

Supplementary Material 19 – Glossary of terms

Glossary of terms in clinical notes for use with evaluation tool	
Abbreviation/word/phrase	Meaning
#	Fracture
1/7 or 3/7	1 day or 3 days
2 ^o	Secondary
ABG	Arterial blood gas
AF	Irregular heart rate
ATSP	Asked to see patient
AVPU	Alert, voice, pain, unresponsive
AxR	Abdomen x ray
BCM	Blood cultures
BE	Base excess (measure of acidity of blood from metabolic cause)
BG	Background
BIBA	Brought in by ambulance
BVM	Bag valve mask
C/W	Continue with
Cachectic	Malnourished in appearance
CAE	Critical/clinical Adverse Event

CCF	Congestive or chronic cardiac failure
CCO or CCOT	Critical Care Outreach/Team
CDU/MDU	Ward: Clinical/medical decisions unit
CKD	Chronic kidney disease
CN	Cranial nerve
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPT	Capillary refill time
Critical care	ITU/ICU/HDU collectively
CRP	C reactive protein: a marker of infection or inflammation
CSU	Catheter urine specimen
CxR	Chest x ray
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D/C	Discharge
D/W	Discussed with
DNA	Did not attend (e.g. appointment)
DNACPR or DNAR	Do not attempt CPR
Dx	Diagnosis
ECG	Electrocardiogram
ET	Exercise tolerance

EVD	External ventricular drain
F1, F2 etc	Doctor grade - Foundation year 1 or 2 doctor etc
FBC	Full blood count
GCS	Glasgow coma scale - how conscious they are
HR	Heart rate
HTN	Hypertension
Hx	History
ICECOPD	Infective exacerbation of COPD
IHD	Ischaemic heart disease
Imp	Impression
LFT	Liver function test
LRTI	Low respiratory tract infection
LVF	Left ventricular failure
LVSD	Left ventricular systolic dysfunction. i.e. Heart failure
MAU/SAU	Ward: Medical/Surgical assessment unit
MOF	Multiple organ failure
MSU	Urine specimen
NAD	No abnormalities detected - could also be illustrated with picture of lungs/abdomen and arrows through them

negative base xs	(see BE) very negative implies very acidic blood and potential organ failure.
NEWS	National Early Warning Score (Outreach nurses especially use this to be alerted to deteriorating patients with a high EWS)
NG/NGT	Nasogastric (tube)
O/N	Overnight
PEARL(A)	Pupils equal and reacting to light (and accomodating)
Pleural effusion	Build up of fluid around the lungs
PMH	Past medical history
R/L MCA	Right or left middle cerebral artery
r/v	Review
Respect form	A form to explain the DNACPR for this patient
ROSC	Return of spontaneous circulation
RSI	Rapid Sequence Intubation
RUL	Right upper lobe (lungs)
Rx	Treatment
Rx	Prescription
SAH	Subarachnoid haemorrhage
SATS or SPO2	Oxygen Saturation
SBP	Spontaneous bacterial peritonitis

SBP	systolic blood pressure
SDH	Subdural haematoma
SHO	Doctor grade - Senior house officer
SNT	Soft non tender
SOB	Shortness of breath
SPR	Doctor grade - specialist registrar
ST1, ST2 etc	Doctor grade - Specialist trainee year 1, year 2 etc
T+O	Trauma and orthopaedics
T1RF or T2RF	Type 1/2 respiratory failure
TEP	Treatment escalation plan
THR	total hip replacement
TKR	Total Knee Replacement
TLC or EOL or Amber pathway	End of life care
Tx	Transfer
U/S	Ultrasound
U+E	Urea and electrolytes (measures of renal function)
VBG	Venous blood gas
WCC	White cell count
WR	Ward round

