



## Glossary of Medical terms

@	at	ADH	antidiuretic hormone	A(P)LS	advance (paediatric) life support manuals
ć	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		
>	greater than	AML	acute myeloid leukaemia	B	
<	less than	AN	anxiety neurosis	Ba	barium
µg	microgram	ANA	antinuclear antibody	BAL	bronchoalveolar lavage
		ANAC	anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibody	BAPS	British Association of Paediatric Surgeons
<b>A</b>		ANC	ante natal clinic	BAWO	bilateral antral washout
A2	aortic component of second heart sound	ANF	antinuclear factor	BBA	born before arrival
AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm	ANP	Advanced Nurse Practitioner	BBR	bilateral breast reduction
AABR	automated auditory brainstem response	AO	alveolar oedema	BCC	basal cell carcinoma
Ab	antibody	AP	anteroposterior	BCR	British comparative ratio (≈INR)
Abdo	abdominal	APC	argon plasma coagulation	bd	bis die (twice a day)
ABG	arterial blood gas	APER	abdomino perineal excision of rectum	BF	breast fed
ABPA	allergic broncho pulmonary aspergillosis	APGAR	American Paediatric Gross Assessment Record	BG	basic grade
ABPM	ambulatory blood pressure monitoring	APGAR	appearance, pulse, grimace, activity, respiration (UK)	BG	blood glucose
Abx	antibiotics	APH	ante partum haemorrhage	BIBA	blood gas
ac	ante cibum (before food)			BiPAP	brought in by ambulance
ACE	antigrade colonic enema			BiNP	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			CRPS	complex/chronic regional pain syndrome
BMJ	British Medical Journal	CHAT	Community Health Access Team	CRT-D	cardiac resynchronisation therapy defibrillator
BNF	British National Formulary			CRVO	central retinal vein occlusion
BNO	bowels not open	CHB	complete heart block	C&S	culture & sensitivity
BO	bowels open	CHD	coronary heart disease	CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
BOP	bleeding on probing	CHD	common hepatic duct	CSOEM	chronic suppurative otitis externa & infection
BOP	biocompatible osteoconductive polymer	CHI	Commission for Health Improvement		mastoid cells
BP	blood pressure	ChVS	chorionic villus sampling	CSM	colour sensation & movement
BPD	bi parietal diameter	CI	contra indications	CSU	catheter specimen of urine
bpm	beats per minutes (eg pulse)	CIS	carcinoma in situ	CSW	Clinical Support Worker
BRA	bite raising appliance	CK	creatine (phospho) kinase (also CPK)	CT	computerised tomography
BSA	body surface area	CKMB	creatine kinase MB	CTD/R	carpal tunnel decompression/release
BSE	breast self-examination	CLD	chronic lung disease	CTG	cardiotacograph
BTB	breakthrough bleeding	CLL	chronic lymphocytic leukaemia	CTPA	CT pulmonary angiogram
BX	biopsy	CML	chronic myeloid leukaemia	CTS	carpal tunnel syndrome
<b>C</b>					
Ca	carcinoma	CMV	cytomegalovirus	CTO	chronic total occlusion
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft	CMW	Community Midwife	CVA	cerebro-vascular accident
CAD	coronary artery disease	CN	cranial nerves	CVL	central venous line
CAH	congenital adrenal hyperplasia	CNS	central nervous system	CVP	central venous pressure
CAL	chronic airflow limitation	CNV	choroidal neovascular	CVS	cardiovascular system
cAMP	cyclic adenosine monophosphate (AMP)	C/O	complained of	CXR	chest x-ray
CAPD	continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis	COAD	chronic obstructive airways disease		
CAPE	Clifton assessment procedures for the elderly	COC	combined oral contraceptive i.e. (o)estrogen + progesterone	<b>D</b>	
CBD	common bile duct	COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	d	day(s) (also expressed as x/7)
CBD	cortico basal degeneration	COT	Community Occupational Therapy	D	dimension
CC	creatinine clearance	COTNAB	Chessington O.T. Neurological Assessment Battery	DADL	domestic activities of daily living
CCF	congestive cardiac failure (i.e. RVF with LVF)	CP	cerebral palsy	D&C	dilatation (cervix) & curettage
CCST	Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training	CP12	chest pain 12 hour blood sample	dB	decibel
CCT	controlled cord traction	CPAP	continuous positive airways pressure	D/C	
CCU	cardiac care unit or coronary care unit	CPB	cardio-pulmonary bypass	D/X	discharge
CD	cluster of differentiation surface molecules, eg CD4 lymphocytes	CPD	cigarettes per day	DCIA	deep circumflex iliac artery
CD	controlled drug	CPITN	Community Periodontal Index of Treatment Needs	DCIS	ductal carcinoma in situ
CDH	congenital dislocated hip	CPM	constant passive motion	DCM	dilated cardiomyopathy
CDU	Clinical Decisions Unit	CPN	Community Psychiatric Nurse	DCT	direct coombs test
CEPH	cephalic			DDD	degenerative disc disease
				DDS	deputising doctor service
				DES	drug eluting stent
				DHS	dynamic hip screw

