

# ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used throughout the text; other abbreviations are expanded at first mention in the chapter or subchapter.

<b>ABG</b>	arterial blood gas	<b>ECF</b>	extracellular fluid
<b>ACE</b>	angiotensin converting enzyme	<b>ECG</b>	electrocardiogram
<b>ACTH</b>	adrenocorticotropic hormone	<b>EEG</b>	electroencephalogram
<b>ADH</b>	antidiuretic hormone	<b>ENT</b>	ear, nose, and throat
<b>AIDS</b>	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome	<b>ERCP</b>	endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography
<b>ALT</b>	alanine aminotransferase (formerly SGPT)	<b>ESR</b>	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
<b>AST</b>	aspartate aminotransferase (formerly SGOT)	<b>F</b>	Fahrenheit
<b>ATP</b>	adenosine triphosphate	<b>FDA</b>	U.S. Food and Drug Administration
<b>BCG</b>	bacille Calmette-Guérin	<b>ft</b>	foot; feet (measure)
<b>bid</b>	2 times a day	<b>FUO</b>	fever of unknown origin
<b>BMR</b>	basal metabolic rate	<b>g</b>	gram
<b>BP</b>	blood pressure	<b>GFR</b>	glomerular filtration rate
<b>BSA</b>	body surface area	<b>GI</b>	gastrointestinal
<b>BUN</b>	blood urea nitrogen	<b>G6PD</b>	glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase
<b>C</b>	Celsius; centigrade; complement	<b>GU</b>	genitourinary
<b>Ca</b>	calcium	<b>Gy</b>	gray
<b>cAMP</b>	cyclic adenosine monophosphate	<b>h</b>	hour
<b>CBC</b>	complete blood count	<b>Hb</b>	hemoglobin
<b>cGy</b>	centigray	<b>HCl</b>	hydrochloric acid; hydrochloride
<b>Ci</b>	curie	<b>HCO<sub>3</sub></b>	bicarbonate
<b>CK</b>	creatine kinase	<b>Hct</b>	hematocrit
<b>Cl</b>	chloride; chlorine	<b>Hg</b>	mercury
<b>cm</b>	centimeter	<b>HIV</b>	human immunodeficiency virus
<b>CNS</b>	central nervous system	<b>HLA</b>	human leukocyte antigen
<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	carbon dioxide	<b>HMG-CoA</b>	hydroxymethyl glutaryl coenzyme A
<b>COPD</b>	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	<b>Hz</b>	hertz (cycles/second)
<b>CPK</b>	creatine phosphokinase	<b>ICF</b>	intracellular fluid
<b>CPK-MB</b>	creatine phosphokinase muscle band isoenzyme	<b>ICU</b>	intensive care unit
<b>CPR</b>	cardiopulmonary resuscitation	<b>IgA, etc</b>	immunoglobulin A, etc
<b>CSF</b>	cerebrospinal fluid	<b>IL</b>	interleukin
<b>CT</b>	computed tomography	<b>IM</b>	intramuscular(ly)
<b>cu</b>	cubic	<b>INR</b>	international normalized ratio
<b>D &amp; C</b>	dilation and curettage	<b>IPPB</b>	intermittent positive pressure breathing
<b>dL</b>	deciliter (= 100 mL)	<b>IU</b>	international unit
<b>DNA</b>	deoxyribonucleic acid	<b>IV</b>	intravenous(ly)
<b>DTP</b>	diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (toxoids/vaccine)	<b>IVU</b>	intravenous urography
<b>D/W or D</b>	dextrose in water	<b>K</b>	potassium
		<b>kcal</b>	kilocalorie (food calorie)

<b>kg</b>	kilogram	<b>PET</b>	positron emission tomography
<b>L</b>	liter	<b>pg</b>	picogram (= micromicrogram)
<b>lb</b>	pound	<b>pH</b>	hydrogen ion concentration
<b>LDH</b>	lactic dehydrogenase	<b>PMN</b>	polymorphonuclear leukocyte
<b>M</b>	molar	<b>po</b>	orally
<b>m</b>	meter	<b>PO<sub>2</sub></b>	oxygen partial pressure (or tension)
<b>MCH</b>	mean corpuscular hemoglobin	<b>PPD</b>	purified protein derivative (tuberculin)
<b>MCHC</b>	mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration	<b>ppm</b>	parts per million
<b>mCi</b>	millicurie	<b>prn</b>	as needed
<b>MCV</b>	mean corpuscular volume	<b>PT</b>	prothrombin time
<b>mEq</b>	milliequivalent	<b>PTT</b>	partial thromboplastin time
<b>Mg</b>	magnesium	<b>q</b>	every
<b>mg</b>	milligram	<b>qid</b>	4 times a day
<b>MI</b>	myocardial infarction	<b>RA</b>	rheumatoid arthritis
<b>MIC</b>	minimum inhibitory concentration	<b>RBC</b>	red blood cell
<b>mIU</b>	milli-international unit	<b>RNA</b>	ribonucleic acid
<b>mL</b>	milliliter	<b>SaO<sub>2</sub></b>	arterial oxygen saturation
<b>mm</b>	millimeter	<b>SBE</b>	subacute bacterial endocarditis
<b>mmol</b>	millimole	<b>sc</b>	subcutaneous(ly)
<b>mo</b>	month	<b>SI</b>	International System of Units
<b>mol wt</b>	molecular weight	<b>SIDS</b>	sudden infant death syndrome
<b>mOsm</b>	milliosmole	<b>SLE</b>	systemic lupus erythematosus
<b>MRI</b>	magnetic resonance imaging	<b>soln</b>	solution
<b>N</b>	nitrogen; normal (strength of solution)	<b>sp</b>	species (singular)
<b>Na</b>	sodium	<b>spp</b>	species (plural)
<b>NaCl</b>	sodium chloride	<b>sp gr</b>	specific gravity
<b>ng</b>	nanogram (= millimicrogram)	<b>sq</b>	square
<b>nm</b>	nanometer (= millimicron)	<b>SSRI</b>	selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor
<b>nmol</b>	nanomole	<b>STS</b>	serologic test(s) for syphilis
<b>npo</b>	nothing by mouth	<b>TB</b>	tuberculosis
<b>NSAID</b>	nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug	<b>tid</b>	3 times a day
<b>O<sub>2</sub></b>	oxygen	<b>TPN</b>	total parenteral nutrition
<b>OTC</b>	over-the-counter (pharmaceuticals)	<b>URI</b>	upper respiratory infection
<b>oz</b>	ounce	<b>UTI</b>	urinary tract infection
<b>P</b>	phosphorus; pressure	<b>WBC</b>	white blood cell
<b>PACO<sub>2</sub></b>	alveolar carbon dioxide partial pressure	<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization
<b>PaCO<sub>2</sub></b>	arterial carbon dioxide partial pressure	<b>wt</b>	weight
<b>PAO<sub>2</sub></b>	alveolar oxygen partial pressure	<b>μ</b>	micro-; micron
<b>PaO<sub>2</sub></b>	arterial oxygen partial pressure	<b>μCi</b>	microcurie
<b>PAS</b>	periodic acid-Schiff	<b>μg</b>	microgram
<b>PCO<sub>2</sub></b>	carbon dioxide partial pressure (or tension)	<b>μL</b>	microliter
<b>PCR</b>	polymerase chain reaction	<b>μm</b>	micrometer (= micron)
		<b>μmol</b>	micromole
		<b>μOsm</b>	micro-osmole
		<b>μm</b>	millimicron (= nanometer)