

ABBREVIATIONS

A.

α	alpha (first series of isometric compounds)
α	
A.1	aortic valve - first sound
A ₂	aortic valve - second sound
A ₂ > P ₂	aortic second sound greater than pulmonary second sound
A ₂ < P ₂	aortic second sound less than pulmonary second sound
a.a.	of equal parts
A.A.	Alcoholics Anonymous
A.A.A.	abdominal aortic aneurysm
A.A.C.	acute angle closure (as in glaucoma)
A.A.L.	anterior axillary line
A.A.V.C.	accessory atrioventricular condition
A.B.	apex beat
A.B.6L.I.C.S.	apex beat in 6 th left intercostal space
Abdo	abdomen / abdominal
A.B.G.s	arterial blood gases
A.B.L.B	alternate binaural loudness balance
A.B.P.	arterial blood pressure
A.B.P.A.	allergic broncho-pulmonary aspergillosis
A.B.S.	acid base status
a.c.	before meals (Latin = ante cibum)

a/c	associated with
A.C.	anterior chamber abdominal circumference
A.C. & B.C.	air and bone condition
A.C.C.	anode closing contracture anti cardiolipin antibody
A.C.C.S.	alternating convergent concomitant strabismus
ACE inhibitor	angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor
A.C.G.	angiocardiography
ACh	acetylcholine
A.C.S.	anorthopia convergent squint / alternating convergent strabismus
A.C.T.	anterior chamber tap / alternating cover test (ophthalmology)
A.C.T.H.	adrenocorticotrophic hormone
A.C.W.O.	anterior chamber wash-out
ad	to / up to
A.D.H.	Anti-diuretic hormone
A.D.L.	activities of daily living
Adm.	admission
A.D.M.	adductor digiti minimi
A.D.N.	Assistant Director of Nursing
A.D.S.	alternating divergent strabismus
A.E.	air entry

A/E amp	above elbow amputation
A.E.G.	air encephalogram
Aet	age, aetiology
A.F.	atrial fibrillation
A.F.B.	acid fast bacilli
A.F1	atrial flutter
A.F.P. / aFP	alpha fetoprotein
A.F.R.	arterial flow rate
Ag	silver
A/G	albumin/globulin ratio
AgNO ₃	silver nitrate
A.H.F.	anti-haemolytic factor VIII
A.H.G.	anti-haemolytic globulin
A.I.	aortic incompetence
A.I.C.A.	anterior/inferior cerebellar artery
A.I.D.	artificial insemination from donor
A.I.D.S.	acquired immune deficiency syndrome
A.I.H.	artificial inseminate from husband
A.I.H.A.	auto-immune haemolytic anaemia
A.K.A.	above knee amputation
ALa	aminolevulinic acid
Alb	albumin

A.L.G.	anti-lymphocytic globulin
Alk.	alkaline
Alk. phos.	alkaline phosphatase
A.L.L.	acute lymphatic leukaemia acute lymphoblastic leukaemia
A.L.P.	alkaline phosphatase
A.L.S.	amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
alt	alternate
A.L.T.	alkaline phosphatase
a.m.	before noon (Latin = ante meridiem)
A.M.A.	Australian Medical Association
A.M.I.	acute / anterior myocardial infarction
A.Mit.A.	anti mitochondrial antibody
A.M.L.	acute myeloid leukaemia
A.M.O.	Attending Medical Officer
Amp	ampere
A.M.P.	Austin Moore prosthesis
A.N.A.	anti-nuclear antibody
A.N.A. (F)	anti-nuclear antibody (factor)
A.N.C.	antenatal clinic
A.N.C.A.	anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibody
A.N.S.	autonomic nervous system
ante	before

A.O.M.	acute otitis media
A.P.	abdominal perineal (resection)
A-P	anterio-posterior
A.P.F.	Australian Pharmaceutical Formulary
A.P.H.	ante-partum haemorrhage
A.P.L.	abductor pollicis longus
A.P.O.	A.P. diameter of outlet
aq.	water (aqua)
aq. ad	water up to (aqua ad)
A.P.S.	atrial peritoneal shunt
A.R.B.D.	alcohol related brain damage
A.R.D.S.	adult respiratory distress syndrome
A.R.F.	acute renal failure
A.R.M.	artificial rupture of membranes
A.R.M.D.	age related molecular degeneration
A.R.T.	Australian Reference Thromboplastin
As	arsenic
A.S.A.P.	as soon as possible
A.S.D.	atrial septal defect
A.S.H.D.	arteriosclerotic heart disease
A.S.O.	arteriosclerotic obliterans
A.S.O.T.	anti-streptolysin-o titre

A.S.P.I.	ankle systolic pressure indices
A.S.T.	anti-streptolysin titre
A.T.L.L.	acute T-lymphoblastic leukaemia
A.T.N.	acute tubular necrosis
A.T.P.	adenosine triphosphate
Au	gold
Au Ag	Australian antigen
A.V.	arterio-venous
A.V.J.R.E.T. / A.V.R.E.T.	atrioventricular junctional re-entrant tachycardia
A.V.M.	Arteriovenous malformation
A.V.N.R.T.	arteriovenous nodal re-entrant tachycardia
A.V.R.	aortic valve replacement
A. & W.	alive and well
A.W.E.	atypical warty epithelium aceto white epithelium
A.W.O.	antral washout
A.W.O.L.	absent without leave
A.X.R.	abdominal X-ray
A.Z. test	Aschheim Zondek test (for pregnancy)

B.

B	boron bacillus
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Ba	barium
Bab	Babinski's response (downgoing)
B.A.E.R.(P)	brainstem auditory evoked responses (potential)
Ba. En.	barium enema
Ba. Meal	barium meal
B.A.O.	basal acid output
B.A.P.A.W.O.	bilateral antral puncture and washout
B.A.P.P.	bilateral antral paranasal puncture
bas, Baso	basophils
B.A.W.O.	bilateral antral washout
B.B.A.	born before arrival
B.B.B.	bundle branch block
B.B.B.B.	bilateral bundle branch block
B.C.C.	basal cell carcinoma
B.C.C.A.	bilateral common carotid angiogram
B.C.G.	Bacille Calmette-guerin (T.B. vaccine)
b.d.	twice daily
B.E. (+; -)	base excess (+ alkalosis; - acidosis)
B.E.A. / B/E amp	below elbow amputation
B.E.I.	butanol-extraction iodine
B.E.R.A.	brain evoked response audiometry
B.f.A.	baby for adoption

