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Introduction

Medical acronyms, abbreviations, and symbols have become the shorthand of medicine. Time and economy have necessitated their creation; space has dictated their overwhelming usage. The proliferation of medical research and knowledge in recent years and the subsequent explosion of literature in all areas of the health care field testify to these facts. Rarely is a medical article, journal, or text published today without extensive use of these medical timesavers. Although such terminology is a time- and space-saving device, many writers do not follow the general rule of defining a term when it first appears, placing the burden of identification on the reader. Indeed, acronyms for units of measurement when used with numbers are almost never identified, for instance cm or kd.

The purpose of *MASA: Medical Acronyms, Symbols, and Abbreviations* is, as in the original edition, to identify medical acronyms and to explain abbreviations and symbols, rather than to dictate correct usage. *MASA* covers all of the major specialties and subspecialties of medicine and related fields, and it includes terminology commonly used as well as that just recently introduced into the literature. This second edition is the most comprehensive published to date and includes more than 32,000 entries derived from primary sources—an increase of about 12,000 over the first edition.

Compilation has been achieved by a painstakingly thorough search of the medical literature, not just by a pulling together of already existing sources. Our primary sources have been the latest books in the vast range of medical specialties as well as the hundreds of medical journals published each year, where the most up-to-date information is available. In addition, *MASA* contains certain terms that, even though they are obsolete, are included because they may be found in the older literature and in medical records.

GUIDE TO USAGE

Usage is often a matter of writing style, and although some attempts have been made at standardization, these are often sporadic and usually limited to one field. For instance, ECG is used by all of the cardiology journals, but EKG is often found in journals far removed from this specialty. For specialists of hematology and thrombosis, t-PA is used for tissue plasminogen activator, but in other areas TPA is more apt to be used.

Alphabetizing is letter-by-letter rather than word-by-word, and numerals have been ignored for the purpose of alphabetizing. Therefore, 2-D will be found under D. For the sake of consistency, the definitions of the acronyms and abbreviations are presented in the singular form, unless the meaning dictates otherwise. There has been no attempt to list all of the possible grammatical forms of a word; thus, EEG may apply to either electroencephalograph, electroencephalographic, or electroencephalogram, depending on context. Acronyms for chemical compounds may represent either the salt or the acid.

A stylistic variation among publishers is the use of periods and capital or lower-case letters. We have followed the general trend of using primarily capital letters for the acronyms unless usage is otherwise firmly established, such as GvHD. The use of periods has been limited to abbreviations of titles or ranks, such as D.R. (Diplomate in Radiology).

Like language itself, acronyms tend to undergo transition and we have noted as many of these changes as possible. In general, when an acronym is less preferred, we have provided the reader with a "see" reference to the more commonly used acronym. For example, Ps is no longer an official abbreviation. We have indicated "See P (Pseudomonas)"; and since there are multiple listings under P, the specific reference is given in parentheses.

"See also" is used for terms that are closely related, such as HSE and HSVE. If a word or phrase has more than one acronym, the alternate acronym is indicated in parentheses with an "also":

N/S normal saline (also NS)

When a definition is not obviously related to its acronym, as often occurs with Latin terms, the source is given in parentheses:

Prox luc the day before (proxima luce)

For terms that have essentially the same meaning, such as computer-assisted and computer-aided, or treatment and therapy, the alternate form is given in parentheses:

CAI computer-assisted (or aided) instruction

We have not included acronyms for hospitals, medical centers, or medical schools, or for journals or books. Chemical symbols are included, but not those for chemical compounds, such as CO or NaCl, although chemical symbols may appear as part of an acronym, for example, FeZ.

We have attempted to make *MASA* as comprehensive as possible so that it becomes a viable and indispensable research tool in the health care and medical communication fields.

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Betty Hamilton

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Notice to Our Readers

If you do not find an acronym, abbreviation, or symbol in our listing, please ask us (718-969-0609) or write in care of the publisher. We are currently adding to the listings on a daily basis, and we would be pleased to accept any acronyms you feel should be added to the next edition.

