| 1/12  | One month  |
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| 2/52 | Two weeks  |
| 2/7  | Two days  |
| ABG  | Arterial Blood Gases |
| AC  | Before food |
| ACC | Accident Compensation Corporation  |
| ADLs | Activities of Daily Living  |
| AF | Atrial Fibrillation  |
| Afib  | Atrial Fibrillation |
| AgNO3 | Silver Nitrate |
| AIDS | Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome |
| AKA | Above Knee Amputation or Also Known As  |
| AKI | Acute Kidney Injury |
| AM  | Morning |
| AMI | Acute Myocardial Infarction |
| AN | Antenatal |
| ant | Anterior |
| ante | before |
| AOD | Alcohol and Other Drug |
| Approx | Approximately |
| Appt  | Appointment |
| ARC | Aged Residential Care |
| ARF | Acute Renal Failure |
| ARM | Artificial rupture of membranes |
| ASH | Ambulatory Sensitive Hospital Admissions |
| AVB | Atrio Ventricular Block |
| B12 | Vitamin B12 |
| B4Sc | Before School Check |
| BCG | Bacillus Calmette-Guerin |
| BE | Barium Enema |
| BF | Breast Feeding |
| BFHI  | Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative |
| BGL | Blood Glucose Level |
| BIBA  | Brought in by Ambulance |
| BKA | Below Knee Amputation |
| BM  | Bowel Movement |
| BMI | Body Mass Index |
| BNO | Bowels Not Open |
| BO | Bowels Open |
| BP  | Blood Pressure  |
| Brady  | Bradycardia |
| BS | Bowel Sounds  |
| BSO  | Bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy |
| Bx | Biopsy |
| Ca  | Cancer |
| CABG | Coronary Artery Bypass Graft |
| CAD | Coronary Artery Disease  |
| CADS | Community Alcohol and Drugs Services |
| CAF | Child, Adolescent and Family Service  |
| CBC | Complete Blood Count |
| CD | Controlled Drug |
| CDC | Centre for Disease Control |
| CEA | Carcinoembryonic Antigen |
| CHD | Congenital Hip Dysplasia |
| CHD | Coronary Heart Disease |
| CG | Care Giver  |
| CIR | COVID-19 Immunisation Register  |
| CKD | Chronic Kidney Disease |
| CNS | Central Nervous System |
| CHS | Clinical Nurse Specialist  |
| COPD | Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease  |
| c/o | Complains of  |
| CO2 | Carbon Dioxide |
| CPAM | Community Pharmacy Anticoagulation Management |
| CPAP | Continuous positive airway pressure |
| CXR | Chest Xray |
| CP | Chest pain |
| CR | Controlled Release |
| CRYO | Cryotherapy/liquid Nitrogen |
| CRP | C-Reactive Protein |
| CSC | Community Services Card |
| CSF | Cerebrospinal Fluid  |
| CSU | Catheter Stream Urine Sample |
| CT | Computerised tomography |
| CTG | Cardiotocograph |
| Cu | Copper |
| CVA | Cerebral Vascular Accident |
| CX | Cervix |
| CXR | Chest Xray |
| Defib | Defibrillation |
| Dept  | Department |
| DM  | Diabetes Mellitus  |
| DN | District Nurse  |
| DNA  | Do Not attend |
| DNR | Do Not Resuscitate |
| DOAC | Direct Oral Anticoagulant  |
| DOB  | Date of Birth |
| DR | Doctor |
| DRE  | Digital Rectal Exam |
| DUB  | Dysfunctional Uterine bleeding |
| DVT | Deep Vein Thrombosis |
| D/W | Discussed with  |
| Dx | Diagnosis |
| EAP | Employee Assistance Programme |
| EBL | Estimated Blood Loss  |
| EBM | Expressed breast milk  |
| ECG | Electrocardiogram |
| Ecoli | Escherichia coli |
| e.g. | For example |
| ED | Emergency Department |
| EDD | Estimated date of Delivery |
| EEG | Electroencephalogram |
| EN | Enrolled Nurse  |
| ENT | Ear, nose and Throat |
| EMG | Electromyogram |
| ERCP | Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography |
| ESRD | End Stage Renal Disease |
| ET | Endotracheal |
| ETOH  | Ethyl Alcohol |
| ETT | Endotracheal Tube |
| EUA | Examination under anaesthetic |
| FBC | Fluid Balance Chart |
| FH  | Family History |