B-HCG	beta human chorionic gonadotrophin
B.I.	Bi-ischial Distance
B.I.H.	benign intracranial hypertension
B.I.N.A.	bilateral intranasal antrostomy
B.I.N.E.	bilateral intranasal ethmoidectomy
B.I.N.S.	bilateral intranasal splenoidectomy
B.I.P.	bismuth iodoform paraffin
biochem.	biochemistry
B.K.	below knee
B.K.A. / B/K amp	below knee amputation
Bl.	blood
Bl. sug	blood sugar
Bl. ur.	blood urea
B.M.A. & T.	bone marrow aspirate and trephine
B.M.R.	basal metabolic rate
B.N.D.	binocular distance
B.N.O.	bowels not open
B.O.	bowels open
B.P.	blood pressure
B.P.C.	British Pharmaceutical Codex
B.P.D.	bi-parietal parameter (pregnancy)
B.P.H.	benign prostatic hypertrophy

B.P.S.	bilateral partial salpingectomy
Br	bromine
Bronch.	bronchoscopy
B.R.P.	bilateral retrograde pyelogram
B.R.V.O.	branch retinal vein occlusion
B.S.C.O.	bilateral subcapsular orchidectomy
B.S.G.T.	bilateral shepherds grommet tympanotomy
B.S.L.	blood sugar level
B.S.O.	bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy
B.S.O.M.	bilateral suppurative otitis media
B.S.R.	blood sedimentation rate
B.S.S.	black silk sutures
B.S.S.O.	bilateral sagittal split osteotomy
B.T.U.	British thermal unit
B.U.N.	blood urea nitrogen
B.V.	binocular vision
B.V.A.	bilateral vertebral arthrogram
B.V.F.	bilateral ventricular failure
B.Wt	birth weight
BW x-ray	bitewing x-ray
Bx	biopsy

C.

C	celsius
c	with
c.gl.	with correction (i.e. glasses)
C1, C2, etc	cervical vertebra 1, cervical vertebra 2, etc
Ca	calcium
CA	carcinoma, cancer
C.A.D.	coronary artery disease
C.A.G.	coronary artery graft
Cal	calorie
C.A.L.	chronic airway (airflow) limitation
C.A.P.D.	chronic ambulatory peritoneal dialysis
Cas.	Casualty
C.A.T. / C.T.	computerised axial tomography
C.B.D.	common bile duct
C.B.S.	chronic brain syndrome
cc	cubic centimetre
C.C.	cranialcaudal
C.C.A.	common carotid angiogram
C.C.C.	cathode closing contact
C.C.F.	congestive cardiac failure
C.C.FT.	cephalin cholesterol flocculation test
c.c.g.	chromic catgut (sutures)

C.C.T.	continuous cord traction
C.C.U.	Coronary Care Unit
C.D.	clusters of differentiation
C.D.A.	Central District Ambulance
C.D.H.	congenital dislocation of the hip
C.E. / C/E	cystoscopy
C.E.A.	carcinoembryonic antigen / agent (e.g. plasma C.E.A.)
C.E.R.	cerebral evoked responses
C.F.	cardiac failure
C.F.A.	common femoral artery
cg	centigram
C.G.L.	chronic granulocytic leukaemia
C.G.N.	chronic glomerulonephritis
C.G.S.	cat gut sutures
cGy	centigray
C.H.B.	complete heart block
C.H.D.	congenital heart disease
C.H.F.	chronic heart failure
C.H.I.	closed head injury
CHO	carbohydrate
Chol	cholesterol
Chol. est	cholesterol ester

ci	curie
C.I.D.P.	chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy
C.I.G.	Commonwealth Industrial Gases
C.I.N.	cervical intraepithelial neoplasia
C.I.T.	cautery of inferior turbinates
C.K.	creatine kinase
C.L.L	chronic lymphatic/lymphocytic leukaemia
cm.	centimetre
C.M.	Certified Midwife
C.M.G.	cystometrogram (urodynamic study)
C.M.L.	chronic myeloid leukaemia
C.M.V.	cytomegalovirus
C.N.C.	Clinical Nurse Consultant
C.N.S.	central nervous system Clinical Nurse Specialist
c/o	complain(ing/s) of
CO	carbon monoxide
Co	cobalt
CO ₂	carbon dioxide
C.O.A.D.	chronic obstructive airways disease
C.O.A.G.	chronic open angle glaucoma
C.O.F.	cast open ferroule (splints - dental)

C.O.P.	change of plaster
C.O.R.T	combined operative radiotherapy
C.P.A.	carotid phono-angiography cerebellar pontine angle
C.P.A.P.	continuous positive airways pressure
Cpd	compound
C.P.D.	cephalo-pelvic disproportion
C.P.K.	creatinine phosphokinase
C.P.M.	continuous passive motion
C.P.P.	cerebral perfusion pressure
C.P.R.	cardio-pulmonary resuscitation
creat.	creatinine
C.R.E.S.T.	calcinosis, Raynaud's phenomnom, oesophageal dysfunction, sclerodactyl, telangiectasis
C.R.F.	chronic renal failure
C.R.H.D.	chronic rheumatic heart disease
C.R.L.	crown-rump length
C & S	culture and sensitivity (for bacteria)
C/S	caesarean section
C.S.F.	cerebrospinal fluid
C.S.G.	chronic simple glaucoma
C.S.S.D.	Central Sterile Supply Department
C.S.U.	catheter specimen of urine

C.T. / C.A.T.	computerised tomography
CTG	cardiotogram
C.T.R.	cardiothoracic ratio
CTS	cardiotoracic surgery
Cu	copper
C.U.G.	cystourethrogram
C.V.A.	cerebrovascular accident
C.V.P.	central venous pressure
C.V.S.	chorionic villus sampling
Cx	cervix
C.X.R.	chest X-ray

D.

D. & A.	Drug and alcohol
D.A.F.S.	downbeat nystagmus, ataxia, foam cells syndrome
D.A.P.P.	diagnostic / double antrum proof puncture
dB	decibel
D. & C.	dilatation and curettage
D. & C. (T)	termination of pregnancy by dilatation and curettage
D.A.T.	differential agglutination test
D.B.G.	De Bakey graft
D.B.S.	Dennis Brown splint

DCIA / DCIV	deep circumflex iliac artery vein
D.C.R.	dacryocystorhinostomy (ophthalmology)
D.C.T.	direct Coomb's test
D.D.C.	dideoxycytidine
d.d.i.	dideoxycytosine
Derm.	dermatology
D.E.T.	diabetic exclusion test
D.E.T.C.	double Eustachian tube catheterisation
detox.	detoxification
D.F.	dorsiflexion
D.I.	diabetes insipidus
Diab. Unit	Diabetic Unit
Diag / Dx	diagnosis
D.I.C.	disseminated intravascular coagulopathy / coagulation
Diff.	differential
D.I.N.A.	double intranasal antrostomy
D.I.N.E.	double intranasal ethmoidectomy
D.I.P. (J)	distal interphalangeal (joint)
D(d)isch.	discharge
D.I.S.H.	diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis affecting the spine (Forrestier's Disease)
D.I.U.	death in utero
D.L.C.	differential leucocyte count

D.L.C.O.	diffusing lung capacity output
D.L.E.	disseminated lupus erythematosus
D.N.A.	deoxyribonucleic acid did not attend
D.N.S.	deviated nasal septum
D.O.A.	dead on arrival
D.O.N.	Director of Nursing
D.P.N.	diphosphopyridine nucleotide
D.P.T.	double paracentesis tympani
Dr	doctor
D.R.E.Z.	dorsal root entry zone (left or right)
D.R.N.B.	dual rhythm no bruits
D.S.A.	digital subtraction angiogram
D.T.	delerium tremens
D.T.A.	deep transverse arrest
D.U.	duodenal ulcer
D.V.D.	dissociated vertical deviation / divergence
D.V.P.	deep venous pressure
D.V.T.	deep venous thrombosis
D/W	discussed with
D.W.C.C.	differential white cell count
Dx / Diag.	diagnosis
D.X.R.	deep X-ray

D.X.R.T. deep X-ray therapy

E.