Alphabetized Listing of Medical Acronyms & Abbreviations

A

A

Absidia
 absolute (also abs)
 absorbance
 Acanthocheilonema
 Acanthophis
 Acarapis
 Acarus
 accommodation (also Acc, accom)
 Acetobacter
 acetum
 acid
 Acinetobacter
 actin
 Actinobacillus
 Actinomyces
 active (also act)
 adenine (also Ade)
 adenoma
 adenosine (also Ado)
 Adrenalin
 adult
 Aedes
 Aerobacter
 age (also aet)
 alanine (also Ala)
 Alcaligenes
 alive
 allergy (also Al)
 alpha
 alveolar gas
 Amblyomma
 ambulatory (also Amb)
 ampere (also amp)
 ampicillin (also AM, AMP, AP)
 analysis (also anal)
 Ancylostoma
 androsterone
 angioplasty
 angle (also ang)
 Angstrom (see also nm)
 annum
 anode (also An)
 Anopheles
 antagonized
 anterior (also ant)
 antrectomy
 apical
 area
 arterial blood
 artery (also art)
 Ascaris
 Aspergillus
 assessment (also asmt)
 Asterococcus
 atomic weight (also at wt)
 atrium
 atropine
 automatic

axial

Azotobacter

before (ante) (also \bar{a})

mass number

total acidity

water (aqua) (also aq)

See Ar

A I angiotensin I (also ANG I, AT I)

AI first meiotic anaphase

A II angiotensin II (also ANG II, AT II)

AII second meiotic anaphase

A₂ aortic second sound

a activated

arterial

asymmetry (also asym)

thermodynamic activity

 \bar{a} before (also A)

AA absolute alcohol

Academy of Aphasia

acetic acid

achievement age

active alcoholic

active assistive

acupuncture analgesia

adenylic acid

adjuvant arthritis

adrenocortical autoantibody

alcohol abuse

Alcoholics Anonymous

alopecia areata

alveolar-arterial

alveolar assimilation

amino acid

aminoacyl

aminoadipic acid

2-aminoanthracene

amyloid A

angular artery

anticipatory avoidance

antigen aerosol

antimycin A

aortic amplitude

aortic arch

aplastic anemia

arachidonic acid

arm-ankle

Arthrogryposis Association

ascaris antigen

ascending aorta

atomic absorption

atrial appendage

authorized absence

automobile accident

doxorubicin (Adriamycin) and cytosine

arabinoside (Ara-C)

A.A. Associate of Arts

A&A aid and attendance

awake and aware

azure A

 $\bar{a}\bar{a}$ of each (ana)

AAA abdominal aortic aneurysm

(aneurysmectomy)

acquired aplastic anemia

acute anxiety attack

	American Academy of Allergy (see AAAI)	AACN	American Association of Colleges of Nursing
	American Aging Association (also AGE)		American Association of Critical Care Nurses (also AACCN)
	American Allergy Association	AACO	American Association of Certified Orthoptists
	American Ambulance Association	AACOM	American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
	American Association of Anatomists	AACP	American Academy of Cerebral Palsy American Academy of Child Psychiatry American Academy of Clinical Psychiatrists American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
	androgenic, anabolic agent		
	antiarrhythmic agent	AACPD	American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine
	aromatic amino acid	AACPM	American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine
aaa	amalgam (amalgama)	AACR	American Association for Cancer Research
AAAD	aromatic amino acid decarboxylase	AACS	American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery
AAHC	Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care	AACT	American Academy of Clinical Toxicology
AAAI	American Academy of Allergy and Immunology (see also AAA)	AACU	American Association of Clinical Urologists
AAALAC	American Association for Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care	AACVPR	American Association of Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Rehabilitation
AAAM	American Association for Automotive Medicine	AAD	alpha ₁ -antitrypsin deficiency American Academy of Dermatology aminoglycoside 6'-O-adenylyltransferase antiarrhythmic drug aromatic acid decarboxylase atlantoaxial dislocation
AA-AMP	amino acid adenylate (adenosine monophosphate)	AADC	amino acid decarboxylase Asthma and Allergy Disease Center
AAAP	American Association of Avian Pathologists	AAdC	anterior adductor of the coxa
AAAS	American Association for the Advancement of Science	AADE	American Association of Dental Examiners American Association of Diabetes Educators
AAAT	American Association of Artist-Therapists	AaDO ₂	alveolar to arterial oxygen tension difference
AAATCM	American Academy of Air Traffic Control Medicine	AADP	American Academy of Denture Prosthetics amyloid A degrading protease
AAB	Action Against Burns American Association of Bioanalysts	AADR	American Academy of Dental Radiology American Association for Dental Research
	aminoazobenzene	AADS	American Association of Dental Schools
AA/BA	American Anorexia/Bulimia Association	AADT	annual average daily traffic
AABB	American Association of Blood Banks	AAE	active assistive exercise acute allergic encephalitis American Association of Endodontists American Association of Electromyography and Electrodiagnosis
AABG	alpha-acetobromoglucose	AAEE	
AABP	American Association of Bovine Practitioners	AAEH	Association to Advance Ethical Hypnosis
AABR	Association for Advancement of the Blind and Retarded	AAEP	American Association of Equine Practitioners
AABT	Association for Advancement of Behavior Therapy		Auditory Average event-related potential
AAC	alveolar adenocarcinoma aminoglycoside 6'-acetyltransferase antibiotic-associated colitis	AAES	Adolescent Assertion Expression Scale
AAcadNS	American Academy of Neurological Surgery (also AANS)	AAF	acetylaminofluorene (also FAA)
AACAP	American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry		ascorbic acid factor
AACC	American Association for Clinical Chemistry	AAFA	Aplastic Anemia Foundation of America Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
AACCN	American Association of Critical Care Nurses (also AACN)	AAFC	anhydro-ara-5-fluorocytidine
AACD	American Academy of Craniomandibular Disorders	AAFMC	American Association of Foundations for Medical Care
AACDP	American Association of Chairmen of Departments of Psychiatry	AAFMG	American Association of Foreign Medical Graduates
AACE	American Association for Cancer Education	AAFP	American Academy of Family Physicians American Association of Feline Practitioners
AACHP	American Association for Comprehensive Health Planning		
AACI	Association of American Cancer Institutes		
AACIA	American Association for Clinical Immunology and Allergy		
AACM	American Academy of Compensation Medicine		
AACMS	American Association of Councils of Medical Staffs		