DIC	disseminated intravascular coagulation	EMDR	eye movement desensitisation reprocessing	FFD	fit for discharge
DIP	distal interphalangeal	EMG	electromyogram	FFP	fresh frozen plasma
DKA	diabetic ketoacidosis	EMI	elderly mentally ill	FH	family history
dL	decilitre	ENT	ear, nose and throat	FH	fetal heart
D/L	direct laryngoscopy	EPO	evening primrose oil	FHH	fetal heart heard
DM	diabetes mellitus	EPD	enzyme potentiated desensitisation	FHHR	fetal heart heard regular
DMARD	disease modifying antirheumatic drugs	EPR	endoprosthetic replacement	FHR	fetal heart rate
DN	District Nurse	EPS	electrophysiological study	FM	fetal movements
DNA	did not attend	ER	oestrogen receptor	FM(N)F	fetal movements (not) felt
DNLO	District Nurse Liaison Officer	ERCP	endoscopy retrograde cholangio-pancreatogram or endoscopic retrograde cholecysto-pancreatography	FOB	fetal occult blood
DNR	do not resuscitate	ERPC	evacuation of remaining/retained products of conception	FiO2	partial pressure of O <sub>2</sub> in inspired air
DoH	Department of Health (United Kingdom)	ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate	FROM	full range of movements
DP	distal phalanx	ET	endotracheal	FSH	follicle-stimulating hormone
DPT	dental panoramic tomogram	ETOH	ethyl alcohol	FSE	fetal scalp electrode
DSH	deliberate self-harm	ETT	endotracheal tube	FSTF	free standing toilet frame
DTA	decision to admit	ETV	endoscopic third ventriculostomy	FTA	failed to attend
DU	duodenal ulcer	EUA	examination under anaesthetic	FTND	full term normal delivery
D&V	diarrhoea and vomiting	EUM	examination under microscope	FTSG	full thickness skin graft
DVT	deep venous thrombosis	EVD	external ventricular drain	F/U	follow up
DXT	deep radio therapy	EWS	early warning score	FVC	forced vital capacity
<b>E</b>					
E&D	eating and drinking	EXC	excision	FWB	full weight bearing
EBL	estimated blood loss	EXT	extraction	<b>G</b>	
E-BM	evidence-based medicine (& its journal published by the BMA)	EVD	external ventricular drain	g	gram
EBM	expressed breast milk	EWS	early warning score	G	gauge
EBV	Epstein-Barr virus	EXC	excision	G	gravid
EC	elbow crutches	EXT	extraction	GA	general anaesthetic
Echo	echocardiogram	FAC	fetal abdominal circumference	GB	gall bladder
ECG	electrocardiogram	FACH	forceps to after coming head	GC	gonococcus
ECM	external cardiac massage	FB	fetal blood	GCS	Glasgow coma scale
ECMO	extracorporeal membrane oxygenation	FB	foreign body	GDP	General Dental Practitioner
ECT	electroconvulsive therapy	FBC	full blood count	GFR	glomerular filtration rate
ECV	external cephalic version	FBS	fetal blood sampling	GGE	gastrograffin enema
EDD	estimated/expected date of delivery	FDP	fibrin degradation products	GGSw	gastrograffin swallow
EDTA	ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid (full blood count bottle)	FED	Fuch's endothelial dystrophy	GGT	gamma glutamyl transpeptidase
EEG	electroencephalogram	FESS	functional endoscopic sinus surgery	GH	growth hormone
EFM	external fetal monitoring	FEV1	forced expiratory volume in first second	GI	gastrointestinal
EFW	estimated fetal weight	FFA	fundus fluorescein angiography	GIFT	gamete intra fallopian transfer
ELBW	extremely low birth weight			GIT	gastrointestinal tract
ELISA	enzyme linked immunosorbant assay			GOR	gastro-oesophageal reflux
EM	electron microscope			GORD	gastroesophageal reflux disease