E.A.C. external auditory canal

E.A.M. external auditory meatus

E/C extra capsular

E.C.C.R.L.A / equal, capsular, concentric, reacting to light E.C.C.R.T.L.A. and accommodation (directly and consensually) (pupils)

E.C.C.E. extra capsular cataract extraction

E.C.G. electrocardiogram/graph

E.C.H.O. Virus enterocryptopathogenic human orphan virus

E.C.L.E. extra capsular lens extraction

E.C.L.O. extra capsular lens opacity

E. coli *Escherichia coli*

E.C.R. extensor carpi radialis

E.C.S. endocervical swab

E.C.T. electroconvulsive therapy

E.C.V. external cephalic version (O & G)
extracellular volume

E.D. educational diet

E.D.C. estimated date of confinement

E.D.H. extra dural haemorrhage

E.E.G. electroencephalogram

E.F.W.	estimated foetal weight
e.g.	for instance (example gratia)
E.L.B.W.	extremely low birth weight
E.L.S.C.S.	elective lower segment caesarean section
E.M.	electron microscopy (viral cultures test)
E.M.G.	electromyogram
E.M.G.	exophthalmos macroglossia and gigantism syndrome
E.M.P.C.	early macular pigmentary changes
emul.	emulsion
E.M.V.	expired minute volume
E.N.	Enrolled Nurse
E.N.G.	electronystagmogram/graphy
E.N.T.	ears, nose and throat
e/o	excision of
E.O.M.	extraocular movements / muscles
E.R.C.D.	endoscopic retrograde cannulisation of bile duct
E.R.C.P.	endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography
E.R.G.	electroretinogram
E.S.R.	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
E.S.W.L.	external shock wave lithotripsy
ETHANOL	alcohol (chemical symbols C₂H₅OH)
Etoh	ethanol (alcohol)

E.T.T.	endotracheal tube
E.U.A.	examination under anaesthesia
E.V.D.	external ventricular drain

F.

F	Fahrenheit
F.A.C.H.	forceps to the after coming head
F.A.S.	foetal alcohol syndrome
F.A.S.F.	forearm support frame
F.B.	foreign body
F.B.C.	full blood count
Fe	iron
F.E.V.	forced expiratory volume
F.E.V.1	forced expiratory volume in 1 second
F/F	full upper and lower dentures
F.F.P.	fresh frozen plasma
F.H.R.	foetal heart rate
F.H.S.	foetal heart sounds
F.I. / F/I	for investigation
F.L.	femur length
F.N.A. (B)	fine needle aspiration (biopsy)
F.O.U.	fever of unknown origin
Fr	fractions

F.T.	full term
F.T.T.	failure to thrive
F/U	follow up
F.W.B.	full weight bearing

G.

g	gram
G4PO	gravid 4 para 0 (e.g. 4 pregnancies no children)
G-6-P.D.	glucose 6-phosphate dehydrogenase
G.A.	general anaesthesia
Gado	gadolinium
G.B.P.S.	gated blood pool scan
G.B.S.	Guillain-Barr Syndrome
G.C.F.T.	gonococcal complement fixation test
G.F.A.P.	glial fibrillary acid protein
G.F.R.	glomerularfiltration rate
G.H.	growth hormone
G.H.P.S.	gated heart pool scan
G.I.	gastrointestinal
G.I.F.T.	gamete intra-fallopian transfer
G.I.T.	gastrointestinal tract
G.G.I.	gamma globulin infusion
G.G.T.	gamma glutamyl transferase

G.L.C.	gas/liquid chromatography
G.L.T.	glucose 1-phosphate
GM-CSF	granulocyte macrophage colony stimulating factor
G.N.R.	gram-negative rods
GnRH	gonadotrophin releasing hormone
G.P.	general practitioner
GPCAb	gastric parietal cell antibody
Gr	grain
G.T.H.	gonadotrophic hormone
Gtt / gtt	drops (glutae)
G.T.T.	glucose tolerance test
G.U.	gastric ulcer
G.V.H.D.	graft versus host disease
Gy	gray
Gynae / Gyn	gynaecology

H.

H	hydrogen
³ H	tritium
H ₁ , H ₂	first heart sound, second heart sound
H.A.A.	hepatitis - associated antigen
Hb	haemoglobin

1° H.B.	first degree heart block
HBE	HIS bundle electrocardiogram
HbF	foetal haemoglobin
HbS	sickle cell haemoglobin
H.C.	head circumference
H.C.F.T.	hydatid complement fixation test
H.C.G.	human chorio gonadotropin
HCO ₃	bicarbonate
H,crit	haematocrit
HCL	hydrochloric acid
H.C.V.D.	hypertensive cardiovascular disease
H.D.L.	high density lipoprotein
H.D.N.	haemolytic disease of newborn
H.D.P.	hypertensive disease of pregnancy
He	helium
H.F.	heart failure
Hg	mercury
H.G.H.	human growth hormone
H.G.R.	high gastric reduction
H.H.T.	hereditary haemorrhagic telangiectasis
H.I.A.	haemogglutination inhibiting anti-titre to rubella
5HIAA	5 hydroxyindolytactic acid (urine)

H.I.B.	haemophilus influenzae type B
H.-I.C.D.A.	Hospital Adaption of International Classification of Diseases Adapted
H.I.D.A.	hepatobiliary scan
Hint. test	Hinton test (syphilis)
H.I.T.S.	heparin induced thrombocytopaenia syndrome
H.I.T.T.S.	heparin induced thrombotic thrombocytopaenia syndrome
H.I.V.	human immunodeficiency virus
H.L.	hearing loss humeral length
H.L.R.	heart lung resection
H. & M.	haematemesis and melaena
H.M.D.	hyaline membrane disease
H.M.F.	Hutchinson's melanotic freckle
hMG	human menopausal gonadotrophin
H.M.S.N.	hereditary motor sensory neuropathy
H.P.N.U.	has not passed urine
H/O	history of
H.O.C.M.	hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy
H.O.F.	head of femur
H.P.A.	hypophyseal pituitary adrenal axis
/h.p.f.	per high power field
H.P.F.	high power
H.P.G.	human pituitary gonadotropin

H.P.L.	human placental lactogen
H.P.S.	haemopoietic system
H.P.U.	has passed urine
H.P.V.	human papilloma virus
Hr	hour
Hrly	hourly
H.S.	heart sounds
H.S.G.	hysterosalpingogram
H.S.N.B.	heart sound, no bruits
H-S test	heel-shin test
H.S.V.	highly selective vagotomy
H.S.V.I.	high staph. Vaginal infection / high sample vagina
H.S.V.I.(II)	herpes simplex virus type 1 (2)
H/T	hypertension
HTLA	high titre/low acidity
HTLVI	human T-cell lymphotropic virus I
H.T.O.	high tibial osteotomy
H.V.D.	hypertensive vascular disease
H.V.S.	high vaginal swab
Hx	history
H.Z.O.	herpes zoster ophthalmicus
H ₂ O	water

I.