AAFPRS	American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	AAMA	American Academy of Medical Administrators
AAFS	Academy of Ambulatory Foot Surgery American Association of Foot Specialists	AAMAREF	American Association of Medical Assistants American Academy of Medical Administrators Research and Education Foundation
AAG	adenine-adenine-guanine allergic angiitis and granulomatosis alpha-1-acid glycoprotein (also AGP)	AAMC	American Association of Marriage Counselors
AAg	autoantigen		American Association of Medical Clinics
AAGL	American Association of Gynecological Laparoscopists		Association of American Medical Colleges
AAGP	American Academy of General Practice (see AAFP—American Academy of Family Practitioners) American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry	AAMCH	American Association for Maternal and Child Health
AAGS	See AAGUS	AAMD	American Academy of Medical Directors
AAGUS	American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons	AAMFC	American Association on Mental Deficiency American Association of Marriage and Family Counselors
AAH	anticoagulant-associated adrenal hemorrhage	AAMFT	American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
AAHA	American Academy of Health Administration American Animal Hospital Association American Association for Homes for the Aging	AAMI	Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation Association of Allergists for Mycological Investigations
AAHC	American Association of Hospital Consultants Association of Academic Health Centers	AAMMC	American Association of Medical Milk Commissions
AAHD	American Association of Hospital Dentists	AAMP	American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics
AAHDS	American Association of Health Data Systems		American Academy of Medical Preventives
AAHE	Association for the Advancement of Health Education	AAMR	American Academy on Mental Retardation
AAHM	American Association for the History of Medicine	AAMRL	American Association of Medical Record Librarians
AAHP	American Association of Homeopathic Pharmacists American Association for Hospital Planning American Association of Hospital Podiatrists	AAMSE	American Association of Medical Society Executives
AAHPERD	American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance	AAMSI	American Association for Medical Systems and Informatics
AAI	acute adrenal insufficiency acute alveolar injury American Association of Immunologists ankle-to-arm index atrial demand pacing	AAMT	American Association for Music Therapy
AAID	American Academy of Implant Dentistry	AAMX	acetoacet-mi-xylylidide
AAIH	American Academy of Industrial Hygiene	AAN	alpha-amino nitrogen American Academy of Neurology (also AANeur)
AAIMS	Association for the Advancement of Industrial Medicine and Surgery		American Academy of Nursing American Association of Neuropathologists
AAIN	acute allergic intestinal nephritis American Association of Industrial Nurses	AANA	analgesic abuse nephropathy analgesic-associated nephropathy attending's admission notes American Anorexia Nervosa Association American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
AAIP	Association of American Indian Physicians	AANeur	American Academy of Neurology (also AAN)
AAIV	American Association of Industrial Veterinarians	AANN	American Association of Neurosurgical Nurses
AAIVT	American Association of I.V. Therapy	AANNT	American Association of Nephrology Nurses and Technicians
AAL	anterior axillary line	AANP	American Association of Neuropathologists
AALAS	American Association for Laboratory Animal Science	AANS	American Academy of Neurological Surgery (also AAcadNS) American Association of Neurological Surgeons
AAM	amino acid mixture	AAO	American Academy of Ophthalmology American Academy of Optometry American Academy of Osteopathy American Academy of Otolaryngology