<b>H</b>					
HAV	hepatitis A virus	HV	Health Visitor or home visit	IUGR	intra uterine growth retardation/restriction
HA	home assessment	HVS	high vaginal swab	IV	Intravenous
HAD	hospital anxiety & depression	I		IVAB	intravenous antibiotics
Hb	haemoglobin	IAMS	Internal auditory meatus	IVC	inferior vena cava
HbsAg	hepatitis B surface antigen	Ib/ibid	Ibidem, Latin for 'In the same place'	IVF	in-vitro fertilisation
HBV	hepatitis B virus	I&D	incision and drainage	IVI	intravenous infusion
HC	head circumference	IABP	intra aortic balloon pump	IVM	in-vitro maturation
HCG	human chorionic gonadotrophin (pregnancy test)	IBS	irritable bowel syndrome	IVRG	intravenous regional guanethidine
Hct	haematocrit	ICD	implantable cardioverter defibrillator	IVU	intravenous urography
HCV	hepatitis C virus	ICP	intracranial pressure	J	
HCSW	Health Care Support Worker	ICSI	intra-cytoplasmic sperm injection	JET	junctional ectopic tachycardia
HD	haemodialysis	ICU	Intensive Care Unit	JVP	jugular venous pressure
HDL	high-density lipoprotein	IDA	iron-deficiency anaemia	K	
HDU	High Dependency Unit	IDC	invasive ductal carcinoma	K+	potassium
HDV	hepatitis D virus	IDDM	insulin-dependant diabetes mellitus	KCCT	kaolin cephalin clotting time
Hemi	hemiplegia	IDM	inferior dental nerve	kg	kilogram
HES	hyperoesinophilic syndrome	IE	infective endocarditis	Kpa	kilopascal
Het	haematocrit	Ig	immunoglobulin	KUB	kidney, ureter, bladder
HH	helping hand	IGTN	ingrowing toenail	L	
HHT	hereditary haemorrhagic telangiectasia	IHD	ischaemic heart disease	L	litre or left
HIDA	hepatic immunodiacetic acid	IM	intramuscular	LA	local anaesthesia
HIE	hypoxic Ischaemic Encephalopathy	IHSS	Intensive home support scheme	LA	laser ablation
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus	IMB	inter menstrual bleeding	LAD	left anterior descending (angiogram)
HKL	heel to knee length	IMV	intermittent mandatory ventilation	LAD	left axis deviation (ECG)
HNPU	has not passed urine	INP	intra nasal polypectomy	LBBB	left bundle branch block
HO	House Officer	INR	international normalized ratio (prothrombin ratio)	LBT	left before treatment
HOCM	hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy	IO	interstitial oedema	LBT	laryngotracheo-bronchoscopy
HONK	hyperosmolar non-ketotic (diabetic coma)	IOL	implant of lens	LCX	left circumflex
HOOD	hereditary osteo-onychodysplasia	IOL	induction of labour	LD	lumbar drain
HPI	history of present illness	IP	Interphalangeal	LD	latissimus dorsi
HPC	history of present complaint	IPPV	intermittent positive pressure ventilation	LDH	lactate dehydrogenase
HPV	human papillomavirus	I&R	Intake and Rehabilitation Team	LDL	low-density lipoprotein
HR	heart rate	ISC	intermittent self catheterisation	LDS	left divergent squint
HRT	hormone replacement therapy	ISQ	in status quo	LFT	liver function test
HSG	hysterosalpingogram	ISR	in-stent restenosis	LH	luteinizing hormone
HSV	highly selective vagotomy	ITP	idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura	LIF	left iliac fossa
	herpes simplex virus	ITU	intensive therapy unit	LKKS	liver, kidney (R), kidney (L), spleen
HT	hypertension	Iu	International unit	LLD	limb length discrepancy
		IUCD	intra uterine contraceptive device	LMA	laryngeal mask airway
		IUD	intra uterine death	LMN	lower motor neurone
		IUG	intra uterine growth	LMP	last menstrual period