I ¹³¹	radioactive iodine
I.A.	intra-arterial
I.A.B.P.	intra-aortic balloon pump
I.A.D.H.	inappropriate anti-diuretic hormone
I.A.D.S.A.	intra-arterial digital subtraction angiogram
I.A.S.D.	inter-arterial septal defect
I.B.A.	iron binding capacity
I.C.A.	internal carotid artery
I.C.B.	intra-cerebral bleed
I.C.C.	intercostal catheter
I.C.C.S.	intermittent concomitant convergent strabismus
I.C.C.X. / I.C.C.E.	intracapsular cataract extraction
I.C.H.	intracerebral haemorrhage
I.C.L.	intracapsular lens
I.C.L.E.	intracapsular lens extraction
I.C.P.	intracranial pressure
I.C.S.	intercostal space
I.C.T.	insulin convulsive / coma therapy
I.C.U.	Intensive Care Unit
I.C.V.	internal cephalic version

I.D.C.	indwelling catheter
I.D.D.M.	insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
I.D.S.	intermittent divergent strabismus
i.e.	that is (id est)
I.E.P.G.	immuno-electrophoretogram
I.F.	iliac fossa
I.F.E.	immunofixation electrophoresis
Ig	immunoglobulin
IgA, IgG, IgM	immunoglobulin A, immunoglobulin G, etc
I.G.F.1 level	insulin-like growth factor 1
I.H.D.	ischaemic heart disease
I.H.N.O.C.	idiopathic hypertrophic non-obstructive cardiomyopathy
I.H.S.S.	idiopathic hypertrophic sub-aortic stenosis
I.H.T.	indirect haemagglutination test
I.I.	image intensifier
I.L.P.	isolated limb perfusion
I.M. / I/M	intramuscular
I.M.C.	incomplete miscarriage
I.M.F.	intermaxillary fixation
I.M.I.	intramuscular injection
I.M.S.	intermalleolar separation
I.N.A.H.	isonicotinic acid hydrazide

in extremis	at the point of death
I.N.E.	intranasal ethmoidectomy
inj.	injection
In-Pt	in-patient
I.N.R.	International Normalised Ratio
I/O	insertion of
I.O.C.	intraoperative cholangiogram
I.O.F.	intraorbital floor
I.O.F.B.	intraorbital foreign body
I.O.L.	insertion of lens intraocular lens (implant) induction of labour
I.O.P.	intraocular pressure
I.O.R.	inferior oblique recession
I.O.R.T.	intraoperative radiotherapy
I.P.D.	intermittent peritoneal dialysis
I.P.E.	intraparyngeal ether
I.P. joint	interphalangeal joint
I.P.P.R.	intermittent positive pressure respiration
I.P.P.V.	intermittent positive pressure ventilation
I.Q.	intelligence quotient
Ir ¹⁹²	Iridium
I.R.D.S.	infant respiratory distress syndrome

I.R.V.	inspiratory reserve volume
I.S.	intermittent strabismus
I.S.A.D.H.	inappropriate secretion of anti-diuretic hormone
I.S.G.	immune serum globulin
I.S.Q.	the same as previously (in status quo)
I.T.E.	intratracheal ether
I.T.P.	idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura
I.T.U.	Intensive Therapy Unit
I.U.	International Unit
I.U.C.D.	intrauterine contraceptive device
I.U.D.	intrauterine device
I.U.F.D.	intrauterine foetal death
I.U.G.R.	intrauterine growth retardation
I.U.P.C.	intrauterine pressure catheter
I.V.	intravenous
I.V.C.	inferior vena cava
I.V.C.D.	intraventricular conduction defect
I.V.F.	in vitro fertilisation
I.V.H.	intraventricular haemorrhage (in babies)
I.V.I. / i.v.i.	intravenous injection
I.V.I.G.	intravenous immunoglobulin
I.V.P.	intravenous pyelogram

I.V.S.D. interventricular septal defect

J.

J. joule

J.O. juvenile onset

J.P. & P. Jewitt pin and plate

J.P.S. joint position sense

J.T. **joint**

J.V.P. jugular venous pressure

J-wire flexible angiographic wire catheter guide

K.

K potassium

kc kilocycle

KCL potassium chloride

K.C.S. kerato conjunctivitis sicca

K.D. knee disarticulation

K.F.T. Kahn's flocculation test

kg kilogram

kH_z kilohertz

KI potassium iodide

km kilometre

K.O.'d knocked out

K.P.	keratic precipitates
k.p.h.	kilometres per hour
K.P.T.T.	kaolin partial thromboplastin time
kV	kilovolt
kW	kilowatt
K. wire	Kirschner wire

L.

L	left
* see also Foetal Positions below.	
l	litre
L1, L2 etc	lumbar vertebra(e) 1, 2 etc
L ₁₋₅	lumbar vertebrae 1 -5
L.A.	local anaesthesia
lab.	laboratory
L.A.D.A.	left anterior descending artery
L.A.H.	left anterior hemiblock
lap.	laparoscopy
lap. c dye	laparoscopy with dye
L.A.R.M.	low artificial rupture of membranes
Lat /lat	lateral
L.A.T.S.	long acting thyroid stimulator
lb	pound

L.B.B.B.	left bundle branch block
L.B.W.	low birth weight
L.C.C.A.	left common carotid angiogram / arteriogram
L.C.M.	left costal margin
L.C.S.	left convergent squint
L.C.T.	linear cautery of turbinates
LCX	left circumflex
L.D.H.	lactic acid dehydrogenase
L.D.I.H.	left direct inguinal hernia
L.D.O.	Local Dental Officer
L.F.I.	live female infant
L.F.T.	liver function test
L.G.L.	Lown-Ganong-Levine Syndrome
L.H.	lutensising hormone
L.H.F.	left heart failure
L.H.R.F.	lutensising hormone release factor
L.H.R.H. Infusion	lutensising hormone releasing hormone infusion
Li	lithium
L.I.B.C.	latent iron binding capacity
L.I.C.A.	left internal carotid artery
L.C.S.	left intercostal space