	American Association of Ophthalmology	AAPD	American Academy of Physiologic Dentistry
	American Association of Orthodontists	AAPd	American Academy of Pediatrics (also AAP)
	amino acid oxidase	AAPE	Association of American Peroral Endoscopists
	awake and oriented		
AAOA	American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy	AAPH	American Association of Professional Hypnologists
AAOG	American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	AAPHD	American Association of Public Health Dentists
AAOGP	American Academy of Orthodontics for the General Practitioner	AAPHP	American Association of Public Health Physicians
AAOHN	American Association of Occupational Health Nurses	AAPL	American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law
AAO-HNS	American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery	AAPM	American Association of Physicists in Medicine
AAOM	American Academy of Occupational Medicine	AAPMC	antibiotic-associated pseudomembranous colitis (also AAPC)
	American Academy of Oral Medicine	AAPMR	American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
AAOMS	American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons	AAPO&S	American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus
AAOO	American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology	AAPPO	American Association of Preferred Provider Organizations
AAOP	American Academy of Oral Pathology	AAPPP	American Association of Planned Parenthood Physicians
	American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists	AAPRD	American Academy for Plastics Research in Dentistry
AAOPS	American Association of Oral and Plastic Surgeons	AAPS	American Association of Plastic Surgeons
AAOR	American Academy of Oral Roentgenology		Association of American Physicians and Surgeons
AAOS	American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons	AAPSC	American Association of Psychiatric Services for Children
AAP	acetaminophen	AAPSM	American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine
	acid aminopeptidase	AAPSRO	American Association of Professional Standards Review Organizations
	acquisition access period	AAR	antigen-antiglobulin reaction
	alpha ₁ -antiprotease		Australia antigen radioimmunoassay
	American Academy of Pediatrics (also AAPd)	AARD	American Academy of Restorative Dentistry
	American Academy of Pedodontics	AAROM	active assistive range of motion
	American Academy of Periodontology	AARP	American Association of Retired Persons
	American Academy of Psychoanalysis	AARS	American Association of Railway Surgeons
	American Academy of Psychotherapists	AART	American Association for Rehabilitation Therapy
	American Association of Pathologists		American Association of Religious Therapists
	assessment adjustment pass		American Association for Respiratory Therapy
	Association of Academic Physiatrists		
	Association for Advancement of Psychoanalysis		
	Association for the Advancement of Psychotherapy		
	Association of American Physicians		
	Association for Applied Psychoanalysis		
AAPA	American Academy of Physicians' Assistants	AAS	American Academy of Sanitarians
	American Academy of Podiatry Administration		American Association of Suicidology
	American Association of Pathologists' Assistants		anabolic-androgenic steroid
	American Association of Physical Assistants		anthrax antiserum
	American Association of Physician Assistants		aortic arch syndrome
	American Association of Psychiatric Administrators		Association for Academic Surgery
AAPB	American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists		atlantoaxial subluxation
			atomic absorption spectrophotometry
AAPC	antibiotic-associated pseudomembranous colitis (also AAPMC)		atomic absorption spectroscopy
AAPCC	American Association of Poison Control Centers	AASA	American Association of Surgical Assistants
		AASD	American Academy of Stress Disorders
		Aase	asparaginase (also asp)
		AASECT	American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists
		AASGP	American Association of Sheep and Goat Practitioners

