

APPENDIX A: GRADES OF OPERATION

You can use this chart to monitor your progress, and to give you an idea of the relative difficulty of operations. Grades 1.1-1.5 describe simple procedures that you will definitely have to master. Grades 2.1-2.5 describe straightforward operations without serious difficulties or complications that would not pose much of a problem for basic surgical trainees. Grade 3 represents more difficult operations, with increasing complexity up to 3.5.

- 1.1 Suturing wounds (4.8)
 - Aspiration of pleural effusion (9.1)
 - Fine needle aspiration (17.2)
 - Rupturing of membranes (22.2)
 - Exploration of the cervix (22.11)
 - Proctoscopy (26.1)
 - Urethral catheterization (27.2)
 - Syringeing the ear (29.2)
 - Nasal packing (29.7)
- 1.2 Drainage of simple abscess (6.2)
 - Sigmoidoscopy (12.4)
 - Balloon tamponade of the uterus & vagina (22.11)
 - Cone & wedge biopsy of the cervix (23.8)
 - Trucut biopsy of breast (24.2)
 - Reduction of paraphimosis (27.30)
 - Curettage of tarsal cyst (28.12)
 - Removal of foreign body in the ear (29.6)
 - Extraction of foreign body in the nose (29.11)
 - Extraction of lower & upper teeth (31.3)
 - Anal dilation (33.6)
 - Excision of sebaceous cyst (34.3)
 - Excision of basal or squamous carcinoma (34.5)
 - Sclerotherapy of varicose veins (35.1)
- 1.3 Drainage of dental abscess (6.9)
 - Drainage of the hand (8.1)
 - Posterior colpotomy (10.3)
 - Microcurettage of the uterus (19.3)
 - Vacuum foetal extraction (21.6)
 - Repair fresh 3rd degree vaginal tear (21.15)
 - External cephalic version (22.7)
 - Marsupialization of Bartholin's cyst/abscess (23.5)
 - Lateral anal sphincterotomy (26.5)
 - Excision of perianal warts (26.6)
 - Needle prostatic biopsy (27.22)
 - Eyelid margin splitting (28.13)
 - Electrocautery for swollen nasal turbinates (29.9)
 - Drainage of nasal septal haematoma (29.9)
 - Subcutaneous Achilles tenotomy (32.8, 9)
 - Excision of melanoma (34.6)
- 1.4 Drainage peritonsillar abscess (6.7)
 - Drainage parotid abscess (6.10)
 - Drainage Ludwig's angina (6.11)
 - Drainage breast abscess (6.13)
 - Drainage axillary abscess (6.14)
 - Drainage anorectal abscess (6.17)
 - Drainage periurethral abscess (6.18)
 - Drilling for osteomyelitis (7.4)
 - Closed drainage for pleural effusion (9.1)
 - Liver aspiration (15.10)
 - Liver biopsy (15.11)
 - Tubal insufflation (19.3)
- Dilation & curettage of uterus (23.4)
- Urethral meatotomy (27.31)
- Drain maxillary sinus (29.8)
- Nasal polypectomy (29.10)
- Cricothyroidotomy (29.15)
- Cutback operation for anocutaneous fistula (33.6)
- Full thickness rectal biopsy (33.7)
- Z-plasty (34.2)
- 1.5 Drain retropharyngeal abscess (6.8)
 - Drain thyroid abscess (6.12)
 - Rectal drainage of pelvic abscess (10.3)
 - OGD (13.2)
 - Neck/axilla/groin lymph node biopsy (17.3)
 - Assisted breech delivery (22.7)
 - Manual removal of placenta (22.11)
 - Cystoscopy (27.3)
 - Drain frontal sinus (29.8)
 - Open biopsy nasopharynx (29.16)
- 2.1 Arthrotomy of minor joint (7.17)
 - Evacuation of an incomplete miscarriage (20.2)
 - Symphysiotomy (21.7)
 - Burns-Marshall manoeuvre (22.7)
 - Mauriceau-Smellie-Veit manoeuvre (22.7)
 - Thiersch operation (26.8)
 - Closed suprapubic cystotomy (27.7)
 - Eversion of hydrocoele (27.24)
 - Circumcision (27.29)
 - Excision of calcaneal spur (32.13)
 - Zadik removal of hallux nail bed (32.19)
- 2.2 Drainage penoscrotal abscess (6.21)
 - Suprapubic drainage pelvic abscess (10.3)
 - Parotid sialolithotomy (17.5)
 - Epigastric hernia repair (18.12)
 - McDonald's cervical suture (20.5)
 - Løvset manoeuvre (22.7)
 - Internal cephalic version (22.10)
 - Cervix cone biopsy (23.8)
 - Laying open fistula-in-ano (26.3)
 - Open suprapubic cystotomy (27.8)
 - Excision of hydrocoele (27.24)
 - Simple orchidectomy (27.26)
 - Tarsorrhaphy (28.10)
 - Release eyelid contracture (28.10)
 - Amputating toes (35.7)
- 2.3 Debridement necrotizing fasciitis (6.23)
 - Aspiration pericardium (9.2)
 - OGD + dilation oesophagus (13.2)
 - + foreign body extraction (13.2)
 - + stenting (13.2)
 - Drainage appendix abscess (14.1)
 - Minilaparotomy for TB (16.2)
 - Inguinal herniotomy in children (18.5)
 - Femoral hernia repair (18.7)
 - Umbilical hernia repair (18.10)
 - Laparoscopy (19.3)
 - Tubal ligation (19.4)
 - Intra-uterine foetal craniotomy (21.8)
 - Excision of breast lump (24.2)
 - Breast microdochectomy (24.3)
 - Thyroglossal cystectomy (25.3)
 - Haemorrhoidectomy (26.9)
 - Orchidopexy for torsion (27.25)
 - Subcapsular orchidectomy (27.26)