L.I.F.	left iliac fossa
L.I.H.	left inguinal hernia
L.I.I.H.	left indirect inguinal hernia
L.I.J.	left internal jugular
L.I.O.	left inferior oblique (eyes)
L.I.R.	left internal rectus
L.I.V.A.D.	left intraventricular anterior descending branches
L.K.M.	liver kidney microsomal antibodies
L.L.	lower limbs
L.L.E.	left lower extremity
L.L.E.T.Z.	large loop excision of transformation zone (cervix)
L.L.F.	left lateral fixation
L.L.L.	left lower lobe
L.L.P.O.P.	long leg plaster of Paris
L.L.Q.	left lower quadrant
L.L.S.	lower limb sensation
l.m.	light microscope
L.M.A.	left mento-anterior
L.M.I.	living male infant
L.M.L.	left middle lobe
L.M.N.	lower motor neurone
L.M.N.D.	lower motor neurone disease

L.M.O.	local medical officer
L.M.P.	last menstrual period left mentoposterior - foetal presentation
L.M.R.	left medial rectus
L.N.M.P.	last normal menstrual period
L.O.A.	left occipito transverse
L.O.C.	loss / level of consciousness
L.O.C.	decreased level of consciousness
L.O.F.	limitation of flexion
L.O.I.H.	left oblique inguinal hernia
L.O.P.	left occipito posterior
L.O.S.	lupus obstetric syndrome
L.O.T.	left occipito transverse
L.P.	lumbar puncture
L.P.S.	levator palmarum superioris
L.R.G.P.	left retrograde pyelogram
L.R.T.I.	lower respiratory tract infection
L.S.A.	left sacro-anterior
L.S.A.P.	left sacro-anterior (posterior)
L.S.B.	left sternal border
L.S.C.S.	lower segment caesarean section
L.S.D.	lysergic acid diethylamide
L.S.E.	left sternal edge

L.S.O.	left salpingo-oophorectomy
L.S.N.B.	lumbar sympathetic nerve block
L.S.P.	left sacro-posterior
L.S.T.	left sacro-transverse
L.T.H.	luteotropic hormone
L.T.L.	laparoscopic tubal ligation
L.T.O.T.	low tube ovum transfer
L.T.S.	laparoscopic tubal sterilisation
L.U.L.	left upper lobe
L.U.Q.	left upper quadrant
L.V.	left ventricle
L.V.(+)	left ventricle prominent
L.V.A.	left vertebral angiogram
L.V.E.F.	left ventricular ejection fraction
L.V.F.	left ventricular failure
L.V.T.	left ventricular tachycardia

M.

m	metre
M.A.I.S.	mycobacterium Avian Intracellare Scrofulaceum
mane	in the morning
M.A.O.I.	monoamine oxidase inhibitors

MAXF ₁ O ₂	maximum fractional inspiration of oxygen
M.B.A.	motor bike accident
M.B.C.	maximum breathing capacity
M.B.D.	minimal brain dysfunction
m.c.	monocomponent (insulins)
M.C.A.	middle cerebral artery
M.C.D.	mean cell diameter
M.C.F. titre	mocoplasma complement fixation (titre)
mcg	microgram (see also u)
M.C.G.	micturating cystogram
MCGN	meangiocapillary glomerulonephritis
M.C.H.C.	mean corpuscular haemoglobin concentration
mCi	millicurie
M.C.P.	metacarpophalangeal
M.C.T. oil	medium chain triglyceride oil
M.C.U.	micturating cystourethrogram
M.C.V.	mean corpuscular volume (cell)
M.D.P.	manic depressive psychosis
M.E.A.	multiple endocrine adenopathy (syndrome) multiple endocrine adenomatosis
M.E.E.	middle ear exploration
Mel.	melanoma
m Eq/l	milli equivalents per litre

MET Ca.	metastatic carcinoma
METS	metastatic
M. & F.	mother and father
M.F.T.	muscle function test
mg%	milligrams per hundred millilitres
MG	milligram
M.G.U.S.	monoclonal gammopathy of uncertain significance
M.H.M.A.	3-methoxy-4-hydroxymandelic acid
M.I.	myocardial infarction
M.I.B.G. scan	meta-iodo-benzyl-guanidine
midi	at midday
M.I.S.	muscular infundibular stenosis
Mist.	mistura = mixture
mit.	send (mitte)
m.I.U/ml	milli international units per millilitre
mL	millilitre
M.L.O.	mediolateral oblique
mm	millimetre
mmHg	millimetres of mercury
mmol	millimole
mmol/l	millimoles per litre
M.M.R.	mass miniature radiography

Mn	manganese
M.N.D.	motor neurone disease
M.O.	medical officer
M.O.D.M.	mature onset diabetes mellitus
M.O.D.Y.	maturity onset of diabetes in the young
mosmol/l	milliosmoles per litre
m.p.h.	miles per hour
M.R.A.	magnetic resonance angiography
M.R.I.	magnetic resonance imaging
M.R.S.A.	methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus
M.S.	mitral stenosis multiple sclerosis
M.S.U.	mid-stream urine
M-T-P joint	metatarsophalangeal joint
M.T.X.	methotrexate
mu	microgram (see also mcg)
M.U.	micro-urine
umol/l	micromol per litre
M.U.A.	manipulation under anaesthesia
mu	micro units
M.V.A.	motor vehicle accident
M.V.P.	mean venous pressure

M.V.R. mitral valve replacement
M.V.T. megavoltage X-ray therapy - RadOnc

N.

N nitrogen
Na sodium
NaCl sodium chloride (salt)
N.A.D. no abnormality detected, no absolute diagnosis
N.A.P. neutrophil alkaline phosphatase
N.A.R.T. **National Adult Reading Test**
N.B. note well (nota bene)
N.B.M. nil by mouth
N.C.S. non convergent squint
N.C.V. nerve conducting velocity
N.E. not engaged
Nurse Educator
N.E.C. necrotising entero-colitis
Neg. negative
Neuro. Neurology
N.F.A. no fixed address
N.F.O. no further orders
N.G. nasogastric
N.I.D.D.M. non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus

N ₂ O	nitrous oxide
N.M.R.	nuclear magnetic resonance
N.N.D.	neonatal death
No.	number
nocte	night (at night)
N.O.A.D.	no other abnormality detected
N.O.F.	neck of femur
N.O.K.	next of kin
N.P.H.	neutral protein hagedorn (insulin)
N.P.I.	no pathogens isolated
N.P.L.	no perception of light
N.P.N.	non-protein nitrogen
n/s	normal saline
N.S.	nuclear sclerosis
N. surg.	neurosurgery
N.U.M.	Nursing Unit Manager
N.V.D.	normal vertex delivery
N.W.B.	non weight bearing

O.

