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| **ABBREVIATIONS** |
| 5/7 5 days |
| 2/12 2 months |
| 2/52 2 weeks |
| AAA abdominal aortic aneurysm |
| AED automated external defibrillator |
| AF atrial fibrillation |
| AVPU alert, voice, pain, unresponsive |
| AMI acute myocardial infarction |
| BP blood pressure |
| C/O complaining of |
| CPD continuous professional development |
| CPR cardiopulmonary resuscitation |
| CRP C-reactive protein |
| CRT capillary refill time |
| CT computed tomography |
| CTPA computed tomography pulmonary angiogram/angiography |
| CVA cerebrovascular accident |
| CXR chest X-ray |
| DNAR do not attempt resuscitation |
| DNACPR do not attempt cardiopulmonary resuscitation |
| DVT deep vein thrombosis |
| ECG electrocardiogram/electrocardiograph |
| ED emergency department |
| ETA estimated time of arrival |

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| FAST face, arms, speech test |
| FBC full blood count |
| *F*iO2 fraction of inspired oxygen |
| GCS Glasgow Coma Scale |
| GP general practitioner |
| GTN glyceryl trinitrate |
| HCPC Health and Care Professions Council |
| HEMS helicopter emergency medical services |
| HGT haemo-gluco-test (blood sugar test) |
| HR heart rate |
| IM intramuscular |
| INR international normalised ratio |
| ITU intensive therapy unit |
| IV intravenous |
| LIC left in care |
| NARU National Ambulance Resilience UnitNHS National Health Service  |
| NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence  |
| NPA nasopharyngeal airway  |
| NSAID non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug  |
| O/A on arrival  |
| OPA oropharyngeal airway  |
| OTC over the counter  |
| PE pulmonary embolism  |
| PEA pulseless electrical activity  |
| PERRL pupils equal round and reactive to light  |
| PGD patient group direction  |
| PT prothrombin time  |
| PPE personal protective equipment  |
| PUBS purple urine bag syndrome  |
| PV per vaginum  |
| QDS/qds four times per day  |
| RR respiratory rate  |
| RRV rapid response vehicle  |
| *S*pO2 oxygen saturation (pulse oximetry)  |
| SVT supraventricular tachycardiaTCA tricyclic antidepressant  |
| TDS/tds three times per day  |
| TIA transient ischaemic attack  |
| TLoC transient loss of consciousness  |
| U&Es urea and electrolytes  |
| UTI urinary tract infection |