- Radical eyelash excision (28.13)
- Myringotomy (29.4)
- Open extraction of aural foreign body (29.6)
- Tracheostomy (29.15)
- Carpal tunnel release (32.17)
- Release of broad contractures (34.2)
- 2.4 Drainage iliac abscess (6.16)
- Drainage prostatic abscess (6.19)
- Drainage seminal vesicles (6.20)
- Drainage pyomyositis (7.1)
- Arthrotomy of medium joint (7.17)
- Insertion Sengstaken tube (13.7)
- Open drainage liver abscess (15.10)
- Drainage pancreatic pseudocyst (15.14)
- Inguinal herniorrhaphy (18.2)
- Paraumbilical hernia repair (18.11)
- Repair old 3rd degree vaginal tear (21.16)
- Excision pilonidal sinus (26.10)
- Orchidopexy for maldescended testis (27.27)
- Corporo-spongiosum shunt (27.32)
- Trabeculectomy & peripheral iridectomy (28.6)
- Tarsal eversion (28.13)
- Tonsillectomy (29.12)
- Balloon dilation for achalasia (30.6)
- Marsupialization dental cyst (31.6)
- Tendon transfer for claw toes (32.12)
- 2.5 Sequestrectomy (7.5)
- Excision of fibula (7.11)
- Arthrotomy of hip (7.18)
- Rib resection (9.1)
- Submandibular sialadenectomy (17.7)
- Incisional hernia repair (18.13)
- Intra-uterine foetal decapitation/evisceration (21.8)
- Ventrisuspension of uterus (23.12)
- Subcutaneous mastectomy (24.6)
- Cystolithotomy (27.16, 17)
- Radical orchidectomy (27.26)
- Cataract extraction (28.4)
- Mastoidotomy (29.5)
- Rigid bronchoscopy (29.14)
- Rigid oesophagoscopy (30.2)
- Millard repair cleft lip (31.7)
- Saphenous nerve transfer (32.12)
- Rotation flap (34.16)
- Transposition flap (34.16)
- Saphenous vein ligation, strip & avulsions (35.1)
- Above/through/below-elbow amputation (35.4)
- Transmetatarsal amputation (35.7)
- 3.1 Appendicectomy (14.1)
- Laparotomy for splenic abscess (15.18)
- Repair of ruptured uterus (21.17)
- Mastectomy (24.5)
- Urethrolithotomy (27.18)
- Partial penectomy (27.33)
- Reduction scrotoplasty (27.34)
- Oesophageal dilation (30.3)
- Amputation through wrist/carpus/metacarpus (35.4)
- Amputation above/through knee (35.5)
- 3.2 Drainage retroperitoneal abscess (6.15)
- Laparotomy for peritonitis (10.1)
- Laparotomy for subphrenic abscess (10.2)
- Closure small bowel perforation/bowel end (11.3)
- Caecostomy (11.6)
- Sigmoid colostomy (11.6)
- Feeding jejunostomy (11.7)
- Gastrostomy (13.9)
- Block dissection inguinal nodes (17.8)
- Lower segment Caesarean section (21.10)
- Laparotomy for PID (23.1)
- Oophorectomy (23.9)
- Ovarian cystectomy (23.9)
- Perineal rectosigmoidectomy (26.8)
- Perineal urethrotomy (27.10)
- Nephrostomy (27.14)
- Ureterolithotomy middle third (27.15)
- Evisceration of the eye (28.14)
- Ligation of external carotid artery (29.7)
- Stenting oesophageal stricture (30.5)
- Cervical oesophagostomy (30.7)
- Thigh-to-leg flap (34.9)
- Amputation below knee (35.6)
- 3.3 Drainage extradural abscess (6.5)
- End-to-end bowel anastomosis (11.3)
- End-to-side, side-to-side anastomosis (11.4)
- Ileostomy (11.6)
- Transverse loop colostomy (11.6)
- End colostomy (11.6)
- Closing colostomy (11.6)
- Closure burst abdomen (11.14)
- Mesosigmoidoplasty (12.9)
- Laparotomy for perforated duodenal ulcer (13.3)
- Ramstedt's pyloromyotomy (13.6)
- Cholecystectomy (15.8)
- Cholecystojejunostomy (15.9)
- Strangulated femoral hernia repair (18.8)
- Vesico-vaginal fistula repair (simple) (21.18)
- B-Lynch uterine suture (22.11)
- Myomectomy (23.7)
- Salpingo-oophorectomy (23.9)
- Abdominal rectopexy (26.8)
- Urethroplasty (23.6, 27.12)
- Ureterolithotomy lower third (27.15)
- Enucleation of the eye (28.14)
- Retrograde oesophageal bouginage (30.3)
- Costotransversectomy (32.4)
- Closure of omphalocele (33.4)
- Ankle disarticulation (Syme's amputation) (35.7)
- Vein graft (35.8)
- 3.4 Laparotomy for intestinal obstruction (12.4)
- Ileocaecal resection (12.7)
- Sigmoid colectomy (12.9)
- Hartmann's operation (12.9)
- Right hemicolectomy (12.11)
- Ileotransverse anastomosis (12.11)
- Pyloroplasty (13.5)
- Gastrojejunostomy (13.8)
- Laparotomy for perforated small bowel (14.3)
- Laparotomy for enterocolitis (14.4)
- Laparotomy for hydatid disease (15.12)
- Pancreatic cystojejunostomy (15.14)
- Laparotomy for pancreatic abscess (15.15)
- Splenectomy (15.17)
- Partial hysterectomy for ruptured uterus (21.17)
- Ligation of uterine arteries (22.11)
- Anterior colporrhaphy (23.13)
- Posterior colporrhaphy (23.14)
- Hysterectomy (23.15)
- Open prostatectomy (27.20)