O ₂	oxygen
O ₂ sat.	oxygen saturation
O. & G.	Obstetrics and Gynaecology

O/A	on admission
O.A.G.	open angle glaucoma
Obs.	observations
O.C.P.	oral contraceptive pill
O.C.R.	ossicular chain reconstruction
O.C.T.	oxytocin challenge test
O/D	overdose
O/E	on examination
O.I. Type 1	osteogenesis imperfecta Type 1
O.K.N.	optokinetic nystagmus
O.N.M.	Operational Nurse Manager
O.P.	occipito-posterior
O.P.D.	Outpatient Department
O.P.G.	oculoplethysmography (form U3GN 7) / orthopantomogram
O.R.I.F.	open reduction and internal fixation
O.S.A.	obstructive sleep apnoea
O.T.	Occupational Therapist
OX, XO	gonadal dysgenesis syndrome
oz	ounce

P.

P1	pulmonary valve, 1 st sound
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P2	pulmonary valve, 2 nd sound
P32	radioactive phosphorus
P.A.	per axilla
P.A.F.	paroxysmal atrial fibrillation
Pap. smear	Papanicolaou smear test
P.A.R.	perennial allergic rhinitis
Para.	Parity i.e. number of children 1 st child = Para. 1 / Primipara
P.A.T.	paroxysmal atrial tachycardia
Path.	Pathology
P.A.W.G.	post-auricular Wolfe graft (full thickness)
PA x-ray	periapical x-ray
P.B.I.	protein bound iodine
P.B.I. ¹³¹	protein bound radioactive iodine
p.c.	after meals (post cibum)
P.C.A.	patient controlled analgesia
P.C.F.	prothrombin conversion factor
pCO ₂	CO ₂ (carbon dioxide) tension (mmHg)
P.C.T.A.	percutaneous transluminal angioplasty
P.C.W.P.	pulmonary capillary wedge pressure
P.D.A.	patent ductus arteriosus
P.D.O.N.	Principle Director of Nursing
P.E.	pulmonary embolus

P.E.E.P.	positive end expiratory pressure
P.E.F.R.	peak expiratory flow rate
P.E.G.	pneumoencephalogram
P.E.T.	positron emission tomography
P.G.	prostaglandin
P.G.F. ₂	prostaglandin F ₂ alpha
pH	hydrogen-ion concentration symbol (measure of alkalinity / acidity)
P.H.	past history
Physio.	physiotherapist
P.I.	prothrombin index
P.I.C.A.	posterior inferior cerebellar artery
P.I.D.	pelvic inflammatory disease
P.I.H.	pregnancy induced hypertension
P.K.U	phenylketonuria
p.m.	afternoon (post meridiem)
P.M.	post mortem examination / after death polymyositis
P.M.B. (leukocyte)	polymorphonuclear basophil (leukocyte)
P.M.L.E.	progressive multifocal leukocephalopathy
P.M.R.	polymyalgia rheumatica
P.M.S.	premenstrual stress
P.M.T.	premenstrual tension

P.N.	post natal
P.N.D.	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnoea post natal depression
P.N.S.	peripheral nervous system
p.o.	per os = per mouth, orally, per oral
pO ₂	O ₂ (oxygen) tension (mmHg) concentration in solution
PO ₄	phosphate
Polio.	poliomyelitis
P.O.P.	plaster of Paris persistent occipitoposterior
Post. Op.	post operative
P.O.W.	prisoner of war
P/P	partial upper and lower dentures
P.P.A.pos.	phenylpyruvic acid positive
P.P.D.	purified protein derivative
P.P.H.	post partum haemorrhage
P.P.H.N.	persisting pulmonary hypertension of the newborn
PPO ₂	positive pressure oxygen
P.P.R.	Price's precipitation reaction
P.P.S.P.	precipitated plasma specified protein (2, 7, 9, 10 factors)
P.R.	per rectum
P.R. (R.T.A.)	pulse rate (regular in time and amplitude)
P.R.C.	plasma thromboplastin component (IX)

Pre-med	pre-medication
Pre-op	pre-operative
P.R.F.	plasma thromboplastin factor
p.r.n.	as required (pro ne rata)
P.R.P.	pan-retinal photocoagulation
Pro-tem	for the present
P.S.	presenting symptoms
P.S.S.	progressive systemic sclerosis
Psych.	psychiatry
pt.	patient
PT	physiotherapist
P.T.A.	percutaneous transarterial angioplasty
P.T.C.	percutaneous transhepatic cholangiogram
P.T.C.A.	percutaneous transhepatic cholangiogram angiogram
P.T.M.V.	percutaneous transluminal mitral valvoplasty
P.T.T.K.	partial thromboplastin time with kaoline
P.U.	peptic ulcer
P.U.D.	passed urine
Pulv.	pulvis = powder
P.U.O.	pyrexia of unknown origin
P.V.	per vaginam / vagina
P.V.D.	peripheral vascular disease

P.W.B. partial weight bearing

Q.

q4h every four hours

q6h every six hours

q8h every eight hours

q12h every 12 hours

q.h. every hour

q.i.d. four times a day (quatro in die)

q.s. as much as is sufficient

R.

R. right

R.A. rheumatoid arthritis

**Rad radiation absorbed dose (unit of measure for ionising radiation) -
RadOnc says omit**

R.A.H.C. Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children

R.A.W.G. rotation flap and wide excision and graft

R.B.B.B. right bundle branch block

r.b.c. red blood cell

R.B.C. red blood count

R.C.A. right coronary artery

R.C.C. red cell count

R.C.C.A.	right common carotid angiogram
R.D.C.S.	right divergent concomitant strabismus
R.D.S.	respiratory distress syndrome
R.E.M.	rapid eye movements
Resp.	respiratory
R.F.	rheumatic fever
R.F.H.	Rachel Foster Hospital
R.G.P.	retrograde pyelogram
Rh -ve	Rhesus factor negative
+ve	Rhesus factor positive
Rh.F.	rheumatoid factor
R.I.A.	radio-immuno assay
R.I.C.A.	right internal carotid artery
R.I.F.	right iliac fossa
R.I.H.	right inguinal hernia
R.I.J.	right internal jugular
R.I.O.	right inferior oblique (eyes)
R.I.U.G.	retarded intrauterine growth
R.L.L.	right lower lobe
R.L.Q.	right lower quadrant
R.M.L.	right middle lobe
R.M.O.	Resident Medical Officer

R.M.R.	right medial rectus (eye muscle)
R.N.	Registered Nurse
R.N.A.	ribonucleic acid
R/O	removal of
R.O.A.	right occipito-anterior
R.O.I.H.	right oblique inguinal hernia
R.O.P.	right occipito posterior
R.O.S.	removal of sutures
R.O.T.	right occipito-transverse
R.P.	retrograde pyelogram
R.P.A.H.	Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
R.P.C.	retained products of conception - see also R.P.O.C.
R.P.E.	retinal pigment epithelial
R.P.F.	renal plasma flow
r.p.m.	revolutions per minute
R.P.O.C.	retained products of conception (rather than R.P.C.)
R.P.R.	rapid plasma reagin (test for syphilis)
R.R.G.P.	right retrograde pyelogram
R.S.O.	right salpingo-oophorectomy
R/T	radiotherapy
R.T.G.	renal test group
R.T.W.	returned to ward

