

Abbreviations

APH	Antepartum haemorrhage
AVPU	Alert, responds to voice, responds to pain, unresponsive
BD	Twice per day
BP	Blood pressure
CPR	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CT	Computerised tomography
CTG	Cardiotocography
DKA	Diabetic ketoacidosis
DOA	Direct occiput anterior
ECG	Electrocardiogram
ECPR	Extracorporeal cardiopulmonary resuscitation
ETCO ₂	Expired end tidal carbon dioxide
ETT	Endotracheal tube
FBC	Full blood count
GA	General anaesthetic
G+S	Group and save
GTN	Glyceryl trinitrate
HR	Heart rate (in beats per minute)
HVS	High vaginal swab
ICU	Intensive care unit
IM	Intramuscular
IO	Intraosseous
IV	Intravenous
LFT	Liver function tests
MI	Myocardial infarction
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
MSU	Mid-stream urine
NICU	Neonatal intensive care unit
PE	Pulmonary embolism
PEA	Pulseless electrical activity
PET	Pre-eclampsia toxæmia
PPH	Postpartum haemorrhage
QRH	Quick reference handbook
RA	Regional anaesthesia
SC	Subcutaneous
SpO ₂	Oxygen saturation
TDS	Three times per day
UVC	Umbilical vein catheter
U+Es	Urea and electrolytes
VF	Ventricular fibrillation
VT	Ventricular tachycardia

