

- # broken bone (fracture)
- i 1 tablet
- ii 2 tablets
- iii 3 tablets
- AAA abdominal aortic aneurysm
- ABPI ankle–brachial pressure index
- ABPM ambulatory blood pressure monitoring
- ACE angiotensin-converting enzyme
- ACS acute coronary syndrome
- ACTH adrenocorticotrophic hormone
- ADH antidiuretic hormone
- ADHD attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
- AED automated external defibrillator
- AF atrial fibrillation
- AFP alpha fetoprotein
- AIDS acquired immune deficiency syndrome
- Alk phos alkaline phosphatase
- ALT alanine aminotransferase
- ANF antinuclear factor
- APH antepartum haemorrhage
- APMS Alternative Provider Medical Services
- ARB angiotensin receptor blocker
- ASD atrial septal defect
- ASO antistreptolysin O
- AST aspartate aminotransferase
- AV arteriovenous
- AXR abdominal X-ray
- BASHH British Association for Sexual Health and HIV
- BCG Bacille Calmette–Guérin
- b.d, bds, BDS 2 times a day
- b.i.d., bid, bd twice a day / twice daily / 2 times daily
- BMA British Medical Association
- BMI body mass index
- *BMJ British Medical Journal*
- *BNF British National Formulary*
- BNO bowels not open
- BO bowels open
- BP blood pressure
- Bpm beats per minute
- Ca²⁺ calcium
- CABG coronary artery bypass graft
- c/c chief complaint
- CCF congestive cardiac failure
- CCG Clinical Commissioning Group
- CF cystic fibrosis
- CHC combined hormonal contraception
- CHD coronary heart disease
- CIN cervical intraepithelial neoplasia

- CMHN community mental health nurse
- CMV cytomegalovirus
- CNS central nervous system
- COC combined oral contraceptive
- COPD chronic obstructive airways disease
- CPN community psychiatric nurse
- Cr creatinine
- CRP C-reactive protein
- CSF cerebrospinal fluid
- CSU catheter stream urine sample
- CT scan computerised tomography scan
- CVP central venous pressure
- CVA cerebrovascular accident
- CVD cardiovascular disease
- CXR chest X-ray
- D day(s)
- DDH developmental dysplasia of the hip
- Ddx differential diagnosis
- DES Directed Enhanced Service
- DH Department of Health and Social Care
- DIPJ distal interphalangeal joint
- DLA Disability Living Allowance
- DI diabetes insipidus
- DM diabetes mellitus
- DN district nurse
- DNACPR do not attempt cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- DNAR do not attempt resuscitation
- DNR do not resuscitate
- DOAC direct-acting oral anticoagulant
- Dr doctor
- DRE digital rectal examination
- DVLA Driving and Vehicle Licensing Authority
- DVT deep vein thrombosis
- Dx diagnosis
- EBV Epstein–Barr virus
- ECG electrocardiogram
- Echo echocardiogram
- EEG electroencephalogram
- ENT ear, nose, and throat
- EPAU early pregnancy assessment unit
- ESR erythrocyte sedimentation rate
- ESRD end-stage renal disease
- FBC full blood count
- FBG fasting blood glucose
- FEV₁ forced expiratory volume in 1 second
- FH family history
- FSH follicle-stimulating hormone
- FSRH Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare

- FVC forced vital capacity
- G grams
- GA general anaesthetic
- GI gastrointestinal
- GGT gamma glutamyl transferase
- GMC General Medical Council
- GMS General Medical Services
- GP general practitioner
- GPC General Practitioner Committee
- GTN glyceryl trinitrate
- GTT glucose tolerance test
- GU genitourinary
- GUM genitourinary medicine
- h., h hour
- Hb haemoglobin (a substance in red blood cells that moves oxygen around the body)
- HDL high-density lipoprotein (a type of cholesterol)
- HRT hormone replacement therapy
- Ht height
- Hx history
- Hb haemoglobin
- HbA1c glycosylated haemoglobin
- HBPM home blood pressure monitoring
- HBsAg hepatitis B surface antigen
- HCA healthcare assistant
- HCSW healthcare support worker
- hCG human chorionic gonadotropin
- HDL high-density lipoprotein
- Hib *Haemophilus influenzae* type b
- HIV human immunodeficiency virus
- h/o history of
- HOCM hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy
- HPV human papilloma virus
- HRT hormone replacement therapy
- HSV herpes simplex virus
- HV health visitor
- HVS high vaginal swab
- Hx history
- ICP intracranial pressure
- Ig immunoglobulin
- IHD ischaemic heart disease
- IM intramuscular
- INR international normalized ratio
- IT information technology
- IU international units
- IUCD copper intrauterine device
- IUD intrauterine device
- IUS progestogen-containing intrauterine system
- IV intravenous