AASH	adrenal androgen secreting hormone American Association for the Study of Headache		acidophilic body air bleed Alcian blue amphotericin B anorectic-bulimic apex beat apoptotic body asbestos body asthmatic brnchitis axiobuccal
AASLD	American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases		A.B. Bachelor of Arts (also B.A.)
AASND	American Association for the Study of Neoplastic Diseases	A/B	acid-base ratio
AASP	American Association of Senior Physicians American Association for Social Psychiatry American Association of Swine Practitioners ascending aorta synchronized pulsation	A&B	apnea and bradycardia
AAST	American Association for the Study of Trauma American Association for the Surgery of Trauma	Ab	alabamine (see At) antibody See abstr
AAT	acute abdominal tympany alkylating agent therapy alpha ₁ -antitrypsin American Academy of Toxicology aminoazotoluene doxorubicin (Adriamycin), cytosine arabinoside (Ara-C), 6-thioguanine	A b	anisotropic band
AATA	American Art Therapy Association	aB	azure B
AATB	American Association of Tissue Banks	ab	about (also abt)
AATM	American Academy of Tropical Medicine	ABA	abscissic acid American Board of Anesthesiology American Burn Association antibacterial activity azobenzenearsonate
AATP	American Academy of Tuberculosis Physicians doxorubicin (Adriamycin), cytosine arabinoside (Ara-C), 6-thioguanine, prednisone	ABAE	adult bovine aortic endothelium
AATS	American Association for Thoracic Surgery	ABAI	American Board of Allergy and Immunology
AAU	acute anterior uveitis alopecia areata universalis	ABAN	American Board of Anesthesiology
AAUP	American Association of University Professors	ABAS	American Board of Abdominal Surgery
AAV	adeno-associated virus	ABBF	anastomatic bronchial blood flow
AAVA	American Association of Veterinary Anatomists	abbr	abbreviation
AAVD	American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology	ABBS	American Brittle Bone Society
AAVLD	American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians	ABC	absolute band count absolute basophilic count absolute bone conduction acalculous biliary colic alcohol beverage control alternative birth center alum, blood, clay American Blood Commission anterior bulbar cell antigen-binding capacity apnea, bradycardia, cyanosis aqueous biotox complex artificial B cell aspiration biopsy cytology Association of Bendectin Children atomic, biologic, chemical avidin-biotin complex axiobuccocervical
AAVN	American Academy of Veterinary Nutrition	ABCC	Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission
AAVP	American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists Association of American Volunteer Physicians	ABCH	American Boards of Clinical Hypnosis
AAVSB	American Association of Veterinary State Boards	ABCIA	American Board of Clinical Immunology and Allergy
AAVV	accumulated alveolar ventilatory volume	ABCOP	American Board of Certified Orthotists and Prosthetists
AAW	anterior aortic wall atheromatous aortic wall	ABCRS	American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery
AAWB	American Association of Workers for the Blind	ABCS	American Board of Cosmetic Surgery
AAWD	American Association of Women Dentists	ABD	acalculous biliary disease American Board of Dermatology
AAWH	American Association for World Health	Abd	abdomen abduction abductor
AAWP	American Association for Women Podiatrists		
AAWR	American Association for Women Radiologists		
AAZV	American Association of Zoo Veterinarians		
AB	abdominal (also Abdom) abnormal (also abn) abortion (also abor)		

