

## Official abbreviation

Term	Abbreviation
ACE	angiotensin-converting enzyme
AFP	$\alpha$ -fetoprotein
<b>AIDS</b>	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
ALT	alanine aminotransferase
ANCOVA	analysis of covariance
ANOVA	analysis of variance
AST	aspartate aminotransferase
ATP	adenosine triphosphate
AUC	area under the curve
BCG	bacille Calmette-Guerin
BMI	body mass index
BUN	blood urea nitrogen
CBC	complete blood cell (add count)
CEA	carcinoembryonic antigen
CI	confidence interval
CK	creatine kinase
CMV	cytomegalovirus
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CT	computed tomographic; computed tomography
<b>DNA</b>	deoxyribonucleic acid
DSM	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
DTP	diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis [vaccine]
DXA	dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry
EBV	Epstein-Barr virus
ECG	electrocardiogram; electrocardiographic
<b>EDTA</b>	ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
EEG	electroencephalogram; electroencephalographic
ELISA	enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
FEF <sub>25%-75%</sub>	forced expiratory flow, midexpiratory phase
FEV	forced expiratory volume
FEV <sub>1</sub>	forced expiratory volume in 1 second
FVC	forced vital capacity
GFR	glomerular filtration rate
HbA <sub>1c</sub>	hemoglobin A1C
HBsAg	hepatitis B surface antigen
HDL	high-density lipoprotein
HDL-C	high-density lipoprotein cholesterol
HMG-CoA	3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl coenzyme A
<i>ICD</i>	International Statistical Classification of Diseases
Ig	immunoglobulin (Only if you specify classes such as IgA, IgG, and IgM)
IL	interleukin (only when indicating a specific protein factor, eg, IL-2)
IVP	intravenous pyelogram
KUB	kidneys, ureter, bladder [plain abdominal radiograph]
LDH	lactate dehydrogenase
LDL	low-density lipoprotein
LDL-C	low-density lipoprotein cholesterol
MCH	mean corpuscular hemoglobin
MCHC	mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration

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MCV	mean corpuscular volume
MeSH	Medical Subject Headings
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
mRNA	messenger RNA
NSAID	nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug
OGTT	oral glucose tolerance test
OR	odds ratio
PET	positron emission tomography
<b>pH</b>	hydrogen ion concentration
RBC	red blood cell
RIA	radioimmunoassay
<b>RNA</b>	ribonucleic acid
ROC	receiver operating characteristic [curve]
RR	relative risk; risk ratio
SD	standard deviation
SE	standard error
SEM	standard error of the mean
T <sub>3</sub>	triiodothyronine
T <sub>4</sub>	thyroxine
TNF- $\alpha$	tumor necrosis factor $\alpha$
TSH	thyroid-stimulating hormone
<b>UV</b>	ultraviolet
VDRL	Venereal Disease Research Laboratory (add test)
VLDL	very low-density lipoprotein
VO <sub>2</sub> max	maximum oxygen consumption
V/Q	ventilation-perfusion ratio
<b>vs</b>	versus
WBC	white blood cell

### Abbreviation for Unit of Measure

Term	Abbreviation	Term	Abbreviation
ampere	A	meter	m
calorie	cal (convert to joule ; 1cal = 4.184J.)	millimeters of mercury	mmHg
centimeter	cm	minute (time)	min *
day	d *	month	mo *
deciliter	dL	pound	lb
equivalent	Eq	second	s *
gallon	gal	volume	vol
gram	g	volume percent	vol%
hour	h *	week	wk *
IU	international unit	weight	wt
kilocalorie	kcal	year	y *
kilogram	kg	degree Celsius	°C

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