

The Chemical Pathology  
Acceptable Abbreviations and Terminology

ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone
ADH	antidiuretic hormone
AFP	alpha fetoprotein
ALT	alanine aminotransferase
ANA	antinuclear antibody
ANCA	anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic autoantibody
AST	aspartate aminotransferase
BNP	B-type natriuretic peptide
C-ANCA	cytoplasmic anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic autoantibody
CBC	complete blood count
CDC	Centers for Disease Control
CEA	carcinoembryonic antigen
CK-MB	creatine kinase-muscle or brain type
CLIA	Clinical Laboratory Improvements Amendments
CLSI	Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute
CMS	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CNS	central nervous system
CPT	Current Procedural Terminology
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
DRG	diagnosis related group
EDTA	ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
FDA	Food & Drug Administration
GFR	glomerular filtration rate
HbX etc.	hemoglobin A1c, C, D, E, S, etc.
hCG	human chorionic gonatotrophin
HCT	hematocrit
HDL	high density lipoprotein cholesterol
HGB	hemoglobin
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HLA	human leukocyte antigen
HPLC	high performance liquid chromatography
ICD-10	international classification of diseases version 10
IDL	intermediate density lipoprotein cholesterol
IgA etc.	immunoglobulin A, D, E, G, M
IL-1 etc.	interleukin 1
INR	international normalized ratio
K <sub>2</sub> EDTA	K <sub>2</sub> ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
LC-MS/MS	liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry
LD	lactate dehydrogenase
LDL	low density lipoprotein cholesterol
MALDI-TOF	matrix-assisted laser desorption-time-of-flight mass spectrometry
MCV	mean corpuscular volume

NT-ProBNP	N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
P-ANCA	perinuclear anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic autoantibody
PAMG-1	placental alpha microglobulin-1
POC	point of care
PSA	prostate specific antigen
PTH	parathyroid hormone
RBC	red blood cell count
rpm	revolutions per minute
SS-A/Ro	Anti-SSA autoantibodies
SS-B/La	Anti-SSB autoantibodies
TSH	thyroid stimulating hormone
VIPoma	vasoactive intestinal polypeptide
VLDL	very low density lipoprotein cholesterol

Change "autoanalyzer" to "chemistry analyzer"

Enzyme units are always U/L and hormones and proteins of unknown molecular weight are IU/L.