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Abdom	abdominal (also AB)	ABOG	American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology
ABDPH	American Board of Dental Public Health	ABO-HD	ABO hemolytic disease
ABE	acute bacterial endocarditis	ABOMS	American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
ABEA	American Board of Endodontics	ABOP	American Board of Ophthalmology (also ABO)
ABEM	American Board of Emergency Medicine	abor	abortion (also AB)
ABEP	auditory brainstem-evoked potential	ABOS	American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery
ABEPP	American Board of Examiners in Professional Psychology	ABOT	American Board of Otolaryngology (also ABO)
ABESPA	American Board of Examiners in Speech Pathology and Audiology	ABP	actin-binding protein
ABF	aortic blood flow		American Board of Pathology
ABFP	American Board of Family Practice		American Board of Pediatrics (also ABPd)
ABG	arterial blood gas		American Board of Pedodontics
	axiobuccogingival		American Board of Periodontology
ABHES	Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools		American Board of Prosthodontics
ABHP	American Board of Health Physics		4-aminobiphenyl
ABI	ankle-brachial index		anastomotic blood pressure
	atherothrombotic brain infarction		androgen-binding protein
ABIM	American Board of Internal Medicine		arterial blood pressure
ABIS	American Blood Irradiation Society		doxorubicin (Adriamycin), bleomycin, prednisone
ABJS	Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons	ABPA	allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis
ABL	acid-base laboratory	ABPC	Abelson virus plasmacytoma
	adult bone loss		aminobenzylpenicillin
	African Burkitt lymphoma	ABPD	American Board of Podiatric Dermatology
	allograft-bound lymphocyte	ABPd	American Board of Pediatrics (also ABP)
	alpha, beta-lipoproteinemia	ABPH	American Board of Psychological Hypnosis
	angioblastic lymphadenopathy	ABPI	Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry
	antigen-binding lymphocyte	ABPL	Abelson virus plasmacytoid lymphosarcoma
	Arthur Boothroyd Lists	ABPIS	American Board of Plastic Surgery (also ABPS)
	axiobuccolingual	ABPM	American Board of Preventive Medicine (also ABPrM)
ABLB	alternate binaural loudness balance	ABPMR	American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
ABLR	American Burkitt Lymphoma Registry	ABPN	American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
ABLS	Abelson virus lymphosarcoma	ABPO	American Board of Podiatric Orthopedics
ABM	adjusted body mass	ABPP	2-amino-5-bromo-6-phenyl-4-pyrimidinone
	alveolar basement membrane	ABPrM	American Board of Preventive Medicine (also ABPM)
	autologous bone marrow	ABPS	American Board of Plastic Surgery (also ABPIS)
ABMA	antibasement membrane antibody		American Board of Podiatric Surgery
ABMS	American Board of Medical Specialties	ABQ	Activity-level Biographical Questionnaire
ABMT	American Board of Medical Toxicology	ABR	abnormally banding region
	autologous bone marrow transplantation		abortus Bang ring
ABN	American Board of Nutrition		absolute bed rest
AbN	antibody nitrogen		American Board of Radiology
abn	abnormal (also AB)		annual biting rate
ABNM	American Board of Nuclear Medicine (also ABNuM)		auditory brainstem response
abnor	See abn	ABRA	American Blood Resources Association
ABNS	American Board of Neurological Surgery	abras	abrasions
ABNuM	American Board of Nuclear Medicine (also ABNM)	ABS	abdominal surgery
ABO	absent bed occupancy		abnormal brainstem
	American Board of Ophthalmology (also ABOP)		acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene
	American Board of Opticianry		acute brain syndrome
	American Board of Orthodontics		admitting blood sugar
	American Board of Otolaryngology (also ABOT)		
ABOB	N ¹ ,N ¹ -anhydrobis(beta-hydroxyethyl)-biguanide		

	alkyl benzene sulfonate		allyl chloride
	aloin, belladonna, strychnine		alternating current
	American Biological Society		ambulatory control
	American Board of Surgery		amniotic cavity
	anti-B serum		analysis of covariance
	at bedside		anchored catheter
Abs	absorption (also absorp)		anesthesia circuit
abs	absent		angiocellular
	absolute (also A)		anodal closure
absc	abscissa		antecubital
ABSe	ascending bladder septum		anterior chamber
abs feb	absence of fever (absente febre)		anterior column
ABSITE	American Board of Surgery's In-Training Examination		anterior commissure
absorp	absorption (also Abs)		anticoagulant
abst	See abstr		anticomplementary
abstr	abstract		anti-inflammatory (antiphlogistic) corticoid
ABT	aminopyrine breath test		aortic closure
abt	about (also ab)		aortocoronary
ABTR	Association for Brain Tumor Research		arm circumference
ABTS	American Board of Thoracic Surgery		arterial capillary
ABTX	alpha-bungarotoxin		ascending colon
ABU	American Board of Urology		associated cortical
	aminobutyrate		asymptomatic carrier
	asymptomatic bacteriuria		atriocarotid
ABUAHP	American Board of Urologic and Allied Health Professionals		auditory cognition
ABV	doxorubicin (Adriamycin), bleomycin, vinblastine		auriculocarotid
ABVD	doxorubicin (Adriamycin), bleomycin, vinblastine, dacarbazine	A/C	axiocervical
ABVE	doxorubicin (Adriamycin), bleomycin, vinblastine, etoposide		doxorubicin (Adriamycin), cyclophosphamide
ABW	actual body weight		See ACh
ABx	antibiotic		anterior chamber of the eye
AC	abdominal circumference	Ac	assist/control
	abdominal compression		accelerator
	absorption coefficient		acetate
	absorptive cell		acetyl
	abuse case		actinium
	accumbens	²²⁷Ac	radioactive isotope of actinium
	acidified complement	aC	arabinosylcytosine
	Acinetobacter calcoaceticus		azure C
	aconitine	ac	before meals (ante cibum)
	acromioclavicular	ACA	acrodermatitis chronica atrophicans
	activated charcoal		acute care admission
	active cirrhosis		acute cerebellar ataxia
	activity coefficient		adenine-cytosine-adenine
	acute		adenocarcinoma (also AC)
	acute cholecystitis		adenylate cyclase activity
	adenocarcinoma (also ACA)		American Chiropractic Association
	adenylate cyclase		American College of Allergists
	adherent cell		American College of Anesthesiologists
	adrenal cortex (also AdC)		American College of Angiology (also ACAng)
	advanced cancer		American College of Apothecaries
	Aesculapian Club		ammonia, copper, arsenic
	affinity chromatography		anomalous coronary artery
	air changes		anterior cerebral artery
	air conduction		anterior communicating aneurysm
	alcoholic cirrhosis		anticentromere antibody
	alkali cation	AC/A	anticollagen autoantibody
			anticomplementary activity
			automated clinical analyzer
			accommodative convergence to accommodation ratio

