

## APPROVED ABBREVIATIONS

symbols and A – C



Only standard street name abbreviations and abbreviations listed below and on the Patient Care Record, in the context defined, are permitted for use.

#	fracture		
&	and	BBB	bundle branch block
+, ++, +++	to an increased degree	b.d.	twice a day
<	less than	BGL	blood glucose level
=	equal to	BLS	basic life support
>	greater than	BNO	bowels not open
♀	female	BO	bowels open
♂	male	BP	blood pressure
↑	increasing(ly)	BSL	blood sugar level
↓	decreasing(ly), continuing		
Δ	disease		
n/24	hours	C/O	complains(ing) of
n/7	days	Ca	cancer
n/52	weeks	CABG	coronary artery bypass graft
n/12	months	CAL	chronic airflow limitation
x(n)	number of times	Calv.	Calvary Hospital
Y/O	years old	CAT	computerised axial tomography
•/c	with	CCF	congestive cardiac failure
•/s	without	CCU	coronary care unit
1°HB	first degree heart block	cm	centimetres
2°HB	second degree heart block	CNS	central nervous system
3°HB	third degree heart block	CO	carbon monoxide
A	asystole	CO <sub>2</sub>	carbon dioxide
ACTAS	A.C.T. Ambulance Service	COAD	chronic obstructive airways disease
ACTSES	A.C.T. State Emergency Service	code 5	person deceased
AFP	Australian Federal Police	COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm	CP	chest pain
AF	atrial fibrillation	CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure
AFI	atrial flutter	CPR	cardio-pulmonary resuscitation
ALS	advanced life support	CRESST	Canberra Prehospital Stroke Screening Tool
am	morning	CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
AMI	acute myocardial infarction	CVA	cerebrovascular accident
ANR	ambulance not required		

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## APPROVED ABBREVIATIONS – cont.



D – M

DCCS	direct current counter shock	IPPV	intermittent positive pressure ventilation
Dr.	doctor	IU	international unit
Dx	diagnosis	IV	intravenous
		IVU	intravenous unsuccessful
EAR	expired air resuscitation	IVR	idioventricular rhythm
ECC	external cardiac compressions		
ECG	electrocardiograph	JR	junctional rhythm
ED	emergency department	JVP	jugular venous pressure
EDC	expected date of confinement		
EEG	electroencephalograph	KED	Kendrick Extrication Device
EMD	electromechanical dissociation	KTD	Kendrick Traction Device
ENT	ear, nose & throat	kg	kilogram
ESA	Emergency Services Agency	km	kilometre
ETT	endotracheal tube	kph	kilometres per hour
FRACT	Fire & Rescue ACT	(L)	left
		Lev.OC	level of consciousness
GCS	Glasgow coma score	LLQ	left lower quadrant
GI	gastrointestinal	LMP	last menstrual period
GP	general practitioner	LOC	loss of consciousness
Gx Px	gravida no. para no.	lpm	litres per minute
		L or l	litre
Hb	haemoglobin	LUQ	left upper quadrant
HR	heart rate	LVF	left ventricular failure
H/T	hypertension		
Hx	history	m	metre
		mane	morning
ICP	intracranial pressure	MAP	mean arterial pressure
ICS	intercostal space	mcg	microgram
ICU	intensive care unit	mg	milligram
IGT	intra gastric tube	ml	millilitre
IHA	ischaemic heart disease	mm	millimetre
IM	intramuscular	mMol	millimole
IMI	intramuscular injection	MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
Inh.	inhaled	MS	multiple sclerosis
IO	intraosseous	mth	month
		MVA	motor vehicle accident

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