R.U.L.	right upper lobe (respiratory)
R.U.Q.	right upper quadrant
R.V.	right ventricle
R.V.F.	right ventricular failure
R.V.H.	right ventricular hypertrophy
R.E.T.	Rose-Waaler test
Rx	treatment

S.

s	without
S	sulphur
S ₁₋₅	sacral vertebrae 1 - 5
S.A.C.D.	subacute combine degeneration
S.A.F.P.	serum alpha fetoprotein
S.A.H.	subarachnoid haemorrhage
S.A.L.	sensorieneurual acuity level
S.A.P.	stable angina pectoris
S.A.P.O.P.	short arm plaster of Paris
S.A.R.	seasonal allergic rhinitis
s/b	seen by
S.B.	stillborn or stillbirth
S.B.E.	subacute bacterial endocarditis
S.B.O.	small bowel obstruction

S.B.R.	serum bilirubin (jaundice of newborn)
S-B test	Stanford-Binet test
s.c.	subcutaneous
S.C.A.T.	sheep cell agglutination test
S.C.C.	squamous cell carcinoma
S.C.I.	subcutaneous injection
S.D.	standard deviation
S.D.H.	subdural haematoma / haemorrhage
S.E.M.	scanning electron microscope
S.E.P.	somatosensory evoked potentials
S.E.R.	somatosensory evoked responses
S.E.S.	subcutaneous electric stimulation
SFCa ²	stasis-free calcium
s.Fe	serum iron
S.G.	specific gravity
S.G.A.	small gestational age
S.G.H.A.	serum growth hormone assay
S.G.O.T.	serum glutonic oxyloacetic transaminase serum glutamic oxyloacetic transaminase
S.G.P.T.	serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase
S.H.N.S.	Sydney Home Nursing Service
S.I. joint	sacral iliac joint
S.I.A.D.H.	syndrome/secretion of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone

S.I.D.S.	sudden infant death syndrome
S.I.S.M.	short increment sensitivity index
S.L.D.	serum lactic dehydrogenase
S.L.E.	systemic lupus erythematosus
S.L.P.O.P.	short leg plaster of Paris
S.M.T.	submucosal tunnel
S.N.D.O.	Standard Nomenclature of Diseases and Operations
S.N.E.	Senior Nurse Educator
S.N.O.M.E.D.	Standard Nomenclature of Medicine
S.N.O.P.	Systemised Nomenclature of Pathology
S.N.S.	sympathetic nervous system
S.O.B.	shortness of breath
S.O.B.O.E.	shortness of breath on exertion
S.O.F.	shaft of femur
S.O.H.	shaft of humerus
sol.	solution
S.O.L.	space occupying lesion
S.O.O.B.	sat out of bed
S.P.	speech pathologist
Spec.	specimen
SPECT	single photonemission tomography
S.P.K.	superior punctate keratitis

S.P.N. & P.	Smith Peterson nail and plate
S.P.P.	suprapubic prostatectomy
S.P.P.S.	stable plasma protein solution
Sr	Strontium
S.R.	sinus rhythm
S.R.F.	sub-retinal fluid
S.R.O.M.	spontaneous rupture of membranes
S.S.G.	split skin graft
S.S.M.	superficial spreading panencephalitis
S.S.S.	sick sinus syndrome
S.S.V.	short saphenous vein (left and right)
S.S.Z.	sulphasalazine
S.T.	sinus tachycardia
Staph.	staphylococcus
Stat.	immediately and once only (statim)
S.T.D.	sexually transmitted disease(s)
S.T.P.	secondary thrombocytopenic purpura
strep.	streptococcus
S.T.S.	serology test for syphilis
subcut.	subcutaneous
sub ling.	sublingual = under the tongue
S.U.F. repair	suburethral fascia repair

S.V.C.	superior vena cava
S.V.D.	spontaneous vaginal delivery
S.V.F.	supraventricular fibrillation
S.V.G.	saphenous vein graft
S.V.T.	supraventricular tachycardia
S.W.	social worker
s.w.d.	short wave diathermy
S.X.R.T	superficial X-ray therapy

T.

T _{1, 2} , etc	thoracic vertebra 1, 2, etc
T.I.	tricuspid incompetence
Ta	tantalum
T. & A.	tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
T's & A's	tonsils and adenoids
Tab.	tablet
T.A.E.	trans antral ethmoidectomy
T.A.H.	total abdominal hysterectomy
T.A.H.B.S.O.	total abdominal hysterectomy with bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy
T.A.H.D.S.O.	total abdominal hysterectomy with double salpingo-oophorectomy
T.A.P.	total acid phosphatase
T.A.R.	total ankle replacement

T.B.	tuberculosis (tubercle bacillus)
T.B.C.	thyroxin binding coagulation
T.B.G.	thyroxin binding globulin
T.B.I.	total body irradiation
T.B.P.	thyroxin binding protein
T.C.C.	transitional cell carcinoma
t.d.s.	three times a day (ter in die)
T.E.A.	thromboendarterectomy
T.E.N.	Trainee Enrolled Nurse
T.E.N.S.	transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulator
T.E.R.	total elbow replacement
T.E.S.	transepithelial nerve stimulation
t/f	transfer
T.F.T.	thyroid function test
T.G.A.	transposition of great artery thyroglobulin antibodies
T.H.	total hysterectomy
T.H.B.S.	total hysterectomy, bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy
T.H.C.	total haemolytic complement
T.H.D.S.O.	total hysterectomy double salpingo-oophorectomy
T.H.R.	total hip replacement
T.I.	tricuspid incompetence
T.I.A.	transient ischaemic attack

T.I.B.C.	total iron binding capacity
tib & fib	tibia and fibula
t.i.d.	three times a day (ter in die)
T.I.G.	tetanus immune globulin
tinct.	tincture
T.I.P.	terminal intraphalangeal joint
T.I.P.P.S.	transjugular intrahepatic percutaneous portosystemic stent
T.I.T.	treponema immobilisation test
T.K.N.P.	Thomas King nail and plate
T.K.R.	total knee replacement
T/L	tubal ligation
T.L.A.	translumbar aortogram
T.L.C.	tender loving care
T.L.E.	temporal lobe epilepsy
T.M.	tympanic membrane
T.M.A.	thyroid microsomal antibodies
T.M.C.	threatened miscarriage
T.M.J.	temporomandibular joint
T.M.L.	trachea midline
T.N.S.	transcutaneous nerve stimulator
Tn. / T.	intra-ocular tension
T.O.F.	tracheo-oesophageal fistula

