

MSRA Abbreviations 2025

ABBREVIATION	TERM
AAFB	Acid-alkali fast bacillus
ABCD2 score	ABCD2 stroke risk assessment tool
ABPM	Ambulatory blood pressure monitoring
ACE inhibitor	Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitor
ACTH	Adrenocorticotropic hormone
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ALP	Alkaline phosphatase
ALT/SGPT	Alanine aminotransferase
ANA	Antinuclear antibodies
ABG	Arterial blood gases test
AST	Aspartate aminotransferase
BCG	Bacille Calmette Guerin
BD	Take dose twice a day
BE	Base excess
BMI	Body Mass Index
BNP	Brain Natriuretic Peptide
BP	Blood pressure
bpm	Beats per minute
BRCA	Breast cancer
CBT	Cognitive behavioural therapy
CKD	Chronic kidney disease
cm	Centimetres
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
Covid-19	Coronavirus
cP	Cenitpoise
CPAP	Continuous positive airways pressure
CRP	C-reactive protein
CT (scan)	Computed tomography (scan)
CTPA	CT pulmonary angiography
CT IVU	CT intravenous urogram
CT KUB	Computed tomography of kidneys, ureters and bladder
CXR	Chest x-ray
DBT	Dialectical behaviour therapy
DEXA scan	Dual emission x-ray absorptiometry scan
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
DVT	Deep vein thrombosis
EBV	Epstein Barr Virus
ECG	Electrocardiogram
ECHO (Echo)	Echocardiogram
EEG	Electroencephalogram

eGFR	Estimate of glomerular filtration rate
ENT	Ear, nose and throat
ERCP	Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography
ESR	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate
FBC	Full blood count
FEV	Forced expiratory volume
fL	Femtoliters
FODMAP	Fermentable oligosaccharides, disaccharides, monosaccharides and polyols
FRAX	Fracture Risk Assessment Tool
FSH	Follicle stimulating hormone
FVC	Forced vital capacity
g/dL	Grams per decilitre
g/L	Grams per litre
GGT	Gamma-glutamyl transferase
GORD	Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease
GP	General practitioner
GTN	Glyceryl trinitrate
Hb	Haemoglobin
HbA1c	Glycosylated Haemoglobin
hCG	Human chorionic gonadotropin
HCO3	Bicarbonate
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
HPV	Human papilloma virus
HRT	Hormone Replacement Therapy
HSV	Herpes Simplex Virus
IBS	Irritable bowel syndrome
IFCC	International Federation of Clinical Chemistry
IgA	Immunoglobulin A
IgE	Immunoglobulin E
IgG	Immunoglobulin G
IgM	Immunoglobulin M
INR	International Normalized Ratio
ITP	Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura
IUD	Intrauterine contraceptive device
IU/L	International units per litre
IV	Intravenous
IVU	Intravenous urogram
JAK2	Janus kinase 2 (commonly called JAK2)
JVP	Jugular venous pressure
kg	Kilogram
kg/m²	Kilogram per square metre
KUB	Kidney, ureter and bladder
LABA	Long-acting beta-agonist
LAMA	Long-acting muscarinic antagonist
LBBB	Left bundle branch block

LFT	Liver function tests
LH	Luteinising Hormone
LIF	Left iliac fossa
LMP	Last menstrual period
m²	Square metre
MC&S	Microscopy, culture, sensitivities
mcg	Micrograms
MCH	Mean corpuscular haemoglobin
MCV	Mean corpuscular volume
MDI	Metered-dose inhaler
mg	Milligram
MI	Myocardial infarction
miU/L	Milli-international units per litre
ml/min	Millilitre per minute
mmHg	Milimetres of mercury
mmol/L or mmol/l	Millimoles per Litre
mmol/ml	Millimoles per millilitre
Mmol/mol	Millimoles per mole
MMR	Measles mumps and rubella
MRA	Magnetic resonance angiography
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
MSU	Mid-stream specimen of urine
MTPJ	Metatarsophalangeal joint
mu/L	Milliunits per litre
ng/L	Nanograms per litre
ng/ml	Nanograms per millilitre
NHS	National Health Service
NSAID	Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug
NSTEMI	non ST elevation myocardial infarction
OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
OTC	Over-the-counter
PCOS	Polycystic ovarian syndrome
PCO₂	Partial pressure of carbon dioxide
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PCV	Packed cell volume
PEFR	Peak expiratory flow rate
PET scan	Positron emission tomography scan
pH	Potential of hydrogen
PMH	Past medical history
pmol/L	Picomoles per litre
PO₂	Oxygen saturation
PPI	Proton pump inhibitor
PSA	Prostate specific antigen
PTSD	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

qFIT	Quantitative Faecal Immunochemical Test
QRISK3	Algorithm to determine risk of heart attack or stroke in next 10 years (version 3)
QDS	Take dose four times a day
RAST	Radioallergosorbent test
RBBB	Right bundle branch block
SERM	Selective oestrogen receptor modulator
SLE	Systemic lupus erythematosus
STEMI	ST-elevated myocardial infarction
STI	Sexually transmitted infection
T4	Thyroxine hormone
Td/IPV	Tetanus, diphtheria and polio vaccination
TDS	Take dose three times a day
TENS	Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation
TFT	Thyroid function tests
TIA	Transient ischaemic attack
TNF-alpha inhibitors	Tumour Necrosis Factor- alpha inhibitors
TSH	Thyroid Stimulating Hormone
U&E	Urea and electrolytes
ug/L	Micrograms per litre
U/L	Units per litre
µmol/L	Micromole per litre
USS	Ultrasound scan
UTI	Urinary tract infection
V/Q scan	Ventilation-perfusion scan
WCC	White cell count