



Abbreviations

RCP	Royal College of Physicians	ST4, 5 or 6	Speciality Trainee (Doctor)
Resp or RR or R=	Respiration (Rate)	STI or STD	Sexually Transmitted Infections or Disease
RGN	Registered General Nurse	T	Temperature
RN	Registered Nurse	T&O	Trauma & Orthopaedics
RTC	Road traffic collision	t/c	telephone call
RTT	Referral to treatment	TATT	Tired all the time
S/c	Subcutaneous	TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack
SALT	Speech and Language Therapy	TTA	To take away
Sats	Oxygen saturation	UHL	University Hospitals of Leicester
SBP	Systolic blood pressure	UK	United Kingdom
SHO	Senior House Officer (Doctor)	UoN	University of Northampton
SI	Serious Incident	USS	Ultrasound scan
SIRI	Serious incident requiring investigation	UTI	Urinary tract infection
SMOK	Smoking	VTE	Venous thromboembolism
SOB	Short of breath	wbc	white blood cell count
SOVA	Suspected abuse of vulnerable adult	Wd	ward
SpR	Speciality Registrar (Doctor)	WHO	World Health Organization
		wt	weight

This list is not comprehensive. Please use the space below to record other terms you come across which you wish to remember:

Listed below are abbreviations that you are likely to come across during day to day work here at Kettering General Hospital

/12	Months	BNO	Bowels not opened
/40	Gestation	BO	Bowels Open
/52	Weeks	BP	Blood pressure
/7	Days	C Diff	Clostridium difficile
+ / ++ / +++	Present or noted / Present significantly / Present in excess	C&B	Choose and book
A&C	Administrative and Clerical	CAD	Coronary Artery Disease
A&E	Accident and Emergency	CAN	Cancer
ABG	Arterial blood gas	CAT scan	Computerised tomography
ACR	Albumin:Creatinine Ratio	CBU	Clinical Business Unit
ACS	Acute Coronary Syndrome	CD	Controlled drugs
ADL	Activities of daily living	CHD	Coronary Heart Disease
ADR	Adverse drug reaction	CKD	Chronic kidney disease
AF	Atrial Fibrillation	CMHT	Community Mental Health Team
AHP	Allied Health Professional	CNS	Clinical Nurse Specialist
AL or A/L	Annual leave	CNS	Central Nervous System
ALL	Allergies	COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
AVPU	Conscious level alert/verbal/pain/unconscious	COSHH	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health
AXR	Abdominal X-Ray	CPD	Continuing personal/professional development
BACS	Bankers Automated Clearance System	CPR	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
BMA	British Medical Association	CPReg	Child Protection Register
BMD	Bone mass density	CQC	Care Quality Commission
BME	Black and minority ethnic	CRP	C-Reactive Protein
BMI	Body mass index	CSU	Catheter specimen of urine
BNF	British National Formulary		

CT	Computerised Tomography	EOLC	End of life care	i/c	With or including	MSK	Musculo-skeletal
CT1,2 or 3	Core Trainee (Doctor)	EP	Epilepsy	IC	Infection control	MSU	Mid stream urine sample
CVA	Cerebrovascular accident	ESD	Early supported discharge	ICU	Intensive Care Unit	MUST	Malnutrition Universal
CVD	Cardiovascular disease	ESR	Erthrocyte sedimentation rate	IG	Information Governance		Screening Tool
CXR	Chest X-Ray	F/H or FH	Family history	IM	Intramuscular (injections)	N&M	Nursing and Midwifery
D&V	Diarrhoea & vomiting	FAO	For the attention of	IM&T	Information Management &	N&V	Nausea and vomiting
d/c	Discharge	FBC	Full blood count		Technology	Na+	Sodium
D/H	Drug history	FBG	Fasting blood glucose	IP	Inpatient	NAD	Nothing abnormal detected
DBP	Diastolic blood pressure	FOI	Freedom of Information	IT	Information Technology	NGH	Northampton General Hospital
DCS	Day case	FROM	Full range of movement	ITU	Intensive care unit	NHfT	Northampton Healthcare
DDA	Disability Discrimination Act	FT	Foundation Trust	IUD	Intrauterine device		Foundation Trust
DEM	Dementia	FU	Follow-Up	IV	Intravenous	NHS	National Health Service
DEP	Depression	FY1 or 2	Foundation Year Doctor	K+	Potassium	NICE	National Institute for Health
DGH	District General Hospital	GA	General anaesthetic	KGH	Kettering General Hospital		and Clinical Excellence
DH or DoH	Department of Health	GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale	KGHfT	Kettering General Hospital	NKDA	No known drug allergies
DM	Diabetes Mellitus	GFR	Glomerular filtration rate		NHS Foundation Trust	NMC	Nursing and Midwifery Council
DNA	Did not attend	GI	Gastrointestinal	LD	Learning disabilities	NPU	Not passed urine
DNAR	Do not attempt resuscitation	GMC	General Medical Council	LDL	Low density lipoprotein	NRT	Nicotine replacement therapy
DOA	Date of admission	GP	General Practitioner	LFT	Liver function test	NSAIDs	Non-Steroidal Anti-
DOB	Date of birth	GUM	Genito-Urinary Medicine	LOC	Loss of conciousness		inflammatory Drugs
DOD	Date of discharge	HADS	Hospital Anxiety and	LOS	Length of stay	OB	Obesity
DOD	Date of death		Depression Scale	LTC	Long term care	OH	Occupational Health
DOLS	Deprivation of Liberty	Hb	Haemoglobin	LTC(s)	Long term conditions	OOH	Out of hours
	Safeguards	HbA1c	Glycated Haemoglobin	MAU	Medical Admissions Unit	OP	Outpatient
DPA	Data Protection Act	HC	Health Centre	MCA	Mental Capacity Act	OPD	Out Patient Department
DTOC	Delayed transfer of care	HCA	Health Care Assistant	MDT	Multidisciplinary team	OT	Occupational therapy
	("delayed discharge")	HCAI	Healthcare acquired/ associated infection	MEDS	Medication	OTC	Over the counter
DVT	Deep vein thrombosis			MH	Mental health	P	Pulse
ECG	Electrocardiogram	HDL	High density lipoprotein	MHA	Mental Health Act	PALS	Patient Advisory Liaison Service
ED	Emergency Department	HDU	High dependency unit	MI	Myocardial infarction	PC	Palliative care
EEG	Electro-encephalogram	HF	Heart failure	mmHg	Millimetres of mercury	PCR	Protein:Creatine Ratio
eGFR	Estimated Glomerular	HIV	Human Immune Deficiency	mmol/l	Millimoles per litre	PMH	Past medical history
	Filtration Rate		Virus	MMSE	Mini Mental State Examination	PRN	as required
EMAS	East Midlands Ambulance	HNA	Health Needs Assessment	MOB	mobilising	PT	Physiotherapist
	Service	HR	Human Resources	MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging	PTS	Patient Transport Services
EMI	Elderly Mental Infirm	HR	Heart rate	MRSA	methicillin-Resistant	RCGP	Royal College of General
ENT	Ear Nose and Throat	ht	Height		Staphylococcus Aureus		Practitioners
EOL	End of life	HYP	Hypertension	MSE	Mental State Examination	RCN	Royal College of Nursing