Bladder neck resection (27.21)
Exenteration of the orbit (28.14)
Gastric oesophageal patch (30.7)
Tibialis posterior transfer (32.13)
Correction of hypospadias (1 st stage) (33.9)
Ventriculo-peritoneal shunt (33.11)
3.5 Girdlestone excision arthroplasty of hip (7.19)
Exteriorization of bowel (12.9)
Closure Hartmann's operation (12.10)
Left hemicolectomy (12.11)
Laparotomy for bleeding peptic ulcer (13.5)
Oesophageal transection (13.7)
Gastrectomy (13.10)
Laparotomy for amoebiasis (14.5)
Choledochostomy (15.5)
Transduodenal Oddi sphincterotomy (15.5)
Roux-en-Y anastomosis (15.14)
Segmental splenectomy (15.17)
Laparotomy for abdominal gestation (20.9)
Thyroidectomy (25.7)
Complete penectomy (27.33)
Neonatal duodenoduodenostomy (33.3)
Resection of jejunal/ileal atresia (33.3)
Correction of hypospadias (2 nd stage) (33.9)
Closure of meningomyelocele (33.10)
Excision of sacrococcygeal teratoma (33.13)

APPENDIX B: DIFFICULTIES WITH THE INDEX

If you have trouble looking things up, this section will probably help you.

Spelling follows the UK English tradition and usage rather than the American, so you will find 'appendicectomy', 'Caesarean', 'Centigrade', 'foetus', 'haemoglobin', 'hiccough', 'labour', 'leucocyte', 'oesophagus', 'operating theatre' and 'titre' rather than 'appendectomy', 'Cesarean', 'Fahrenheit', 'fetus', 'hemoglobin', 'hiccup', 'labor', 'leukocyte', 'esophagus', 'operating room' and 'titer'.

APPENDIX C: ABBREVIATIONS

Å	Ångström (=0.1nm)	(38.1)
AAFB	acid-alcohol fast bacilli (TB)	(5.6)
Abb.	abbreviation	(5.8)
ABC	abacavir	(5.8)
ABO	(system of blood groups)	(3.6)
AC	abdominal circumference	(38.3)
ACG	angle closure glaucoma	(28.6)
ACS	abdominal compartment syndrome	(11.10)
AGS	adrenogenital syndrome	(27.27)
AIDS	acquired immune deficiency syndrome	(5.1)
AIN	anal intra-epithelial neoplasia	(5.8)
am	morning (Latin: <i>ante meridiem</i>)	(21.3)
AMBU	artificial mechanical breathing unit	(2.1)
AMO	assistant medical officer	(1.3)
ANC	ante-natal clinic	(19.1)
AO	Association (for) Osteosynthesis	(7.5)
AP	antero-posterior	(7.6)
APH	ante-partum haemorrhage	(20.2)

APV	aprenavir	(5.8)
ARDS	acute respiratory distress syndrome	(3.6)
ARM	artificial rupture (of) membranes	(22.2)
ART	antiretroviral therapy	(5.1)
AZT	zidovudine	(5.8)
