea, electrolytes and creatinine
UEG	Urea, electrolytes and glucose
UPA	Ulipristal acetate
URTI	Upper respiratory tract infection
USB	Universal Serial Bus
USS	Ultrasound scan
UTI	Urinary tract infection
UV	Ultraviolet
V	Volt
VA	Visual acuity
VBG	Venous blood gas
VE	Vaginal examination
VF	Ventricular fibrillation
VQ	Ventilation perfusion (scan)

VT	Ventricular tachycardia
VTE	Venous thromboembolism
VZV	Varicella-zoster virus
WA	Western Australia
WCC	White cell count
WOB	Work of breathing
Symbols	
↕	Increasing/increased
↕	Decreasing/decreased
>	Greater than
<	Less than
≤	Less than or equal to
≥	Greater than or equal to
-ve	Negative
+ve	Positive
±	Plus or minus
+	Plus
=	Equal to
®	Registered trade mark
☎	Phone number OR notifiable
%	Percent
°	Degrees
~	About/approximately