LOC	loss of consciousness	MOSF	multiple organ systems failure	N2O	nitrous oxide
LP	lumbar puncture	MRI	magnetic resonance imaging	NSAIDS	non steroidial anti inflammatory drugs
LRA	lower raising appliance	MRSA	methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus	NSCLC	non-small cell lung cancer
L/ROA	left/right occipito anterior	MRSE	methicillin-resistant staphylococcus epidermidis	NSIP	non-specific interstitial pneumonia
L/ROL	left/right occipito lateral	MS	multiple sclerosis	NSTEMI	non-ST elevated myocardial infarction
L/ROP	left/right occipito posterior	MSA	multiple stab avulsions	NVD	normal vaginal delivery
L/RSA	left/right sacro anterior	MSK	musculoskeletal	NWB	non-weight bearing
L/RSR	left/right sacro posterior	MSSA	methicillin-sensitive staphylococcus aureus	NYHA	New York Heart Association
LRTI	lower respiratory tract infection	MSSU	mid stream specimen urine	<b>O</b>	
LSCS	lower segment caesarian section	MST	morphine sulphate tablets	OA	occipito-anterior
LUNA	laparoscopic uterine nerve ablation	MSU	mid stream urine	OAE	otoacoustic emissions
	laparoscopic uterosacral nerve ablation	MTP	metatarsophalangeal	OAF	oroantral fistula
	laser uterosacral nerve ablation	MUA	manipulated under anaesthetic	OBS	observations
LUQ	left upper quadrant	MW	Midwife	OCP	oral contraceptive pill
LVAD	left ventricular assist devices	Mx	management	od	omni die (once a day)
LVF	left ventricular failure			OD	overdose
LVH	left ventricular hypertrophy			ODP	operating department practitioner
LVRS	lung volume reduction surgery			OE	on examination
<b>M</b>				OGD	oesophagastroduodenoscopy
MAP	morning after pill	N&V	nausea and vomiting	OGTT	oral glucose tolerance test
MAOI	monoamine oxidase inhibitors	NAI	non accidental injury	OM	obtuse marginal artery
MCP	Metacarpophalangeal	NaCl	sodium chloride	O/P	on palpation
MCS	micro, culture & sensitivity	NAD	nothing abnormal detected	OP	occipito-posterior
MCL	medial collateral ligament	NBM	nil by mouth	OPA	out-patient appointment
MCV	mean cell volume	NBP	nil by peg	OPC	out-patient clinic
MEA	microwave endometrial ablation	NCCG	non-consultant career grade	OPD	out-patient department
MDMA	3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine	ND	notifiable disease	OPG	ortho pantoemograph
ME	myalgic encephalomyelitis	NEC	necrotising enterocolitis	ORh-ve	blood group O, Rh negative
MET	maximal exercise test	Neg	negative	ORIF	open reduction & internal fixation
MEWS	modified early warning score	NFR	not for resuscitation	ORTW	on return to ward
Mg	Magnesium	NG (T)	nasogastric (tube)	OT	Occupational Therapist
mg	milligram	NHS	National Health Service		
MI	myocardial infarction	NHL	non Hodgkin's lymphoma		
ml	millilitre	NICE	National Institute for Clinical Excellence		
ML	microlaringoscopy	NICU	neonatal intensive care unit		
mmHg	millimetres of mercury	NIDDM	non insulin dependant diabetes mellitus	<b>P</b>	
MM	malignant melanoma	NKDA	no known drug allergies	P	parity
MN	midnight	NLD	necrobiosis lipoidica diabetorum	P	pulse
MND	motor neurone disease	NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance scan	PA	posteroanterior
MODY	maturity onset diabetes in the young	NND	neonatal death	PA	peri-apical
		NOS	nil of significance	PAC	pre admission clinic
			no obvious symptoms	PAN	polyarteritis nodosa
		NPHC	new patient health check	P/c	presenting complaint
		NPO	not passed urine	PCA	patient controlled analgesia
				PCB	post coital bleed
				PCI	percutaneous coronary intervention