AZV	atanazavir	(5.8)
BB	borderline (leprosy)	(32.2)
BC	(year) before Christ	(26.3)
BCG	bacilli Camille Guerin (TB vaccine)	(5.5)
bd	twice daily (Latin: <i>bis die</i>)	(2.9)
BFAT	Bilharzia fixation antibody test	(27.36)
β-HCG	human chorionic gonadotropin	(20.12)
BIO	binocular indirect ophthalmoscopy	(28.1)
BIPP	bismuth iodoform paraffin paste	(4.11)
BL	borderline lepromatous (leprosy)	(32.2)
BMVSS	Hindi: <i>Bhagwan mahaveer viklang sahavata samiti</i> (charitable organization providing services free of charge)	(35.6)
BP	blood pressure	(3.4)
BPD	biparietal diameter	(38.3)
BRS	basic radiological system	(1.12)
BSO	bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy	(23.8)
BT	borderline tuberculoid (leprosy)	(32.2)
BXO	balanitis xerotica obliterans	(27.31)
c.	about (Latin: <i>circa</i>)	(3.4)
°C	degree Centigrade	(10.1)
CAH	congenital adrenal hyperplasia	(33.13)
cc	cubic centimetre (=ml)	(22.2)
CD4	cluster differentiation (glycoprotein)	(5.3)
CDH	congenital dislocation (of the) hip	(32.14)
CF	count fingers	(28.1)
Ch	Charrière (gauge)	(4.9)
CHOP	cyclophosphamide, hydroxydaunorubicin (doxorubicin), oncovin (vincristine), prednisolone	(17.6)
cm	centimetre	(2.4)
CMV	cytomegalovirus	(5.6)
CNS	central nervous system	(5.7)
CPD	cephalopelvic disproportion	(21.4)
CRL	crown-rump length	(20.1)
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid	(17.6)
CVP	central venous pressure	(10.1)
D&C	dilation and curettage	(10.2)
dB	decibel	(29.2)
DCIS	ductal carcinoma <i>in situ</i>	(24.2)
ddC	zalcitabine	(5.8)
ddI	didanosine	(5.8)
DIC	disseminated intravascular coagulation	(2.5)
dip	distal interphalangeal	(7.18)
dL	decilitre	(1.5)
DLV	delavirine	(5.8)
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid	(5.2)
DOTS	directly observed treatment scheme	(5.7)
DRV	darunavir	(5.8)
d4T	stavudine	(5.8)
DUB	dysfunctional uterine bleeding	(20.6)
DVT	deep vein thrombosis	(6.22)
EBV	Epstein-Barr virus	(17.6)
ECG	electrocardiogram	(2.1)
ECV	external cephalic version	(22.7)
ed	editor, edition	(6.6)
EFV	efavirenz	(5.8)
<i>e.g.</i>	for example (Latin: <i>exempli gratia</i>)	(1.11)
ELISA	enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay	(5.1)
EMF	endomyocardial fibrosis	(9.2)
ENL	erythema nodosum leprosum	(32.2)
ENT	ear nose throat	(2.12)