T.O.P.	termination of pregnancy
T.O.R.C.H.	toxoplasmosis, rubella cytomegalovirus herpes
T.O.R.P.	teflon ossicular reconstruction procedure
T.O.S.	trial of scar
T.O.S.V.	trans-oesophageal sclerosing of varices
T.O.T.	trimming of turbinates
T/P	transplant
T.P.A.	tissue plasminogen activator
T.P.H.A.	treponema pallidum haemagglutinatuib
T.P.I.test	treponema pallidum immobilisation test
T. & P. I.	totally and permanently incapacitated
T.P.L.	threatened premature labour
T.P.N.	total parenteral nutrition
T.P.R.	temperature, pulse and respiration
T.P.P.V.	trans para plana vitrectomy
T.P.U.R.	transperineal urethral resection
T. Resin	for thyroid function
T.R.B.F.	total renal blood flow
T.R.E.C.	trans-oesophageal echocardiogram
T.R.F.	thyrotropin-releasing factor
T.R.N.B.P.	trans-rectal biopsy of prostate
T.R.S.	technetium renal scan (also known as technetium DTPA renal scan)

T.R.U.	turbidity releasing units
T.S.H.	thyroid stimulating hormone
T.S.R.	total shoulder replacement
T.S.S.	toxic shock syndrome
T.T.	transit time (as in gated heart poll study)
T.T.H.	thyrotropic hormone
T.T.P.	thrombotic thrombocytopenia purpura
T.U.D.	transurethral diathermy
T.U.R.	transurethral resection (of the prostate and bladder)
T.U.R.P.	transurethral resection of the prostate
T.V.	tidal volume
T.V.O.P.	transvaginal oocyte pick-up
T.V.R.	tricuspid valve replacement
T.Z.	transitional zone (of cervix)

U.

U/A	urinalysis
U.A.C.	umbilical artery catheter
U.A.P.	unstable angina pectoris
U.C. & C.	urine cytology and culture
U.C.R.	unconditioned reflex
U.C.T.	urea clearance/ concentration test

U.D.	urethral dilatation
U.D.T.	undescended testicles
U & E	urea and electrolytes
U.G.I.	upper gastrointestinal (tract)
U.L.	upper lobe
U.L.S.	upper lobe sensation
U.M.N.	upper motor neuron
U.M.N.L.	upper motor neuron lesion
Ung.	ointment (unguentum)
U.O.	urinary output
U.P.	urine/plasma ratio
U.P.P.A.	urinary phenyl pyruvic acid
U.P.P.P.	uvulo palato pharyngoplasty
U/Q	upper quadrant
U.R.T.I.	upper respiratory tract infection
U.S.	ultrasound
U.S.A.	urinary strep antigen
U.T.B.V.O.	upper temporal branch vein occlusion
U.T.I.	urinary tract infection
U.T.Q.	upper temporal quadrant
U.V. (L)	ultraviolet (light)
U.V.R.	ultra violet radiation

V.

v	velocity
V	volt
V-A	ventriculo-atrial
V.A.	visual acuity
V.A.I.N.	vaginal intra-epithelial neoplasia
V.A.S.C.	visual acuity screening test
V.A.T.	ventricular activation time
V.B.I.	vertebro-basilar insufficiency / ischaemia
V.C.	vena cava
V/C	vacuum curettage
V.C.G.	vector cardiogram
V.C.M.	video cystometrogram
V.C.P.	vena cava plication
V.C.U.	video cytsourethrogram
V.C.U.G.	voiding cyctogurethrogram
V.D.	venereal disease
V.D.G.	venereal disease gonorrhoea
V.D.R.L.	venereal disease reference laboratory (a microbiology test)
V.E.	vaginal examination
V.E.B.	ventricular ectopic beats
V.E.P.	visual evoked potential

V.E.R.	visual evoked response
V.E.S.	ventricular extra systoles
V.f.	visual field
V.F.	ventricular fibrillation (failure)
V.H.D.	valvular heart disease
V.I.N.	vulvar intra-epithelial neoplasia
Vit.	vitamin
viz.	namely(videlicet)
V.K.H. Syndrome	Vogt-Koyanngi-Harado Syndrome
V.L.B.W.	very low birth weight
V.L.D.L.	very low density lipoprotein
V.M.A.	vanillymandelic acid
V.M.O.	Visiting Medical Officer
V.R.	vasomotor rhinitis
vol.%	volume percent
V.P.	ventriculo-peritoneal
V.P.B.	ventricular premature beats
V.P.G	ventricular premature contractions
V.P.R.C.	volume packed red cells
V.P.S	ventriculo-peritoneal shunt
V.Q.	ventilation perfusion scan
V.R.	vocal resonance

V.S.	vibration sense
V.S.D.	ventricular septal defect
V.T.	ventricular tachycardia
V.U.	vesico-ureteric
V.U.J.	vesico-ureteric junction
V.V.'s	varicose veins

W.

W.A.I.S.	Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale
W.A.P.	wandering atrial pacemaker
W.B.	whole blood (e.g. transfused with 2 pints W.B.)
W.B.C.	white blood count
w.c.c.	white cell count
W.E.B.I.N.O.	wall-eyed bilateral internuclear ophthalmoplegia syndrome
W.E.G.	wide excision and graft
W.E.P.C.	wide excision and primary closure
W.E.R.	wide excision and rotation flap
W.G.	Wolfe graft
W.H.P.	wedge hepatic pressure
W.M.S.	Wilson-Mikity Syndrome Wechler memory scale
w/o	washout
W.P.W.S.	Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome

W.E. Wassermann reaction (test for syphilis)

wt. weight

X.

X-Match cross match

X.T. exotropia (divergent squint)

Y.

Y yttrium

yr year

Z.

Ze / ZES Zollinger-Ellison syndrome

Z-N Ziehl-Neelsen Stain

Zn zinc

SYMBOLS.

/ per

? or D disease

< less than

> greater than

fracture
number

↓ decreased (flexor-plantar response)

↑	increased (extensor-plantar response)
α	alpha
β	beta
γ	gamma
δ	delta
	male
	Female
U	microunits
g	micrograms
+ve	positive
-ve	negative
1/7, 2/7, etc	1 day, 2 days
1/52, 2/52	1 week, 2 weeks, etc
1/12, 2/12	1 month, 2 months etc
1°	primary, first degree
2°	secondary, second degree
3°	tertiary, third degree
=	equals
R _x	treatment
?	therefore
5HIAA	5 hydroxyindolytacetic acid (urine)
5 LICs MCL	5 th left intercostal space in the mid-clavicular line (referring to site of apex beat)

17-GCS 17-hydroxycorticosteroids

17-K.G.S. 17-ketogenic steroids

17-K.S. 17-K.S.

FOETAL POSITIONS AND PRESENTATION.

L/R.M.A. left / right mentoanterior

L/R.M.P. left / right mentoposterior

L/R.M.T. left / right mentotransverse

L/R.O.A. left / right occipitoanterior

L/R.O.P left / right occipitoposterior

L/R.O.T. left / right occipitotransverse

P.O.P. persistent occipitoposterior

L/R.S.A. left / right sacrum anterior

L/R.S.P. left / right sacrum posterior

L/R.S.T left / right sacrum transverse

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