PCOS	polycystic ovary syndrome	PONV	post operative nausea and vomiting	R	
PaCO <sub>2</sub>	partial pressure of carbon dioxide in arterial blood	PoP	progesterone-only pill	R	right
PaO <sub>2</sub>	partial pressure of oxygen in arterial blood	POP	plaster of paris	RA	rheumatoid arthritis
PCNL	percutaneous nephrolithotomy	Pos	positive	RAMAP	rest as much as possible
PCO	polycystic ovaries	POSSUM	physiological and operative severity score for enumeration of mortality and morbidity	RAS	renal artery stenosis
PCV	packed cell volume	PP	private patient	RAST	radio allergo-sorbent test
PD	peritoneal dialysis	PP	presenting part	RB	retinoblastoma
PDA	patent ductus arteriosus	PPOSSUM	Portsmouth predictor equation	RBBB	right bundle branch block
P/D IPJs	proximal/distal interphalangeal joints	PPH	post partum haemorrhage	RBC	red blood cells
PDPH	post-dural puncture headache	PPHN	persistent pulmonary hypertension	RBS	random blood sugar
PE	pulmonary embolism	PPI	proton pump inhibitor	RCA	Royal College of Anaesthetists
PEFR	peak expiratory flow rate	PPROM	preterm premature rupture of membranes	RCA	right coronary artery
PEG	percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy	PR	per rectum	RDS	right divergent squint
PEP	pulmonary embolism prevention	PR	progesterone receptor	RDS	respiratory distress syndrome
PERLA	pupils equal and reactive to light and accommodation	PRN	pro re nata (as required)	RFFF	radial forearm fasciocutaneous flap
PET	pre-eclamptic toxæmia	PROM	premature rupture of membranes	RFT	respiratory function tests
PFE	pelvic floor exercises	PSA	prostate specific antigen	RGN	Registered General Nurse
P/h	past/previous history	PT	physiotherapist	Rh	rhesus
PICC	peripherally inserted central catheter.	PTA	pure tone audiogram	RICE	rheumatic fever/rheumatoid factor
PICU	paediatric intensive care unit	PTC	percutaneous transhepatic cholangiography	RIF	rest, ice, compression and elevation
PID	prolapsed intervertebral disc	PTCA	percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty	RIG	right iliac fossa
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease	PTH	parathyroid hormone	RIP	radiological inserted gastronomy
PIE	pulmonary interstitial emphysema	PTR	prothrombin ratio	RJB	rest in peace
PIF	prolactin release inhibiting factor	PTSD	post traumatic stress disorder	RM	Robert Jones bandage
PIH	pregnancy induced hypertension	PU	passed urine	RMO	Registered Midwife
PIP	proximal interphalangeal	PUO	pyrexia of unknown origin	RN	Registered Nurse
PIPJ	proximal interphalangeal joint	PUPP	pruritic urticarial papules, plaques of pregnancy	RNA	Registered Nurse (Adult)
PKU	phenylketonuria	PV	per vaginum	RNLD	Registered Nurse (Learning Disabilities)
PM	postmortem	PVC	pulmonary venous congestion	RNC	Registered Nurse (Child)
PMB	Post-menopausal bleeding	PVC	peripheral venous cannula	RNMH	Registered Nurse (Mental Health)
PMH	previous medical history	PVD	peripheral vascular disease	ROC	removal of clips
PND	post natal depression	PVL	periventricular leukomalacia	ROM	range of movement
	paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnoea	PWB	partial weight bearing	ROP	rupture of membranes
PNS	post nasal space	Q		ROS	retinoplasty of prematurity
PO	per os (by mouth)			ROT	removal of sutures
POAC	pre-op admission clinic	qds	quarter die sumendus (to be taken 4 times a day)	R/P	right occiput transverse
POC	Polythene occlusal covering			RR	root planing
				RS	respiratory rate
				RSO	respiratory system
				RTA	Resident Surgical Officer
				RTW	road traffic accident
				RUQ	return to work
				RVAD	right upper quadrant
				RVF	right ventricular assist devices
					right ventricular failure