EPI	extended programme (of) immunization (WHO)	(32.7)	Kirschner (fixation)	(32.14)
ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate	(5.6)	Kcal	kilocalories (12.4)
ET	endotracheal	(2.1)	KCl	potassium (German: <i>kalium</i>) chloride (1.8)
<i>et al</i>	and others (Latin: <i>et alia</i>)	(5.3)	Ket	ketamine (2.12)
ETR	etravirine	(5.8)	kg	kilogram (2.5)
FDI	World Dental Federation (French: <i>Fédération dentaire internationale</i>)	(31.1)	kHz	kilohertz (29.2)
FFP	fresh frozen plasma	(3.1)	KP	keratitic precipitates (28.3)
FGM	female genital mutilation	(6.21)	KS	Kaposi sarcoma (34.10)
Fig.	figure	(1.1)	kV	kilovolt (38.1)
FL	femur length	(38.3)	kW	kilowatt (2.5)
FO	fibreoptic	(29.13)	L	litre (1.8)
Fr	French (gauge)	(9.1)	LA	local anaesthetic (1.8)
FSH	follicle stimulating hormone	(19.1)	lb	pound (Greek: <i>libra</i>) (2.5)
FTC	emtricitabine	(5.8)	LED	light-emitting diode (1.1)
5FU	5-fluorouracil	(34.5)	LGV	lymphogranuloma venereum (23.17)
g	gram	(2.9)	LH	luteinizing hormone (19.1)
G	gauge	(4.6)	LL	lepomatous (multibacillary) leprosy (32.2)
	pregnant (Latin: <i>gravidus</i>)	(20.2)	LMICs	low- (&) middle-income countries (19.1)
G6PD	glucose 6-phosphatase dehydrogenase deficiency	(33.8)	LPV	lopinavir (5.8)
GA	general anaesthetic	(1.4)	m	metre (38.1)
GI	gastrointestinal	(13.4)	mA	milliampere (38.1)
GIST	gastrointestinal stromal tumour	(13.5)	mcp	metacarpo-phalangeal (7.18)
GnRH	gonadotropin-releasing hormone	(24.3)	mg	milligram (1.8)
GTD	gestational trophoblastic disease	(23.10)	µg	microgram (13.1)
GUL	gestation of unknown location	(20.1)	MHz	megahertz (3.3)
h	hour	(3.4)	min	minute (1.8)
Hb	haemoglobin	(10.1)	mIU	¹ / ₁₀₀₀ of an IU (22.2)
HBV	hepatitis B virus	(2.6)	MJ	megajoule (12.4)
HCV	hepatitis C virus	(2.6)	ml	millilitre (1.5)
HELLP	haemolysis, elevated liver (enzymes), low platelet (syndrome)	(22.2)	µl	microlitre (5.7)
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus	(1.2)	M&M	morbidity & mortality (1.3)
HM	hand movements	(28.1)	mm	millimetre (2.5)
HPV	human papilloma virus	(23.8)	mM	millimolar (millimoles per litre) (1.8)
