



Appendix

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Appendix

Study title: General practitioner understanding of the meaning of abbreviations used in hospital discharge summaries

Please read through the excerpts below that were taken from actual discharge summaries and fill in what the bolded abbreviation stands for in the column on the right

Abbreviation example	Meaning of abbreviation (your interpretation)
1. ECG : Nil acute changes	
2. CXR showed an enlarged cardiac silhouette	
3. O/E the patient was in respiratory distress	
4. The patient reported NKDA	
5. BP 130/72	
6. On exam HSDNM	
7. HR 86	
8. PMHx of type 2 diabetes	
9. CT was normal	
10. RR 18	
11. Patient was admitted to the ED	
12. 72yo male with B/G of end-stage renal failure	
13. Patient independent with ADLs	
14. Abdomen SNT	
15. Pain likely secondary to GORD	
16. TTE was performed on admission	
17. Examination in the ED revealed GCS of 8	
18. CTPA performed was normal	
19. EST to be performed as an outpatient	
20. OT washout and ORIF	