- IVP intravenous pyelogram
- JVP jugular venous pressure
- K⁺ potassium
- Kg kilograms
- KUB kidney, ureters, and bladder X-ray
- L litres
- L local anaesthetic
- LBBB left bundle branch block
- LFT liver function test
- LH luteinizing hormone
- LIF left iliac fossa
- LMP last menstrual period
- LMWH low-molecular-weight heparin
- LN lymph node
- LRTI lower respiratory tract infection
- LTOT long-term oxygen therapy
- LUQ left upper quadrant
- LVF left ventricular failure
- LVH left ventricular hypertrophy
- M metres
- MAOI monoamine oxidase inhibitor
- M,C&S microscopy, culture, and sensitivity
- MCP metacarpophalangeal
- MCV mean cell volume
- MDI metered dose inhaler
- Mg milligrams
- MHRA Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
- MI myocardial infarction
- Min minutes
- mL millilitres
- MMR measles, mumps, and rubella
- MND motor neurone disease
- mmHg millimetres of mercury
- Mo months
- MRI magnetic resonance imaging
- MS multiple sclerosis
- MSU midstream urine
- Na⁺ sodium
- NAAT nucleic acid amplification test
- NHS National Health Service
- NI National Insurance
- NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
- Nocte at night
- NSAID non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
- NSTEMI non-ST elevation myocardial infarction
- O₂ oxygen
- OA osteoarthritis
- OCD obsessive–compulsive disorder

- Od once daily
- OOH out-of-hours
- OT occupational therapy
- OTC over-the-counter
- PAN polyarteritis nodosa
- PCI percutaneous coronary intervention
- PCO primary care organization
- PCOS polycystic ovarian syndrome
- PD Parkinson's disease
- PE pulmonary embolus
- PEFr peak expiratory flow rate
- PET pre-eclamptic toxemia
- PHCT primary healthcare team
- PIP Personal Independence Payment
- PIPJ proximal interphalangeal joint
- PMH past medical history
- PMS Personal Medical Services
- PN practice nurse
- Po oral
- PO₄ 3- phosphate
- POP progesterone-only pill
- PPE personal protective equipment
- PPH post-partum haemorrhage
- PR per rectum
- Prn as needed
- q. every
- q.1.d., q1d every day
- q.1.h., q1h every hour
- q.2.h., q2h every 2 hours
- q.4.h., q4h every 4 hours
- q.6.h., q6h every 6 hours
- q.8.h., q8h every 8 hours
- q.d., qd every day / daily
- q.d.s, qds, QDS 4 times a day
- q.h., qh every hour, hourly
- q.i.d, qid 4 times a day
- q.o.d., qod every other day / alternate days
- q.s., qs a sufficient quantity (enough)
- QOF Quality and Outcomes Framework
- RA rheumatoid arthritis
- RBBB right bundle branch block
- RCGP Royal College of General Practitioners
- RCOG Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
- RhD rhesus factor
- RIF right iliac fossa
- RPOCT rapid point-of-care test
- RR relative risk
- RTA road traffic accident

- RUQ right upper quadrant
- S seconds
- Sc subcutaneous
- SH sexual health
- SLE systemic lupus erythematosus
- SOL space-occupying lesion
- SNRI serotonin and noradrenaline reuptake inhibitor
- SSRI selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor
- Stat immediately
- SpO₂ peripheral oxygen saturation
- STEMI ST elevation myocardial infarction
- STI sexually transmitted infection
- SVC superior vena cava
- TB Tuberculosis
- TCA tricyclic antidepressant
- TCI to come in
- t.d.s, tds, TDS 3 times a day
- TFT thyroid function test
- TIA transient ischaemic attack
- t.i.d., tid 3 times a day
- TPN total parenteral nutrition
- TPR temperature, pulse and respiration
- TTA to take away
- TTO to take out
- U units
- UC ulcerative colitis
- UCC urgent care centre
- U&E urea and electrolytes
- u.d., ud as directed
- URTI upper respiratory tract infection
- US(S) ultrasound (scan)
- UTI urinary tract infection
- VF ventricular fibrillation
- VSD ventriculoseptal defect
- VT ventricular tachycardia
- WCC white cell count
- Wk weeks
- Y years