HRE	isoniazid, rifampicin, ethambutol	(5.7)	µm	micrometre (34.7)
HRZE	isoniazid, rifampicin, pyrazinamide, ethambutol	(5.7)	µM	micromolar (micromoles per litre) (33.8)
HSG	hysterosalpingogram	(19.3)	mmol	millimole (10.1)
I	(Latin: 1)	(1.4)	MMR	maternal mortality ratio (1.1)
ICD-10	international classification (of) diseases (10th version)	(19.1)	MOH	Ministry of Health (19.1)
ICU	intensive care unit	(1.8)	MOPP	mustine, oncovin (vincristine), procarbazine, prednisolone (17.6)
I&D	incision and drainage	(2.12)	MRI	magnetic resonance imaging (7.3)
IDV	indinavir	(5.8)	MSICS	manual small incision cataract surgery (28.4)
<i>i.e.</i>	that is (Latin: <i>id est</i>)	(5.6)	mtp	metatarso-phalangeal (32.12)
Ig	immunoglobulin	(5.2)	MTX	methotrexate (23.10)
II	(Latin: 2)	(1.4)	MU	mega-unit (2.9)
III	(Latin: 3)	(1.4)	MUA	manipulation under anaesthetic (2.12)
IM	intramuscular	(2.11)	MVA	manual vacuum aspiration (19.1)
IOP	intra-ocular pressure	(28.1)	NaCl	sodium (German: <i>natrium</i>) chloride (1.8)
ip	inter-phalangeal	(8.15)	N.B.	note well (Latin: <i>nota bene</i>) (2.4)
IPD	inter-pupillary distance	(28.1)	NFV	nelfinavir (5.8)
IR	infrared radiation	(28.1)	NG	nasogastric (4.9)
IU	international unit	(22.2)	nm	nanometre (38.1)
IUD	intra-uterine device	(5.3)	nil	nothing (Latin: <i>nil</i>) (13.3)
IUGR	intra-uterine growth retardation	(19.3)	NNRTI	non-nuclease reverse transcriptase inhibitor (5.8)
IV	intravenous	(1.8)	nocte	at night (Latin) (37.2)
	(Latin: 4)	(1.4)	NPL	no perception (of) light (28.1)
IVC	inferior vena cava	(38.2)	NRTI	nuclease reverse transcriptase inhibitor (5.8)
IVU	intravenous urogram	(27.5)	NSAID	non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (13.1)
IX	(Latin: 9)	(1.4)	NVP	nevirapine (5.8)
JHPIEGO	Johns Hopkins Programme of International Education in Gynaecology & Obstetrics	(19.5)	OA	occipito-anterior (22.2)
K	potassium (German: <i>kalium</i>)	(3.6)	od	once daily (Latin: <i>omni die</i>) (2.9)
			OGD	oesophago-gastro-duodenoscopy (13.2)
			OP	occipito-posterior (22.2)
			p.	page (6.12)
			P	born (Latin: <i>para</i>) (20.2)