| FHR | Foetal Heart Rate  |
| # | Fracture |
| FPL | Flexor pollicis longus |
| FSH | Follicle Stimulating Hormone |
| FTE | Full time equivalent |
| FU | Follow up |
| FVC | Forced Vital Capacity |
| GA | General Anaesthetic |
| GAS | Group A streptococcus  |
| GDM | Gestational Diabetes Mellitus  |
| GI | Gastrointestinal  |
| GMS | General Medical Subsidy  |
| GP  | General Practitioner  |
| GPEP | GP Registrar |
| GTN | Glyceryl Trinitrate |
| GIT | Gastrointestinal Tract |
| GU  | Genitourinary |
| Gynae | Gynaecology |
| H | Hour |
| H2O | Water |
| HAI | Healthcare Associated Infections |
| HbA1c | Haemoglobin A1c – average blood glucose over the past 3 months |
| Hb | Haemoglobin |
| HCA | Health Care Assistant |
| HDC | Health & Disability Commissioner  |
| HDL | High Density Lipoprotein |
| HDU | High Dependency Unit |
| HIV | Human Immunodeficiency Virus |
| HNPU | Has Not Passed Urine |
| H/O | History of |
| HOPS | Health of the Older Person |
| HPU | Has Passed Urine |
| HR | Heart Rate |
| HT | Height |
| HTN | Hypertension |
| Hx | History |
| IBD | Inflammatory Bowel Disease |
| IBS | Irritable Bowel Syndrome |
| ICU | Intensive Care Unit |
| IDUC | Indwelling Urinary Catheter |
| IDDM | Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitius |
| IHD | Ischemic Heart Disease |
| IM | Intra-Muscular |
| INR | International Normalised Ratio |
| IUCD | Intrauterine Contraceptive Device |
| IUGR | Intra Uterine Growth Retardation |
| IV | Intravenous |
| IVC | Intravenous Cannula |
| IVF | Intravenous Fluids |
| IVI | Intravenous Infusion |
| IX | Investigations |
| JACO | Jaundice, Anaemia, Cyanosis, Clubbing, Oedema |
| K  | Potassium |
| L | Left |
| LA | Local Anaesthetic |
| LAD | Left Anterior Descending (artery) |
| LDL | Low Density Lipoprotein |
| LFT’s  | Liver Function Tests |
| LIF | Left Iliac Fossa |
| Liquid N | Liquid Nitrogen |
| LLQ | Left Lower Quadrant |
| LP | Lumbar Puncture |
| LMC  | Lead Maternity Carer |
| LMP  | Last Menstrual Period |
| LUQ | Left Upper Quadrant |
| MAM | Mammogram |
| Mane | Morning  |
| MCG | Microgram |
| MDRO | Multidrug Resistant Organisms |
| Meds | Medications |
| MG | Milligram |
| MI | Myocardial Infarction |
| MIS | Maternity Information System |
| ML | Millilitre |
| MMPO | Midwifery & Maternity Provider Organisation |
| MRI  | Magnetic Resonance Imaging |
| MRSA  | Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus |
| MRT | Menopause Replacement Therapy |
| MS | Multiple Sclerosis |
| MVA | Motor Vehicle Accident |
| MW | Midwife |
| N20 | Nitrous Oxide (Entonox) |
| Na | Sodium |
| NA | Not Applicable |
| NaHCl | Sodium Chloride |
| NAD | No abnormalities Detected |
| NAI | Non-accidental Injury |
| NBM | Nil by Mouth |
| NHI | National Health Index |
| NG | Nasogastric |
| NICU | Neonatal Intensive Care Unit |
| NIDDM | Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus |
| NIR | National Immunisation Register |
| NKDA | No Known Drug Allergies |
| Nocte | Night |
| NOF | Neck of Femur |
| NP | Nurse Practioner |
| NPO | Nothing by Mouth |
| NRT | Nicotine Replacement Therapy |
| NSAID | Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug |
| NSTEMI | Non ST-elevation Myocardial Infarction |
| N + V | Nausea and Vomiting  |
| O2 | Oxygen |
| OA | Osteoarthritis |
| OD | Once a day |
| OE | Otitis Externa |
| O/E | On examination |
| OGTT | Oral Glucose Tolerance Test |
| OM | Otitis Media |
| OP | Osteoporosis |
| OSA | Obstructive Sleep Apnoea |
| OT | Oranga Tamariki |
| OT  | Occupational Therapist |
| P  | Pulse |
| Paeds | Paediatrics |
| PEFR | Peak Expiratory Flow Rate |