RVH	right ventricular hypertrophy	SSG	split skin graft	TOP	termination of pregnancy
RVOT	right ventricular outflow tract	SSRI	selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor	TOS	trial of scar
Rx	treatment/prescribed	stat	statim (immediately; as initial dose)	TOS	thoracic outlet syndrome
		STD	sexually transmitted disease	TPN	total parenteral nutrition
<b>S</b>		STI	sexually transmitted infection	TPR	temperature, pulse and respirations count
SAD	seasonal affective depression	STI	soft tissue injury	TRITS	trimming of inferior turbates
SALT	speech & language therapy	ST/N	Student Nurse	TRUS	transrectal ultrasound scan
sats	saturation level	STOP	suction termination of pregnancy	TSH	thyroid-stimulating hormone
SAU	Surgical Admissions Unit	SUFE	slipped under femoral epiphysis	TTA	tablets (to) take away (home)
SBE	subacute bacterial endocarditis	SVC	superior vena cava	TTN	transient tachypnoea of the newborn
SBO	small bowel obstruction	SVD	spontaneous vaginal delivery	TTD	tablets to take out
SBR	serum bilirubin	SVG	saph. vein graft	TPP	tender to percussion
SC	subcutaneous	SVIA	self ventilating in air	TTTS	twin to twin transfusion syndrome
SCA	sickle cell anaemia	SVT	supraventricular tachycardia	TURBT	transurethral resection of bladder tumour
SCBU	special care baby unit	SW	Social Worker	TURP	trans urethral resection of prostate
SCC	squamous cell carcinoma			TVN	tissue viability nurse
SCLC	small cell lung cancer			TVS	transvaginal and transvesical sonography
SE	side effect(s)	<b>T</b>			
sec	seconds	T	temperature		
SEWS	standardised early warning score	T3	trilogo thyronine	TWOC	trial without catheter
SFD	small for date	T4	thyroxine	TWW	two week wait
SI	sexual intercourse	Tx	treatment	Tymps	typanometry
SIADH	syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone	T&A's	tonsils & adenoids		
SIDS	sudden infant death syndrome	TAAA	thoraco-abdominal aortic aneurysm	<b>U</b>	
SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus	TATT	tired all the time	u or U	units
SLR	straight leg raising	TB	tuberculosis	UA12	unstable angina 12 hour blood sample
SMD	submucous diathermy	TBG	thyroxine binding globulin	UPPP	Uvulo-palato-pharyngoplasty
SMR	sub-mucosal resection	TBI	total body irradiation	U&E	urea and electrolytes
S/N	Staff Nurse	TCA	to come again	UO	urine output
SOB	short of breath	TCC	transitional cell carcinoma	URA	upper raising appliance
SOBOE	short of breath on exercise/exertion	TCI	to come in	URT	upper respiratory tract
SOL	space occupying lesion	TEDS	thrombo-embolic deterrent stockings	URTI	upper respiratory tract infection
SP	scale & polish	TENS	transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation	USS	ultra-sound scan
SPA	supra-pubic aspiration	TEP	treatment escalation plan	UTA	unable to attend
SPC	supra pubic catheter	TIA	transient ischaemic attack	UTI	urinary tract infection
SPD	symphysis pubis discomfort	tid (tds)	ter in die (3 times a day)	UV	ultraviolet
Sp02	oximetry estimation of capillary blood oxygen saturation (also Sa02)	TINU	tubulointerstitial nephritis with uveitis	<b>V</b>	
SpR	Specialist Registrar	TFT	thyroid function test	VA	visual acuity
SPT	skin prick test	TLC	tender loving care	VAC	vacuum assisted closure
SQ	Surgical questionnaire	TLE	temporal lobe epilepsy	VADs	ventricular assist devices
SR	slow release	TMJ	temporo-mandibular joint	V/B	visited by
SRM	spontaneous rupture of membranes	TMD	temporo-mandibular dysfunction	VCMG	videocystometrography
		TNT	Troponin T	VE	vaginal examination
		TOE	trans oesophageal echo		

VE	ventricular extrasystole
VEP	visual evoked potential
VF	ventricular fibrillation
VIP	visual infusion phlebitis score
VCUG	voiding cystourethrogram
VLBW	very low birth weight
VMB	very much better
VQ	ventilation/perfusion scintigram
VRA	visual reinforcement audiometry
VSD	ventricular septal defect
VV	varicose veins

## W

WB	weight bear
WBC	white blood cells
WCC	white cell count
WEL	weekend leave
WNL	within normal limits
WNR	within normal range
W/R	Ward Round
wt	weight

## Y

yrs	years
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