PA	postero-anterior	(9.1)	-ve	negative	(3.6)
PAIR	puncture, aspiration, injection, re-aspiration	(15.12)	+ve	positive	(3.6)
p _a O ₂	arterial pressure of oxygen	(32.2)	VF	ventricular fibrillation	(9.2)
Pap	Papanicolau	(23.3)	VI	(Latin: 6)	(1.4)
PCR	polymerase chain reaction	(5.7)	VII	(Latin: 7)	(1.4)
PDS	polydioxanone sulphate (suture)	(4.6)	VIII	(Latin: 8)	(1.4)
PEP	post-exposure prophylaxis	(5.8)	viz	namely (Latin: <i>videlicet</i>)	(1.8)
pH	logarithmic value of acidity	(5.4)	vol	volume	(3.1)
PI	protease inhibitor	(5.8)	VP	ventriculo-peritoneal	(33.3)
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease	(5.6)	VT	ventricular tachycardia	(9.2)
pip	proximal interphalangeal	(7.18)	VVF	vesico-vaginal fistula	(1.1)
P-L	Proctor-Livingstone	(30.2)	WHO	World Health Organization	(1.1)
PL	perception (of) light	(28.1)	wk	week	(1.6)
pm	afternoon (Latin: <i>post meridiem</i>)	(21.3)	X	(Latin: 10)	(1.4)
PMB	postmenstrual bleeding	(19.1)	XI	(Latin: 11)	(1.4)
PMMA	polymethylmethacrylate	(28.4)	XII	(Latin: 12)	(1.4)
PNM	perinatal mortality	(20.1)	XIII	(Latin: 13)	(1.4)
PNR	perinatal mortality rate	(20.1)	XIV	(Latin: 14)	(1.4)
PO	by mouth (Latin: <i>per os</i>)	(1.8)	XIX	(Latin: 19)	(1.4)
POAG	primary open-angle glaucoma	(28.6)	X-ray	radiograph (<i>loosely used</i>)	(1.7)
POP	plaster of Paris	(7.11)	XV	(Latin: 15)	(1.4)
POR	post-operative radiotherapy	(23.8)	XVI	(Latin: 16)	(1.4)
PPH	post-partum haemorrhage	(22.11)	XVII	(Latin: 17)	(1.4)
PPI	proton pump inhibitor	(13.1)	XVIII	(Latin: 18)	(1.4)
ppm	parts per million	(5.4)	XX	(Latin: 20)	(1.4)
PR	<i>per rectum</i>	(1.11)	yr	year	(1.3)
PRN	as required (Latin: <i>pro re nata</i>)	(2.12)	Y-V	plasty (changing shape of Y to V)	(13.5)
PROM	premature rupture of membranes	(22.4)	ZN	Ziehl Neelsen (stain)	(5.7)
PSA	prostate specific antigen	(5.6)			
psi	pounds (per) square inch	(2.4)			
PV	<i>per vaginam</i>	(19.5)			
qds	4 times daily (Latin: <i>quater die sumendus</i>)	(2.9)			
Rh	Rhesus (blood type: D)	(3.6)			
RPR	rapid plasma reagin (syphilis test)	(24.3)			
RNA	ribonucleic acid	(5.2)			
RTV	ritonavir	(5.8)			
RVF	recto-vaginal fistula	(21.10)			
SC	subcutaneous	(2.11)			
sec	second	(21.3)			
SIV	simian immunodeficiency virus	(5.2)			
SQV	saquinavir	(5.8)			
stat	immediately (Latin)	(10.4)			
STI	sexually transmitted infection	(23.1)			
TAH	total abdominal hysterectomy	(23.8)			
TB	tuberculosis	(5.7)			
TBA	traditional birth attendant	(19.1)			
3TC	lamivudine	(5.8)			
TDF	tenofovir	(5.8)			
tds	3 times daily (Latin: <i>ter die sumendum</i>)	(2.9)			
TFR	total fertility rate	(19.3)			
Thio	thiopentone	(2.12)			
TL	tubal ligation	(19.4)			
TNM	tumour node metastasis (staging)	(24.4)			
TOS	trial of scar	(21.13)			
TSH	thyroid-stimulating hormone	(25.6)			
TT	tuberculoid (paucibacillary) leprosy	(32.2)			
U	unit	(20.4)			
US	ultrasound				
USA	United States (of) America	(5.1)			
UV	ultraviolet	(28.1)			
V	(Latin: 5)	(1.4)			
	volt	(28.1)			
	living (Latin: <i>vivo</i>)	(20.2)			
VBAC	vaginal birth after Caesarean	(21.13)			
VDRL	venereal disease research laboratory (syphilis test)	(24.3)			