

Medical Microbiology
Abbreviations and Terminology

ADH	arginine dihydrolase (SS only)
AFB	acid-fast bacilli
AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
AML	acute myeloid leukemia
ARDS	acute respiratory distress syndrome
BAL	bronchoalveolar lavage
BCYE	buffered charcoal yeast extract
CAMP	Christie-Atkins-Munch-Petersen test
CLSI	Clinical Lab Standards Institute
CMV	cytomegalovirus
CNA	colistin nalidixic acid
CNS	central nervous system
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
CT	computed tomography
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
EBV	Epstein-Barr virus
EIA	enzyme immunoassay
ELISA	enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
G6PD	glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency
GMS	Gomori (or Grocott) methenamine silver
H & E	hematoxylin & eosin
HAART	highly active antiretroviral therapy
HBV	hepatitis B virus
HHV	human herpes virus
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HSV	herpes simplex virus
IgA etc.	immunoglobulin A, D, E, G, M
IGRA	interferon gamma release assay
LDC	lysine decarboxylase test (SS only)
MALDI-TOF	matrix-assisted laser desorption-time-of-flight mass spectrometry
MIC	minimal inhibitory concentration
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
NAAT	nucleic acid amplification test
ODC	ornithine decarboxylase (SS only)
ONPG	2-Nitrophenyl- β -D-galactopyranoside
PAS	periodic acid Schiff
PCR	polymerase chain reaction
PYR	pyrrolidonyl amidase reactivity
RNA	ribonucleic acid
RPR	rapid plasma reagin
RSV	respiratory syncytial virus
SBA	sheep blood agar (SS only)
TCBS agar	thiosulfate-citrate-bile salts-sucrose agar
TPPA	treponema pallidum agglutination assay
VDRL	venereal disease research laboratory test
VZV	varicella zoster virus