7-ACA	7-aminocephalosporanic acid	alpha-chain disease
ACACN	American Council of Applied Clinical Nutrition	American College of Dentists
Acad	academy	anemia of chronic disorder
ACALD	Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities	angiokeratoma corporis diffusum
ACAnes	American College of Anesthetists	annihilation coincidence detection
ACAng	American College of Angiology (also ACA)	anterior chamber diameter
ACanS	American Cancer Society (also ACS)	anterior chest diameter
ACAT	acyl cholesterol acyltransferase	anticoagulant citrate dextrose
	American Center for the Alexander Technique	anticonvulsant drug
ACB	American Council of the Blind	area of cardiac dullness
	antibody-coated bacteria	citric acid, trisodium citrate, dextrose
	aortocoronary bypass	alive with disease
	arterial capillary blood	ACD
	Association of Clinical Biochemists	ACDP
	asymptomatic carotid bruit	Advisory Committee on Dangerous Pathogens
ACBFE	American Council of the Blind Federal Employees	ACE
ACBG	aortocoronary bypass graft	adenylate cyclase enzyme
ACC	activated complement component	adrenocortical extract
	adenoid cystic carcinoma	airway clearance efficiency
	alveolar cell carcinoma	alcohol, chloroform, ether
	ambulatory care center	American Council on Education
	American College of Cardiology	angiotensin-converting enzyme
	American College of Chemosurgery	Award for Continuing Education
	American College of Cryosurgery	See AChE
	anodal closure contraction	ACEH
	antitoxin-containing cell	acid cholesterol ester hydrolase
	aplasia cutis congenita	ACEHSA
	articular chondrocalcinosis	Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration
	autoclaved cecal contents	ACEI
Acc	acceleration (also accel)	angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor
	accident	ACEP
	accommodation (also A, accom)	American College of Emergency Physicians
	accompany	auditory cortical-evoked potential
	according	ACERP
ACCA	American Clinical and Climatological Association	American College of Emergency Room Physicians
	antibody class capture assay	ace
ACCC	Association of Community Cancer Centers	acentric
accel	acceleration (also Acc)	acet
ACCH	Association for the Care of Children's Health	acetone
	Association of Child Care in Hospitals	ACF
AcCH	See ACh	accessory clinical finding
ACCI	anodal closure clonus	advanced communications function
ACCME	Accreditation Council of Continuing Medical Education	area correction factor (also CaF)
AcCoA	acetyl coenzyme A	Asthmatic Children's Foundation
accom	accommodation (also A, Acc)	autocorrelation function
ACCP	American College of Chest Physicians	ACFn
	American College of Clinical Pharmacology	additional cost of false negatives
accur	accurately	ACFNy
ACD	absolute cardiac dullness	Asthmatic Children's Foundation of New York
	absolute claudication distance	ACFO
	acid, citrate, dextrose	American College of Foot Orthopedists
	actinomycin D	ACFp
	active case detection	additional cost of false positives
	adult celiac disease	ACFR
	allergic contact dermatitis	American College of Foot Roentgenologists
		ACFS
		American College of Foot Specialists
		American College of Foot Surgeons
		ACFUCY
		actinomycin D, 5-fluorouracil, cyclophosphamide
		ACG
		American College of Gastroenterology
		angiocardigram
		apexcardiogram
		AcG
		accelerator globulin
		ACGIH
		American Conference of Governmental and Industrial Hygienists
		ACGME
		Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
		ACGPOMS
		American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery
		ACH
		achalasia
		adrenocortical hormone
		anticoagulant-related hemorrhage
		See ACHi

