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Acronyms and abbreviations

A&E	Accident and Emergency Department	LED	light-emitting diode
ABPI	ankle brachial pressure index	LTC	long-term condition
ADSS	Association of Directors of Social Services	MHRA	Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency
ANTT	aseptic non-touch technique	mm/Hg	millimetres of mercury
ASD	autistic spectrum disorder	NHO	National Haemovigilance Office
AVPU	alert, responds to voice, pain or unresponsive	NHS	National Health Service
BDHF	British Dental Health Foundation	NICE	National Institute for Clinical Excellence
BMI	body mass index	NMC	Nursing and Midwifery Council
BNF	British National Formulary	OAB	over-active bladder
BP	blood pressure	PAT	pain assessment tool
bpm	beats per minute	PBL	problem-based learning
BSI	bloodstream infection	PCOT	point-of-care testing
BSL	British Sign Language	PEA	pulseless electrical activity
CAUTI	catheter-associated urinary tract infection	PECS	Picture Exchange Communication System
CGS	Glasgow coma scale	PI	povidone iodine
CHG	chlorhexidine gluconate	PICC	peripherally inserted central catheter
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	PICU	paediatric intensive care unit
CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure	POAD	peripheral obstructive arterial disease
CRBSI	catheter-related bloodstream infection	PPE	personal protective equipment
CVC	central venous catheter	PVD	peripheral vascular disease
CVP	central venous pressure	RCN	Royal College of Nursing
DH	Department of Health	RCP	Royal College of Physicians
EBL	enquiry based learning	RN	registered nurse
ECF	extracellular fluid	ROSC	return of spontaneous circulation
EPUAP	European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel	SA	sinoatrial
EWMA	European Wound Management Association	SABRE	Serious Adverse Blood Reactions and Events reporting system
GP	general practitioner	SCL	student-centred learning
Hb	haemoglobin	SCRT	subcapillary plexus refill time
HCP	healthcare practitioner	SHOT	Serious Hazards of Transfusion reporting scheme
HDU	high-dependency unit	TPR	temperature, pulse and respirations
IBCT	incorrect blood component transfused	UTI	urinary tract infection
ICF	intracellular fluid	VAP	ventilator-assisted pneumonia
ICP	intracranial pressure	VF/VT	ventricular fibrillation/ventricular tachycardia
IP	implantable port	WHO	World Health Organisation
ISC	Intermittent self-catheterisation		
IV	intravenous		

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