| PEG | Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy |
| PERLA | Pupils Equal, React to Light and Accommodation |
| PHARMAC | Pharmaceutical Management Agency |
| PHDM | Pasteurised Human Donor Milk |
| PHYSIO | Physiotherapist |
| PID | Pelvic Inflammatory Disease |
| PIP | Proximal Interphalangeal |
| PIVC | Peripheral Intravenous Cannula |
| PMH | Past medical History |
| PM | Afternoon or evening |
| PMS | Patient Management System |
| PN  | Practice Nurse  |
| PO | By mouth/oral |
| POP | Plaster of Paris |
| PPE | Personal Protective Equipment |
| PPH | Post Partum Haemorrhage |
| PR | Per Rectum |
| PRN | When Necessary/as needed |
| PSA | Prostate Specific Antigen |
| Psych | Psychology |
| PSO | Patient Specific Order |
| PTT | Partial Thromboplastin Time |
| PU | Passed Urine |
| PUD | Peptic Ulcer Disease |
| Pulm | Pulmonary |
| PV | Per Vaginal |
| PVD | Peripheral Vascular Disease |
| Q  | Every |
| Q1d | Every Day |
| Q1h | Every hour |
| Q2h | Every 2 hours |
| Q4h | Every 4 hours |
| Q6h | Every 6 hours |
| Q8h | Every 8 hours |
| QID/QDS | Four times a day |
| QQH | Every four hours |
| R | Right |
| RA | Rheumatoid Arthritis |
| RA | Room Air |
| RAT | Rapid Antigen test |
| REM | Rapid eye movement |
| Resp | Respriation |
| Resus | Resuscitation |
| RIF | Right Iliac Fossa |
| RLQ | Right lower Quadrant |
| RM | Registered Midwife |
| RN | Registered Nurse |
| ROM | Range of Motion or Rupture of membranes |
| ROSC | Return of spontaneous circulation |
| Rpt | Repeat |
| RR | Respiration Rate |
| RUQ | Right Upper Quadrant |
| RX | Prescription |
| Statis | Satisfactory |
| SBO | Small Bowel Obstruction |
| SBA | Smoking Brief Advice |
| SC | Sub Cutaneous |
| SGA | Small for Gestational Age |
| SLE | Systemic Lupus Erythematous  |
| SLT | Speech and Language Therapist |
| SO  | Standing Order |
| SOB | Shortness of Breath |
| SOS | As needed |
| SPUC | Supra Pubic Urinary Catheter |
| SPO2 | Pulse Oximetry/Oxygen saturation |
| SROM | Spontaneous Rupture of Membranes |
| S&S  | Signs and symptoms |
| Staph | Staphylococcus |
| STAT | Immediately |
| STEMI | ST-elevation myocardial infarction |
| STOP | Surgical Termination of Pregnancy |
| STI | Sexually Transmitted Infection |
| Strep | Streptococcus |
| SR | Sustained Release /slow release |
| SUPPS | Suppositories |
| Sx  | Symptoms |
| T | Temperature |
| Tab | Tablet |
| TBI | Traumatic Brain Injury |
| Tbsp | Tablespoon |
| TCI | To come in |
| TDS | Three times a day |
| Temp | Temperature |
| TFT | Throid Function test |
| THJR | Total Hip Replacement |
| TIA | Transient Ischaemic Attack |
| TKO | To keep open |
| TKVO | To keep vein open |
| TPR | Temperature, Pulse and Respiration |
| TOP | Termination of Pregnancy |
| TTP | Thrombotic Thrombycytopenic Purpura |
| TURP | Trans-Urethral Resection of the Prostate |
| TWO | Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand |
| TXA | Tranexamic Acid |
| TX | Treatment |
| U&E | Urea and Electrolytes |
| UGI | Upper Gastrointestinal |
| UNG | Ointment |
| URTI | Upper Respiratory Tract Infection |
| **UTI**  | Urinary Tract Infection |
| **Vag** | Vaginal |
| **VBAC** | Vaginal Birth after Caesarean |
| **VB**  | Vaginal birth  |
| **VE** | Vaginal Examination |
| **V Fib** | Ventricular Fibrillation |
| **V Tach** | Ventricular Tachycardia |
| **VLDL** | Very Low Density Lipoprotein |
| **VMI** | Very Much Improved |
| **VO**  | Verbal Order |
| **VTE** | Venous Thromboembolism |
| **WBC** | White Blood Cell |
| **WNL** | Within normal limits |
| **WT** | Weight  |
| **XR**  | Xray |
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