ACh	acetylcholine	ACNM	American College of Nurse-Midwives
ACHA	American College Health Association	ACNP	American College of Neuropsychopharmacology
ACHCA	American College of Hospital Administrators		American College of Nuclear Physicians (also ACNuP)
	American College of Health Care Administrators	ACNU	1-(4-amino-2-methyl-5-pyrimidinyl)-methyl-3-(2-chloroethyl)-3-nitrosourea
ACHe	acetylcholinesterase	ACNuM	American College of Nuclear Medicine
ASChS	American Chemical Society (also ACS)	ACNuP	American College of Nuclear Physicians (also ACNP)
ACHI	Association for Childbirth at Home, International	ACO	acute coronary occlusion
ACHI	arm girth, chest depth, hip width index		American College of Orgonomy
ACHR	acetylcholine receptor		American College of Otorhinolaryngologists
ACHRab	acetylcholine receptor antibody		American Council of Otolaryngology
ACI	adrenocortical insufficiency		animal control officer
	aftercare instructions		anodal closing odor
	average cost of illness	ACoA	anterior communication artery
ACIF	anticomplement immunofluorescence	ACOG	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
ACIP	acute canine idiopathic polyneuropathy		American College of Osteopathic Hospital Administrators
	Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices	ACOHSA	American Council of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
	American College of International Physicians	ACOI	American College of Osteopathic Internists
ACKD	acquired cystic kidney disease	ACO-M	aconitase, mitochondrial
ACL	anterior chamber lens	ACOMS	American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
	anterior cruciate ligament	ACOOG	American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists
	anthraquinone-containing laxative	ACOP	American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians
	anthropotic cutaneous leishmaniasis		doxorubicin (Adriamycin),
ACLA	American Clinical Laboratory Association		cyclophosphamide, vincristine (Oncovin),
ACLAM	American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine		prednisolone
ACLD	Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (see ACALD)	ACOPP	doxorubicin (Ariamycin), cyclophosphamide, vincristine (Oncovin), prednisone, procarbazine
ACLM	American College of Legal Medicine	ACORE	Advisory Council for Orthopedic Resident Education
ACLS	advanced cardiac life support	ACOS	American College of Osteopathic Surgeons
ACM	aclacinomycin	ACO-S	aconitase, soluble
	acute cerebrospinal meningitis	acous	acoustics
	albumin, calcium, magnesium	ACP	acid phosphatase (also AP)
	alveolar capillary membrane		acyl carrier protein
	American Council on Marijuana and Other Psychoactive Drugs		American College of Pathologists
	anticardiac myosin		American College of Physicians
	Arnold-Chiari malformation		American College of Podopediatrics
	atom connectivity matrix		American College of Prosthodontists
	doxorubicin (Adriamycin),		American College of Psychiatrists
	cyclophosphamide, methotrexate		2-amino-4-chlorophenol
ACMC	Association of Canadian Medical Colleges		amorphous calcium phosphate
ACME	Alliance for Continuing Medical Education		anodal closing picture
	aphakic cystoid macular edema		aspirin, caffeine, phenacetin
	Automated Classification of Medical Entities		Association for Child Psychoanalysis
ACMF	arachnoid cyst of the middle fossa		Association of Clinical Pathologists
	doxorubicin (Adriamycin),		N-amidino-3-amino-6-chloropyrazinecarboxamide
	cyclophosphamide, methotrexate,		
	5-fluorouracil	ACPA	American Cleft Palate Association
ACMP	alveolar-capillary membrane permeability		anticytoplasmic antibody
ACMS	Advisory Committee on Medical Science	ACPC	1-aminocyclopentanecarboxylic acid
	American Chinese Medical Society	ACPE	American College of Physician Executives
ACMV	assist-controlled mechanical ventilation		American Council on Pharmaceutical Education
ACN	alveolar compressing nodule		
	American College of Neuropsychiatrists		
	American College of Nutrition		
ACNA	amyloidosis cutis nodularis atrophicans		
ACNHA	American College of Nursing Home Administrators		