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Glossary of Medical terms

@	at	ADH	antidiuretic hormone	A(P)LS	advance (paediatric) life support manuals
ĉ	with	ADH	atypical ductal hyperplasia	APTT	activated partial thromboplastin time
1/7	1 day	ADHD	attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	AQ	Anaesthetic questionnaire
1/52	1 week	ADL	activities/aspects of daily living	ARDS	adult/acute respiratory distress syndrome
1/12	1 month	AE	air entry	ARM	artificial rupture of membranes
1°	primary	AF	atrial fibrillation	AROM	active range of movement
2°	secondary	AFB	acid-fast bacillus	ASD	atrial septal defect
↑	increasing	AFOs	ankle-foot orthosis	ASO	antistreptolysin O
↓	decreasing	AFP	alpha feto protein	AST	aspartate transaminase
+ve	positive	Ag	antigen	ATC	anterior tibial compartment
-ve	negative	AHP	abnormal head posture	ATSP	asked to see patient
ψ	psychiatry/psychology	AICD	automatic implant able cardioverter defibrillators	ATLS	advanced trauma life support manual reference
#	fracture	AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome	ATN	acute tubular necrosis
°	no/not (nothing)	AKA	above knee amputation	ATO	Assistant Technical Officer
△	diagnosis	Al	aluminium	AV	atrioventricular
△△	differential diagnosis	Alkphos	alkaline phosphatase (also ALP)	AVR	aortic valve replacement
∴	therefore	ALL	acute lymphoblastic leukaemia	AVM	arteriovenous malformation
∵	due to	AMA	antimitochondrial antibody	Ax	assessment
→	leading to	AMP	adenosine monophosphate	AXR	abdominal x-ray (plain)
++	very, very	AMPS	assessment of motor/process skills	B	
>	greater than	AML	acute myeloid leukaemia	Ba	barium
<	less than	AN	anxiety neurosis	BAL	bronchoalveolar lavage
µg	microgram	ANA	antinuclear antibody	BAPS	British Association of Paediatric Surgeons
A		ANAC	anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibody	BAWO	bilateral antral washout
A2	aortic component of second heart sound	ANC	ante natal clinic	BBA	born before arrival
AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm	ANF	antinuclear factor	BBR	bilateral breast reduction
AABR	automated auditory brainstem response	ANP	Advanced Nurse Practitioner	BCC	basal cell carcinoma
Ab	antibody	AO	alveolar oedema	BCR	British comparative ratio (≈INR)
Abdo	abdominal	AP	anteroposterior	bd	bis die (twice a day)
ABG	arterial blood gas	APC	argon plasma coagulation	BF	breast fed
ABPA	allergic broncho pulmonary aspergillosis	APER	abdomino perineal excision of rectum	BG	basic grade
ABPM	ambulatory blood pressure monitoring	APGAR	American Paediatric Gross Assessment Record	BG	blood glucose
Abx	antibiotics	APGAR	appearance, pulse, grimace, activity, respiration (UK)	BG	blood gas
ac	ante cibum (before food)	APH	ante partum haemorrhage	BIBA	brought in by ambulance
ACE	antigrade colonic enema			BiPAP	bi-level positive airway pressure
ACE(i)	angiotensin-converting enzyme (inhibitors)			BINP	bilateral intra nasal polypectomy
ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone			BiVA	bilateral ventricular assist devices
ACL	anterior cruciate ligament				
ACLS	advanced cardiac life support				
ACS	acute coronary syndrome				
ADD	attention deficit disorder				

BK	below knee	CESDI	Confidential Entry into Stillbirths and Deaths in Infancy	CPR	cardio-pulmonary resuscitation
BKA	below knee amputation			CPPV	continuous positive pressure ventilation
BM	barium meal	CHART	continuous hyperfractionated accelerated radiation therapy	CRF	chronic renal failure
BM	blood monitoring			CRP	C-reactive protein
BMI	body mass index	CHAT	Community Health Access Team	CRPS	complex/chronic regional pain syndrome
BMJ	British Medical Journal			CRT-D	cardiac resynchronisation therapy defibrillator
BNF	British National Formulary	CHB	complete heart block	CRVO	central retinal vein occlusion
BNO	bowels not open	CHD	coronary heart disease	C&S	culture & sensitivity
BO	bowels open	CHD	common hepatic duct	CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
BOP	bleeding on probing	CHI	Commission for Health Improvement	CSOEM	chronic suppurative otitis externa & infection mastoid cells
BOP	biocompatible osteoconductive polymer	ChVS	chorionic villus sampling	CSM	colour sensation & movement
BP	blood pressure	CI	contra indications	CSU	catheter specimen of urine
BPD	bi parietal diameter	CIS	carcinoma in situ	CSW	Clinical Support Worker
bpm	beats per minutes (eg pulse)	CK	creatine (phospho) kinase (also CPK)	CT	computerised tomography
BRA	bite raising appliance	CKMB	creatine kinase MB	CTD/R	carpal tunnel decompression/release
BSA	body surface area	CLD	chronic lung disease	CTG	cardiotacograph
BSE	breast self-examination	CLL	chronic lymphocytic leukaemia	CTPA	CT pulmonary angiogram
BTB	breakthrough bleeding	CML	chronic myeloid leukaemia	CTS	carpal tunnel syndrome
BX	biopsy	CMV	cytomegalovirus	CTO	chronic total occlusion
C		CMW	Community Midwife	CVA	cerebro-vascular accident
Ca	carcinoma	CN	cranial nerves	CVL	central venous line
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft	CNS	central nervous system	CVP	central venous pressure
CAD	coronary artery disease	CNS	Clinical Nurse Specialist	CVS	cardiovascular system
CAH	congenital adrenal hyperplasia	CNV	choroidal neovascular	CXR	chest x-ray
CAL	chronic airflow limitation	C/O	complained of	D	
cAMP	cyclic adenosine monophosphate (AMP)	COAD	chronic obstructive airways disease	d	day(s) (also expressed as x/7)
CAPD	continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis	COC	combined oral contraceptive i.e. (o)estrogen + progesterone	D	dimension
CAPE	Clifton assessment procedures for the elderly	COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	DADL	domestic activities of daily living
CBD	common bile duct	COT	Community Occupational Therapy	D&C	dilatation (cervix) & curettage
CBD	cortico basal degeneration	COTNAB	Chessington O.T. Neurological Assessment Battery	dB	decibel
CC	creatinine clearance	CP	cerebral palsy	D/C	
CCF	congestive cardiac failure (i.e. RVF with LVF)	CP12	chest pain 12 hour blood sample	D/X	discharge
CCST	Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training	CPAP	continuous positive airways pressure	DCIA	deep circumflex iliac artery
CCT	controlled cord traction	CPB	cardio-pulmonary bypass	DCIS	ductal carcinoma in situ
CCU	cardiac care unit or coronary care unit	CPD	cigarettes per day	DCM	dilated cardiomyopathy
CD	cluster of differentiation surface molecules, eg CD4 lymphocytes	CPITN	Community Periodontal Index of Treatment Needs	DCT	direct coombs test
CD	controlled drug	CPM	constant passive motion	DDD	degenerative disc disease
CDH	congenital dislocated hip	CPN	Community Psychiatric Nurse	DDS	deputising doctor service
CDU	Clinical Decisions Unit			DES	drug eluting stent
CEPH	cephalic			DHS	dynamic hip screw