

Abbreviation	Meaning	Main Speciality
ALO	Actinomyces-like organisms	Clinical chemistry
ALP	Alkaline phosphatase	Clinical chemistry
ALT	Alanine aminotransferase (formerly SGPT)	Clinical chemistry
AML	Acute myeloid leukaemia	General medicine
AMP	Adenosine monophosphate	Biochemistry
ANA	Antinuclear antibody	Pathology
ANF	Antinuclear factor	Pathology
AOM	Acute otitis media	Otorhinolaryngology
ARC	Aids-related complex	General medicine
ARDS	Adult respiratory distress syndrome	General medicine
ARF	Acute renal failure	General medicine
Art.line	Arterial line for blood pressure monitoring	Anaesthesia
AS	Aortic stenosis	Cardiology
ASA status	American Society of Anesthetists Code for Fitness	Anaesthesia
ASD	Atrio-septal defect	Paediatrics
ASO	Anti-streptolysin titre	Pathology
AST	Aspartate aminotransferase (formerly SGOT)	Clinical chemistry
ATP	Adenosine triphosphate	Biochemistry
Au	Gold	Therapeutics
Aur.	Aurist (ear drops)	Therapeutics
AV	Auricular ventricular	Cardiology
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BBB	Bundle branch block	Cardiology
BCC	Basal cell carcinoma	Dermatology
BCCA	Branched chain amino acids	Intensive/Coronary Care Unit

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b.d.	Twice daily ( <i>bis diem</i> )	Therapeutics
BID	Brought in dead	Accident and Emergency
BMI	Body Mass Index	General medicine
BP	Blood pressure	General medicine
BP	British Pharmacopoeia	Therapeutics
BPAP	Bilateral positive airway pressure	Intensive/Coronary Care Unit
BPH	Benign prostatic hypertrophy	Urology
BS	Blood sugar	General medicine
BSE	Bovine spongiform encephalopathy	Neurology
BSO	Bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy	Gynaecology
<b>c C</b>		
Ca	Cancer	General medicine
CABG	Coronary artery bypass graft	Cardiology
CAD	Coronary artery disease	Cardiology
CAPD	Continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis	Intensive/Coronary Care Unit
CAPD	Central auditory processing disorder	Otorhinolaryngology
Caps	Capsules	Therapeutics
CBT	Cognitive behavioural therapy	Psychiatry
CCF	Congestive cardiac failure	Cardiology
CD	Controlled drug	Therapeutics
CD <sub>4</sub>	T-cell count	Pathology
CDH	Congenital dislocation of hip	Paediatrics
CEA	Carcinoembryonic antigen	Oncology
CF	Cystic fibrosis	Paediatrics