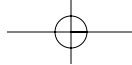


Abbreviations

AAB	American Association of Bioanalysis	HCO₃⁻	Bicarbonate ion
ACHe	Acetylcholinesterase	HDN	Hemolytic disease of the newborn
ADH	Antidiuretic hormone	5-HIAA	5-Hydroxyindoleacetic acid
AER	Albumin excretion rate	HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
AFP	Alpha-fetoprotein	hpf	High-power field
AGN	Acute glomerulonephritis	IEF	Isoelectric focusing
AHG	Antihuman globulin	IFE	Immunofixation electrophoresis
AIDS	Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome	IgA	Immunoglobulin A
AIN	Acute interstitial nephritis	IOP	Improving organizational performance
ALA	α -Aminolevulinic acid	IVF	In vitro fertilization
ANA	Antinuclear antibody	JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
ANCA	Antineutrophilic cytoplasmic antibody	LD	Lactate dehydrogenase
ARF	Acute renal failure	LE	Leukocyte esterase
ART	Assisted reproductive technology	LED	Light-emitting diode
ASO	Antistreptolysin O	LIS	Laboratory information system
ATN	Acute tubular necrosis	lpf	Low-power field
BAT	Bacterial antigen test	L/S	Lecithin-sphingomyelin ratio
BSI	Body substance isolation	MAR	Mixed agglutination reaction
BUN	Blood urea nitrogen	MBP	Myelin basic protein
CAP	College of American Pathologists	MoM	Multiples of the median
CASA	Computer-assisted semen analysis	mOsm	Milliosmole
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	MPGN	Membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis
CEA	Carcinoembryonic antigen	MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet
CHP	Chemical Hygiene Plan	MSU	Monosodium urate (uric acid)
CLIA '88	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments	NaCl	Sodium chloride
CNS	Central nervous system	NCCLS	National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards
COC	Chain of custody	NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
COLA	Commision on Laboratory Assessment	NH₄⁺	Ammonium ion
CPPD	Calcium pyrophosphate	OD	Optical density
CQI	Continuous quality improvement	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid	PAH	<i>p</i> -aminohippuric acid
CTAB	Cetyltrimethylammonium bromide	PDCA	Plan-Do-Check-Act
CV	Coefficient of variation	PKU	Phenylketonuria
DNPH	2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine	PM	Preventive maintenance
EDTA	Ethylenediaminetetracetic acid	PPE	Personal protective equipment
ELISA	Enzyme-linked immunoabsorbent assay	PPM	Provider-performed-microscopy
EU	Ehrlich unit	PSP	Phenolsulfonphthalein
FEP	Free erythrocyte protoporphyrin	QA	Quality assurance
FLM	Fetal lung maturity	QC	Quality control
FOBT	Fecal occult blood testing	RBC	Red blood cell
FSGS	Focal segmental glomerulosclerosis	RCF	Relative centrifugal force
GTT	Glucose tolerance test		
H⁺	Titrateable acid/Hydrogen ion		
HBV	Hepatitis B virus		
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration		



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RF Rheumatoid factor
RPGN Rapidly progressive (or crescentic) glomerulonephritis
RPM Revolutions per minute
RPR Rapid plasma reagin
RTE Renal tubular epithelial (cells)

SD Standard deviation
SSA Sulfosalicylic acid

TAT Turn-around-time
T_m Maximal reabsorptive capacity/Tubular reabsorptive maximum
TQM Total quality management

UP Universal Precautions
UTI Urinary tract infection

WBC White blood cell
WHO World Health Organization

